PRAY FOR THE SICK



## Anniversaries:

Joseph Dias, Felicitas De Costa, Wynnifrid Musselwhite, David Archer, Craig Lobo, Sister Mary McKowan, Hilda Kavanagh, Frederick Watts, Ralph Steele, Maria Graves, Sr. John Lynch, Mary Wynne, Arthur Finch, Patrick White, Johanna (Judy) Gilmartin, Margaret Allcorn, Henry Hughes, Eleanor O'Sullivan, Alicia Grover, Sr. Marie Murphy, Victoria Thompson, Charles Kairis, Edmund Jarman,

### Christmas offering for the Friars A notice for parishioners who pay by standing order

As you know it is the practice that the loose plate offerings made at the Christmas masses are your personal offerings for the Friars. For those of you who pay by standing order we will have envelopes available in which you can place your donation and this will enable that donation to be gift aided. Thank you.

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

Please note that there will be **NO** Mass taking place in the morning of 24th December

# **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am and 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Please note that there will be NO confessions on 24th December

# BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

### Foodbank

Thank you for your continued donations for the foodbank. For the Christmas period they are looking for tinned vegetables and tinned meat. Any help you can give is much appreciated.



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent (A) 18th December 2022

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

We come here today to listen to the Good News – of God with us – just as those who went before us heard the Good News, and to be thankful for the Lord's continuing presence, and to take him out to the world.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14 The people should not put God to the test, but they will be given a miraculous sign.

# Second Reading Romans 1: 1-7

The promise of God is revealed in God's Son and it is his Good News that the faithful are to take out to the world.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24 The world is turned upside down but we need not be fearful.

**Responsorial Psalm** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory



The sudden and dramatic change in weather has cancelled many routine and special events due to happen in the past week. So there is scarcely any news of our parish to give you this Sunday. Perhaps the sudden cold and ice have brought us a good reminder of how dependent we are. Dependent on all the conveniences of modern living, but also dependent on each other. That is part of Advent. We are hoping that the temperature will rise and the final preparations for Christmas will fall into place.



Before the ice cut in there had been an interesting problem with hire of the Henrietta Suite. It was booked for a grand Christmas party for the visually impaired, which went with a swing. Unfortunately another group which had booked for the following day arrived with hampers of food and drink on the same day. Our resourceful office staff managed to arrange to accommodate both parties happily, and all went home well pleased. How fortunate we are to have the ingenuity and adaptability of our genial office staff.

## **Christmas Masses at St Thomas'**

- 24th December 3pm, 6pm & 10pm
- 25th December 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am

## **Christmas Masses at Chigwell**

- 24th December 9pm
- 25th December 10am

Please note that no booking is required to attend any of the Christmas masses.



# Christmas Eve Masses - Rota.

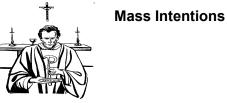
Many thanks to all who offered their services, as normal some of the masses were more popular and oversubscribed with offers of help – sorry if you haven't been assigned a Ministry.

The Rota for the Masses for Christmas Eve is displayed at the back of the church.

Unfortunately we still have several slots to fill, namely:

- Ministers of Communion for the 3pm & 6pm masses
- Ushers for the 3pm & 10pm
  masses

If you can help with any of the above please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



# Sunday18th December.30Veronica D'Urzo10Lucy & Tony Wearing11.30Desmond McCarthy RIP

Monday 19th December

Stephen Ahearn anniversary Agnes D Catania anniversary Colette Molloy

12 noon Funeral Rita Marrai

*Tuesday 20th December* Anne Rabbitte sick L & F Fernandez Sr Desiree

## Wednesday 21st December

Hugh Brown RIP Billy Moone RIP Trinity intentions

#### *Thursday 22nd December* Jane Brandon Margaret Ewers RIP Sarah McCarthy & family

### Friday 23rd December

Michael O'Donoghue RIP Stephen Ahearn anniversary Ann Gavin birthday

### Saturday 24th December

- 3 Deceased Fitzgerald & Burke families
- 6 Michael Murphy anniversary
- 10 James Sullivan RIP

### Sunday 25th December

- 8.30 Allen Charles RIP
- 10 Stubbings family thanksgiving
- 11.30 Parish

# **Church Cleaning**

Tuesday 20th December at 11am Big clean for Christmas

### All hands on deck please

### This week

We will finish off the few remaining first confessions on Tuesday at 2 pm. I have to thank all you parents who have done a very good job in helping your children through this first stage of preparation to receive the Lord in communion. For almost all of the children confession was not something fearful, but an occasion for joy. Well done.



Perhaps they will give you a hint that we are here all week ready to give you the sacrament of reconciliation when you call. It will be the best preparation for Christmas

# Walk of witness

Join the camel and donkey for a joyous carolling walk from Chingford Station to Chingford Mount. Saturday 10am 17th December