

Lately Deceased
Georgina McGranaghan

Funerals

Georgina McGranaghan 20th May at 11am
Marie Loreto Murphy 26th May at 11am
Dennise Patrick Murphy 29th May at
11.30am

ANNIVERSARIES:

Christina Teuma Kathleen Bradley, Robert Davidson, Peter Martin, Jeffrey Carlile, Thomas King, Catherine Nelson, Daniel Kilvington, Mary Dennehy, Jacqueline Duncan, Christie Nichol, Laura Pert, Joanna Elflain, Stephen Wheatley, Guilielmuis Comerford, Brian Correya, Ronald Johnson, Francescsa Nippress, Reginald Smith, Lygia Walters,

Parish AGM

The date of this years AGM has moved to
Wednesday, 1st July at 7.30pm in the
Clare room

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

Open Air Mass
Sunday, 14th June

Fitsteps with Jacky

Henrietta Suite Tuesday 12th, 19th of May 2-3pm. Drop in £6. No partner needed. It's a fitness class suitable for all abilities. Formulated by Strictly Come Dancing's Ian Waite. Learn all the ballroom & latin moves

St Vincent De Paul Society

Are you in urgent need – financial or other?
Call us on 07547 491067 and leave a message. We will call you back.

SUNDAY MASSES

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



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

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

SUMMER FETE

Summer fete on the 11th of July, 12-4pm. If you would like to have a stall, please contact Avril on avril.leary@yahoo.co.uk. **Volunteers** - The event is only possible with the kind support of parish volunteers so we would love some help to set up on the morning of the fete, on a stall during the day and with some clearing up at the end. If you can spare an hour or two, please email avril.leary@yahoo.co.uk and let us know what time works best for you.

Fete Raffle - we're also in need of some fabulous prizes for the raffle so please let us know if you can donate something and drop it off in the parish office. If you're a local business owner and can donate a prize we'd love to hear from you. **Donations** - We're also looking for donations! Please contact Avril for more info.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led
by Bishop Alan Williams**

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price £799.00 per person
Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
SUNDAY, 17TH MAY 2026**

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

Today, the seventh Sunday after Easter, sits between our celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven and Pentecost Sunday, next week which, if you like, we could call the Church's birthday. So today we remember the joy of Easter and look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

First Reading Acts 1:12-14

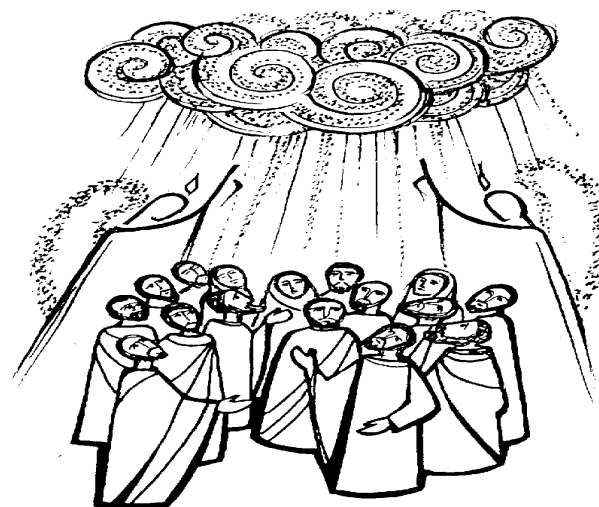
The apostles, together with Mary and the other women, spent time in prayer in anticipation of Pentecost.

Responsorial Psalm:

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16

Peter tells us that we are blessed if we suffer for being Christians.



THE CHURCH MUST COMMUNICATE A

MESSAGE OF UNITY AND PEACE

The pertinent question we must ask ourselves today is: What are we to communicate to our world, and how best do we go about it?

The essentials we must communicate include: Faith to a world that is fast rejecting God as the Creator.

Paul asks: "But...how can they believe if the message has not been proclaimed...So then, faith comes from hearing the message and the message through preaching Christ" (Rom 10, 14-17).

We must communicate Love to a world bedevilled with hatred, bitterness and rancour.

We must communicate Peace just as Christ communicated it to his disciple, "peace be with you", (John 19, 21), to a world in absolute chaos. We must communicate

Hope to a despairing world where most people's future looks very bleak and hangs in the balance.

