



**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**

Lately dead:

Iovan Collendavelloo, Albert Callanan
Maureen Phillips & Neil O'Sullivan

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Paul Julien, Georgina Mack, Raymund McGill, Frances McKeown, Constanza Bowman, Susan Gillespie, Kevin O'Brien, Sister Xavier Pitts, Maria Sell, Josephine Beutner, Michael Bullman, Jack Curtis, Timothy Godfrey, Patricia Graves, Leonard Knight, Gordon McCall, Bernard Palmer, Anthony Gibbs, Elisa Heredia, Barbara Maxwell, Aogan Tansey, Mary Babbage, Daphny Bromboszcz, Anna Mozejko, Partrick Murphy.

November *is the month for remembering*

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

Join Our Mission: Become a Trustee

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is seeking new Trustees. If you are interested please contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher, at bfisher@bccs.org.uk.

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

Baptism Course

The next course for first time parents will
take place on **10th & 17th December**.
Application forms can be found on our
website.

Retiring Collection

Thank you for your donation of £493 for
prisoner Sunday

Lost Property

Items of lost property will be placed in the
porch this weekend. Any item not
reclaimed will be disposed of.



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Served by the Franciscans

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 19th October 2025

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

As we gather here today, we are reminded to be present to this moment, to be awake to God's word, and to persevere in faith. As we celebrate World Mission Day, we commit our hearts to sharing the joy of the Gospel, both through the way we live and through our words of hope.

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Moses instructs Joshua to go out and fight the Amalekites. With the help of his older brother, Aaron, and their companion and ally, Hur, Moses holds up his staff throughout the battle. The Amalekites are defeated. The story reminds us how important it is to support each other through difficult moments.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

St Paul writes from his prison cell to encourage Timothy and others in the early Christian communities to persevere in their faith. He wants to form and teach leaders from within the communities to inspire others. He reminds Timothy of all he has learned and calls on him to be steadfast.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

In this text, a judge is persuaded to grant justice because the widow never gives up asking. She makes him uncomfortable, when he expects to be able to ignore her. Finally, he gives in and grants her request.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The Church is by its nature missionary. We want to let everyone know about Jesus Christ who came to show us how to live in order to be in the presence of God now and for eternity. It is news we cannot just sit on but need to proclaim. This is Pope Leo's message for this occasion:-

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours.

When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

FATHER CORNELIUS will speak at the Masses today.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY UNION F.M.U.

On this Mission Sunday we remember our Franciscan missions in various parts of the world but particularly in East Africa. The work in our places of mission have largely been handed on to the indigenous people and that was hope when missions were first started. However, our association with these regions over many years means that there is continuing concern for the health of the communities of faith that the friars founded. As a practical way of support, I ask those who have FMU collection boxes at home to bring them in so they can be emptied. Those of you who do not have a box at home, please take one today and put your loose change in it. These boxes have been and still are our basic way of keeping the mission of the church in view.

Confirmation Programme 2025/6

We would like to invite students in school years 10—13 who are baptised, registered parishioners and who attend Mass at St Thomas to apply to join our 2025/56 confirmation programme. The programme session dates can be found on our website and we expect full commitment and attendance.

Please visit our website to complete the registration form
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EuRnik-nXUOjw3UeobcTyheS7_iLZj5AoC8j5XT7HSRUNExSRUswRTNESzhMNj1NkxaVjRNTFE4Ty4u

The closing date for applications is 9th November 2025



Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th October

8.30 Michael Barrett RIP

10 Mary Milne RIP

11.30 Mary Hampshire RIP

Monday 20th October

Maria Teresa Teles anniversary

Chris Pierce RIP

Tuesday 21st October

Peggy RIP

Bryan family

Wednesday 22nd October

Colman Boyd RIP

Brian Correira RIP

Funeral 11.30 Johnny Barrett

Thursday 23rd October

Kyran Connolly intentions

Winifred O'Rourke RIP

Friday 24th October

Anne McShea sick

Chigwell Anita De Sa

Saturday 25th October

10 Patrick Neylon RIP

6 Mary McKay

Sunday 26th October

8.30 Cathy Mair RIP

10 Johnny Barrett RIP

11..30 Michael Barrett RIP

Church Cleaning Thursday 23rd October 9am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson
Chelsea Chaplin & Mary Charter

Calling our Parish Youth

Our parish has a Young Vinnies group (Youth branch of the SVP) started in 2024 and open to new members from November 2025. If you are age 13-15 and have energy for making a positive difference in your community and the wider world we would love to meet you! Parents to email Louise.Cherry5@gmail.com to express interest/learn more.

Beavers

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader paulineelkin616@gmail.com

Trinity Vacancies

- Teacher of Economics
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Geography
- Teacher of Spanish
- Teacher of Psychology & Sociology
- SEND1, Full time Permanent,
- SEND1, SEN TA, Full time, Maternity Cover
- Science Technician, Full time,
- Midday Supervisor, Part Time Temp, ASAP

Please visit the school website