

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Maria Ferrari, Anthony Rae, Mary Tobin, Josephine Gorman, John Huggins, May Samuels, Agnes Scully, Dora Steel, Cecil Harrison, John Tague, Maureen Weetman, Mary Jackson, Eric Lindemann, Mary Allery, Lilian Beckett, Richard Day, Kathleen Hansen, Patrick McDowell, Kathleen McGrath, Anna Ridd, Mark Ashmore, Louisa Christou, Louisa Donno, Daopersad (Bonny) Seecharan, James Vaughan, William Crowe, Margaret Gillespie.

Franciscan life: Invitation

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 years pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life, and Franciscan life; (website: www.friar.org). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

First Holy Communion Teacher

We are looking for another teacher to join our team and lead a group in preparing to receive communion. All lesson plans and resources are provided. It does require your time, enthusiasm and commitment but it is a very rewarding experience. So, if you are a teacher, have a good understanding of Catholic teaching, and would like to join us in sharing your love for God with the next generation, please contact the parish office in the first instance.

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

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 10th July at 11.30am.



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12th Sunday in ordinary time (A) 25th June 2023

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

Our Lord teaches us not to be afraid, and reminds us that God our Father watches over us with a tender love.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

The prophet lives in fear of his foes and calls on God's help.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

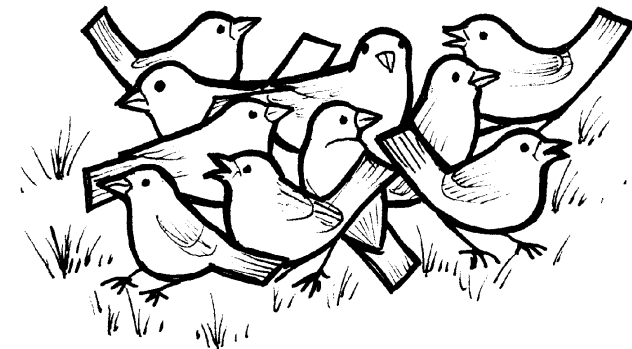
Adam's fall is redeemed by the life of Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

We are worth hundreds of sparrows.

Responsorial Psalm

In your great love, answer me, O God



Mass is a conversation between priest and people

Everybody present at mass has a part to play. A part that nobody else can do for you. You are not spectators watching the priest. Alas we often find that a funeral, a wedding, even some of the First Communion celebrations brimming with well-wishers, have been just that. A spectacle to be watched in silence. You come to show sympathy and respect to the bereaved family. If you are not vocal you are failing to do either. There will be many present who are not catholic, many who were but have forgotten the etiquette. They and we priests need you to give a strong and robust response. The priest greets with blessings, invitations to pray: and meets Silence. Not even an Amen. We just cannot make a proper mass without your active sharing. God expects everyone to give voice to your prayer – of worship, praise, contrition, and petition. We tell the children it is a party provided by our loving Father who delights to treat his children when they visit him. But who sits silently at a party?

Sts Peter and Paul Thursday 29th June

Their feast day on which we usually take part in mass is on Thursday this week. Vigil mass Wednesday at 7.30 pm and mass at St Thomas and Chigwell at 10 am on Thursday.

We take the Peter's Pence collection for the maintenance of the Pope this weekend.

Safeguarding of the vulnerable

Last week we received an unpleasant reminder of our duty in this regard. The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency CSSA has produced a devastating report of failure in a northern Diocese. It could not happen here we think. I hope not. But it is a reminder that in today's widespread climate of lack of restraint no one of us can afford to relax. One of the failures in Hexham & Newcastle was to generate a *Culture of Safeguarding*. Perhaps a little like the awareness we would have while walking along a busy road, if an unattended child were running thoughtless. Only that today's dangers – of predators heedless of the catastrophic consequence of their self-indulgence – may lurk hidden from view.

When you and I look at our parish at prayer, look at us friars, look at all the support for good ventures being pursued– we think there can be no one of whom we could have any suspicion of intent to harm. I wish that were true. Our parish Safeguarding Rep is kept busy. There is much work in processing DBS clearances. Unfortunately there are also occasional matters that need to go up to the Diocesan Coordinator of Safeguarding for advice. On occasions: Was this abuse? or just Inappropriate Behaviour? Something we need to take to the police? Thank God nothing so sinister has recently come to light. But Nicky and I are constantly aware of the possibility. And hope you are too.

If there is any shadow of doubt, come and tell us. We are very blessed with our vigilant watch-person, whom I thank heartily.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th June

8.30 Miriam Duggan
10 Laurence Dillon anniversary
11.30 Dominic Correia

Monday 26th June

Josie Gorman anniversary
Sr Appolonia Mary

Tuesday 27th June

Patrick McCreesh RIP

Chigwell Rose O'Doherty intentions

Wednesday 28th June

Alice Plant
Trinity intentions

Thursday 29th June

Stuart Hobbs
Helen Holmes RIP

Friday 30th June

Elizabeth Blanchfield anniversary

Saturday 1st July

10 John McElligott
6 John Green RIP

Sunday 2nd July

11.30 in the Church Garden
Community and benefactors

10.00 Chigwell People of the parish

Church Cleaning
Saturday 1st July 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

Baptism Congratulations

To the following children who were baptised at St Thomas Sofia Delaney, Declan Gilligan, Delphine Woeste, Jorgie Disson & Zuri Ola.

Spectator or Participant?

In previous newsletters you will have read about participating in parish life, especially in our celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways in which you can help. We are urgently in need of Readers, especially for the Saturday 6pm mass; where we have had to revert to just one reader per mass! At the Sunday 10am; although we have recently recruited 3 young readers, we still need more young and adult readers. If you have any experience of public speaking or you feel confident enough to do so, please contact the parish office. Other ways in which you can help are: As Sacristans or Ushers. Sacristans: This is a before and after mass role and is ideal for those wishing to help but in a less visible and behind the scenes way. Ushers: part of the Welcoming team; handing out and collecting hymn books or mass sheets, taking the offertory collection and preparing the church for the next mass.

For all of the above roles, training will be provided and you will join a rota, so you will not be on "duty" every week. If you are interested in any of the roles or would like more information, please contact the parish office.