

**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.



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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.



### Mass Intentions

**Sunday 18th December**  
 .30 Veronica D'Urzo  
 10 Lucy & Tony Wearing  
 11.30 Desmond McCarthy RIP

**Monday 19th December**  
 Stephen Ahearn anniversary  
 Agnes D Catania anniversary  
 Colette Molloy

*12 noon Funeral Rita Marrai*

**Tuesday 20th December**  
 Anne Rabitte 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