

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:
Tina Kerr (nee Bell)

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Alice Day, Mark Fletcher, Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, Arthur Morris, Merry Zeppa, Patricia Connolly, Fr John Berchmans Dockery, Sister Alberic O'Conner, Marion Page, Ruth Vaz, Mary Ryecroft, Jacqueline Walsh, Bertram Douglas, Sr. Mary Paul Mason, James O'Shea, Joseph Whitehouse, Adriana Gottschalk, Joseph Hackett.

"Giro D'Italia" Wine Tasting Event Thursday 19 October 2023 7.15pm

Following the success of last year's event, The Catenians' Epping Forest Circle is sponsoring an Italian wine tasting evening in the Becket Centre, in aid of **St Francis Hospice**.

Tickets £30/head
includes wine sampling and light snacks

Please text for tickets
Bernard ([07867908814](tel:07867908814)) or
Iain ([07806998187](tel:07806998187)).

Mass Timetable

*The masses on Saturday evening and Sunday
at St Thomas' are live streamed*

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(*The 11.30am Mass is recorded*)



*Join us for tea/coffee after
Sunday Mass in the Becket
Centre*

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on
Saturday's when mass takes place at
10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Retiring Collection

SVP thank you for the £800 donation
last weekend which will help local
families

Cafod Harvest Fast Day
Takes place on 6th October. Envelopes
are available at the back of Church



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 1st October 2023

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection set the pattern which we are called to live out in our daily lives.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When sinners renounce their sin, then they will live.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

The incarnate Son empties himself of his majesty to become human.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

The tax collectors and sinners respond, but not the chief priests and elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercy, Lord



Transitus

and

Feast of St Francis

This man who lived a life of voluntary poverty and continuous prayer seems streets away from our experience. However, he did not start his life in that way. He was the unofficial leader of the youth of Assisi in their pageants and street parties. His father wanted him to go into his business of providing clothes for the wealthy and took him on his journeys to buy fine material in France. Francis himself had ambitions to become a knight with dreams of conquest and winning a fine lady; he was immersed in the secular business of his time. The Lord acted in his life through the experience of defeat in battle, imprisonment, illness and a break with his father, to point him in the direction of living a Gospel life. He started this life by restoring tumble down churches but then discovered it was the human fabric of the church that he was to restore. Others joined him and he sent them out two by two to announce peace and preaching penance for the remission of sins. They would come back and reported what had happened. They spoke of both the successes and the failures and in conversation refined the way they were to conduct themselves in their circumstances and always in dialogue with the Word of God.

I think in simple terms that is what Pope Francis hopes for when he speaks about Synodality. The aim is a church in conversation with each other, trying to live as the Gospel suggests and each member sharing their understanding with the others.

St Francis lived the Passover Mystery of Christ.

Therefore, on **Tuesday 3rd October** at 7.30 p.m. we will commemorate Francis' death in a ceremony called 'The Transitus' and his entry into the life of Resurrection

After the 10 a.m. Mass on **Wednesday 4th October** there will be coffee and tea in the Friary.

Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available to sign certificates of Practice on the following days

- Tuesday 10th October
3 to 4pm
- Thursday 12th October
7 to 8pm

Confirmation Programme 2023/4

We would like to invite year 10—13 students who are registered parishioners and who attend Mass at St Thomas to apply to join our 2023/4 confirmation programme. Please complete the registration form which can be found at the back of the Church.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023 at 1.30pm.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 1st October

8.30 George Davenport RIP
10 Izzy Tudisca RIP
11.30 Ian Howes RIP

Monday 2nd October

Angela Lobo's intentions
William Macpherson RIP
Deceased Sisters SHJM

Tuesday 3rd October

Vi Mulligan RIP
Maria Rozee RIP
Pat Jolly 90th birthday

Wednesday 4th October

Community & Benefactors
Chris Bell RIP
Tom Murray RIP

Thursday 5th October

Elizabeth Fletcher RIP
Alan Green
Trinity intentions

Friday 6th October

Ian Howes
C.W.L

Saturday 7th October

10 Marie Boylan RIP
6 Mgr Michael Corley RIP Jubilee

Sunday 8th October

8.30 Pat Pinsent RIP
10 Elizabeth & Michael Bergin
Anniversary
11.30 John Doyle RIP

Church Cleaning Thursday 5th October at 9.00am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Cruz,
Margaret Parkinson
& Mary Charter

Parish Golf Day 23rd November 2023

A parishioner has kindly offered to organise a Golf Day at Chigwell to include a two course meal. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the Church. If you wish to join what should be a fun filled occasion please email the Parish office.

Tickets on Sale!! International Food Evening

On Saturday 21st October in the Beckett Centre at 19:30 we shall be hosting the International Food Evening. Please come and join us for an evening of great food and fun. Tickets are now available for purchase from the parish office or if you are unable to get to the parish office, email michellespears@live.co.uk to reserve your ticket.

Adults £8 and children £5.

School Vacancies

- **Loyola**
Loyola Preparatory School, is looking to appoint a **part-time Marketing & Office Administrator**. For further information please either contact Mrs Rosario at the school on 020 8504 7372, email finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk

- **St Antony's**
Two part time Class Teachers to start in January and February 2024. For more information, please visit the school website