

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Paul McCarthy,
- ◇ Theresa Fitzpatrick,
- ◇ Michelle Killeen's husband Libby

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

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, Marjorie Byrne, Robert Girling, Alice Knock, Marianne West, Angela Carroll, Annette Ensom, Harold Hetherington, Harold Poynter, Jacqueline Reilly, Franjo Sekolec, Kathleen Smith, Margaret (Nuala) Hancock, Sister Rose Maguire, Cornelius O'Callaghan, James Woskett.

Lost property

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

Caremark Redbridge

Provides private care home services to those in need within our community. It is run by a parishioner of a local parish. More information can be found on the Church notice Board or on their website at www.caremark.co.uk/redbridge

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

Baptism course 8 & 15 November
Applications forms are available on the website

Thank you

For the PACT retiring collection last weekend which raised over £870.

Parish Council Member
Will be available after masses this weekend

A member of your parish council is at the back of church today to hear your views and try to answer your questions. This is part of a consultation process to make sure we as a parish are going in the right direction.



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Served by the Franciscans

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 22nd October 2023

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

Jesus came to create a new society where there is no room for "them" and "us". God's love includes each one of us, regardless of our differences.

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

God has called each of us by name.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul tells his Thessalonian congregation that he prays constantly for them.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus' enemies tried to trap him with a question about whether or not to pay taxes. Whichever answer he gave could catch him out and lead to his ultimate downfall.

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power.



The Synod in Rome

Pope Francis is very aware of the work of journalists and has reached out to them as no other Pope has done. However, he is aware that in many cases they have a different agenda from the Church and can twist its words and actions to suit their agenda. With this in mind he wrote:-

“I want to say that in this Synod – also to make room for the Holy Spirit – the priority should be to listen. This is the priority. We have to give a message to the press, to the journalists, who do very fine, very good work. We have to provide a communication that reflects this life in the Holy Spirit. This requires an asceticism – pardon me for speaking this way to the journalists – a certain fasting from public speech in order to ensure this. Let whatever is published be in this vein. Some will say – and are saying – that the bishops are afraid and that is why they don’t want the journalists talking. No. The work of journalists is very important. But we have to help them so that they can also speak of this journeying in the Spirit. More than speaking, the priority is that of listening. I ask journalists to please make this known to people, that they realize that the priority is to listen. During the Synod on the Family, public opinion, the fruit of our worldliness, [thought] that communion was going to be given to the divorced, and in that spirit we began the Synod. When we had the Synod for the Amazon, public opinion, pressure, [thought] that *virii probati* were going to be [ordained], and we went in under that pressure. Now there is speculation about this Synod: “What are they going to do?”, “Maybe ordain women”... I don’t know, those are things they are saying out there. And it is often said that the bishops are afraid to talk about what is going on. For this reason, I ask you, members of the press, to do your work well, fairly, so that the Church and people of good will – other people will say what they will – can understand that also in the Church, listening has priority. Communicate this: it is so important.

Thank you for helping all of us, as the Church takes this “break”. The Church is taking a break, as the Apostles did after Good Friday, on Holy Saturday, behind closed doors, but not, like them, out of fear. Still, the Church is “taking a break”. It is a break for the whole Church, as we engage in listening. This is the most important message. Thank you for your work. Thank you for what you do.”

World Mission Day

In this parish we have been strong supporters of the Franciscan Missionary Union who in turn support Franciscans working in missionary areas. We will not have collection today for the missions but if you have a FMU collecting box please bring it in to be emptied and to take a new box. The missions need a steady income. Also please take a Troubadour magazine.

Secondary School Applications Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available to sign certificates of Practice on the following days
Tuesday 24th October 7-8pm. We will provide dates for Primary School in November.
For those applying to Davenant instructions will follow in due course.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd October

8.30 Michael Carrig RIP
10 Joan Bright RIP
11.30 Vincent Browne RIP
Chigwell John Walsh

Monday 23rd October

Maria Teresa Teles anniversary
Ian Howes RIP

Tuesday 24th October

Helen Nation recovery
Chigwell Mary Collins RIP

Wednesday 25th October

Ian Howes RIP
Trinity intentions
Funeral 12.30pm Tina Kerr

Thursday 26th October

Stephanie Borley ill
Patrick Gilligan RIP
Funeral 11am Guy Gois

Friday 27th October

Frank Fitzpatrick RIP birthday
Chigwell Deceased sisters SHJM

Saturday 28th October

10 Tony Carrington RIP
6 Tina Kerr RIP

Sunday 29th October

8.30 Noreen Ryan RIP Whipps X nurse
10 Clare Pearce RIP
11.30 Malcolm Aitken RIP

Church Cleaning
Saturday 28th October at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

School Vacancies

- **Trinity**
Teacher of Psychology
Inclusion Coordinator

- **St Antony's**
Year 3 Teacher (Maternity cover)

Please visit the school website for more information

Date for your diary

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **25th November** at Trinity School Lower site from 12—4pm. We will need **volunteers** to help set up, run stalls and clear up. If you can help for a couple of hours please contact the parish office. We are also looking for **donations** of unopened bottles, unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, good condition toys & teddies, these can be left in the church porch.

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

Note for Ushers & Sacristans

We will be recommending the inclusion of bread & wine in the offertory procession from this weekend.