We must communicate Unity once again in the words of Christ, "may they be one" (John 17, 21), to a world so divided that "everything seemed to have fallen apart and the centre can no longer hold".

We must communicate Eternal Life (which is Jesus Christ Himself) to a world that is approaching its "Omega/Zero point" and its eminent demise.

The last but not the least, we must communicate Justice to a world with an unprecedented and "scandalous gap between the opulence of the wealthy and the utter destitution of the poor," a world where the majority of its "inmates" suffer from many forms of exclusion, marginalization and poverty due to a combination of economic, political, ideological, and, sadly, even religious motives.

Pope Francis

Exposition & Evening Prayer in Church
The friars have resumed their old practice of making their evening prayer and adoration in church. For some time we had been doing it daily in the private oratory inside the Friary. We want you to be able to share it with us. All are very welcome to join us. Every day except Saturday from 6pm - 6.30pm.

Gardner/ House Maintenance

I am looking for someone who maybe semi retired or retired for about 3-4 hours per month for general garden and house maintenance. If you are interested please contact Cathy on 07597 209877

Items for Disposal

As a result of the Henrietta Suite refurbishment, there are a number of items to dispose of to good homes, either for a small donation or for nothing. Some of these can be inspected in the tent by the side of the scout hut. Pictures of items are also available on the website www.stthomaswoodford.org. Please contact the parish office if interested - but do it soon, because they will be taken to the recycling centre or scrapped otherwise.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for World Communication will take place after mass on the 17th May

CAFOD: A better world needs all of us
This week, CAFOD is joining *A Million Acts of Hope* which is a nationwide initiative to celebrate hope, compassion and the belief that a fairer world and a brighter future are possible when we come together in solidarity. At a time when division can feel loud, this campaign is an invitation to come together and choose hope: through prayer, generosity, kindness and action for our global family. We invite to you share our message of hope and tell us **what gives you hope?**



Mass Intentions

17th—24th May

Sunday 17th May

8.30am - Leandro Pellici
10am - Brenda & Leslie Crabb
11.30am - Chevonne Lobo RIP
Chigwell - Michael Kilkenny

Monday 18th May

Maureen Pestell infirm
Helena O'Reilly
Michael Morrissey RIP

Tuesday 19th May

Jayden Nzanga well-being
Health & safety of Vyantry family
Chigwell Deceased sisters SHJM

Wednesday 20th May

Kathy Howes
Vincenzo Bennini
Pamela James (sick)

Thursday 21st May

Marie Tisi RIP
Mr Mathew anniversary
Ann McShea RIP

Friday 22nd May

Ron Johnson anniversary
Brian Correya anniversary
Claire Goode & family

Saturday 23rd May

10am - Frank Costello anniversary
Joe Martin anniversary
6pm - David Pleasance RIP

Sunday 24th May

8.30am - Peg Carrig RIP
10am - Sheila Kelly RIP
11.30am - Molly Charles RIP

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 23rd May at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor; Charmaine Turnell

Children's Liturgy

Sunday, 17th will be the last session this term. Sessions will reconvene after half term from Sunday, 7th June until Sunday, 12th July before finishing for the summer and returning in the autumn

Flowers

We have a volunteer who would like to look after the maintenance of the flower pots. They have no transport to pick up compost etc. but if anyone can help please contact the parish office

Pentecost

There will be a special event on Pentecost Eve, Saturday 23rd May, to learn more about the Holy Spirit and to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Come and experience the love and power of the Holy Spirit Henrietta Suite at 3pm to 5.30pm Saturday 23rd May

UNDER 5's

St Thomas under 5's group is running every Tuesday & Wednesday morning at 9.30am—11am term time only.

Young Vinnies

Do you know of anyone in the parish or wider community who is housebound/ unwell/isolated who would like to receive a door step call from the Young Vinnies with a basket of good wishes and gifts to be received the weekend 13/14 June. Please email Louise to express and interest/for more information on louise.cherry5@gmail.com

The team are also undertaking a 15km walk from Stratford to the Ugandan embassy for a charity we have links to, who provide accomodation, food and education for children (and their parent) from disadvantaged backgrounds undergoing cancer treatment. Please see the link below



for more information or if you would like to support the cause.