

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Magdalena Maria
- ◇ Maureen Holford
- ◇ Kieran Levis
- ◇ Denis Burns

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Michael Fitzgerald, Sr Francis Regis Lehane, Mary Benn, Ernest Verney, Florence Du Casse, Andrew Lamarque, Aaron Basha, Eric Cooper, Sister Teresita Mullins, Dennis Bryan, Gerald Mooney, Bryan Rooney, Josephine Burke, Jean Newman, Bruno Celaschi, Iris Witchell, Thomas Taylor.

Walk with Me

A booklet of thoughts for each day of Lent is on sale: £1.

Volunteers needed

Scope Loughton have vacancies for volunteering 7 days a week. Please contact Lisa via Loughton.shop@scope.org.uk

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

Facemasks MUST be worn

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent

CONFESSIONS
by appointment

BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing
Don't forget to provide test & trace information by using the QR code.

Retiring collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Racial Justice



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Served by the Franciscans

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 20th February 2022

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

Today we hear again the extraordinary teachings of Jesus that changed the world for ever. By our refusal to hate, we too may make our world a better place for everyone.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Though the king set out with an army to kill him, David refrained from harming Saul, even when the opportunity presented itself.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Human beings have bodies. Yet a physical being may become spiritually minded and bear the image of Christ.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Those who are truly God's children resemble their heavenly Father in showing indiscriminate kindness, even towards their worst enemies.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is
compassion and
love.



You write: We all listen!

The idea I floated last week has provoked some enthusiasm. So – Yes. Here at St Thomas and also at Chigwell we will somewhat shorten the Masses next Sunday. You will be provided with a sheet of paper and pen. Give some thought during the week about what you will write. Definitely no long essays. What is our church for? And our parish as part of the world-wide church? What should we be doing? (and that “we” of course includes you!) **“To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often”** said Cardinal St Henry Newman.

Are we living or stagnating?

In what ways, in what directions do we – the whole church – need to change?

That really is two questions: *The whole Church* is one; *WE* are the other.

And then..?

We will collect all that you write. I anticipate a big job to absorb all that you write but I know I will have good help. The intention is to play it all back to you. Do you remember that for the Synod on *Family and marriage* we displayed what you had said and encouraged you to comment further, using post-its? If this will help it may be worth repeating. And then the distilled summary will be sent to the Diocese and eventually to the assembly of bishops in Rome next year.

St James Buckhurst Hill

For some years you who live roughly in the area of Buckhurst Hill have knitted a close community within the parish of St Thomas. Because you are not as numerous it has been possible for everyone to know each other and work together. Next Saturday 26th we will once more celebrate a mass at St James at 2.30. The mass will remember all our family members and friends who have died during the pandemic, and most specially those of your community. Many of these had no proper funeral. A social opportunity will follow Saturday's Mass. And in that I hope we will share some thoughts about whether we are hoping to go.

Lent

Covid, inflation, melt-down of political leadership, natural disasters resulting from climate-change. We do not need to look further for additional penances to take on for the season of Lent. What we can do is to look seriously at where currently we are. There we can find many small things to limit the harm being done to our world. At first sight what individuals do seems insignificant. But if we do it collectively then we can make change.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard-seed” said Jesus. He chose the smallest seed for his parable and continued that it becomes a tree big enough for all the birds of the air to find shelter. That is us. We hope to offer you a couple of evenings in Lent to hear Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th February

- 8.30 Tom & Patricia Coleman
60 wedding anniversary
- 10 Tom O'Flaherty recovery
- 11.30 Frances & Paddy McGinley RIP
People of the parish

Monday 21st February

- Maureen Jolly RIP
- Michelle Sullivan RIP
- Gerald Callaghan RIP

Tuesday 22nd February

- Billie Moore RIP
- Mary Williams RIP
- John Connolly RIP

Wednesday 23rd February

- Marie Pearson ill
- Bridie Gilmartin RIP
- Margaret Wales RIP

Thursday 24th February

- Margaret Clarke & Dermot Ryle recovery
- Michelle Sullivan RIP
- Trinity intentions

Friday 25th February

- Stubbings family thanks
- Patrick Geoghegan RIP

Saturday 26th February

- 10 Mary Prendergast RIP
Eileen Hayes
- 6 John Robert Calveley RIP

Sunday 27th February

- 8.30 Magdalena Maria RIP
- 10 Carol Long & family
- 11.30 Frances & Paddy McGinley RIP
Chigwell Ken Wynn RIP

Church Cleaning

Saturday 26th February at 10.30am
Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turnell

Vacancies

- St. Antony's Catholic Primary School wishes to appoint a talented **SEN Learning Support Assistant**
 - Holy Family Catholic School (Walthamstow) is seeking to appoint a **Deputy Headteacher**
- Please visit the relevant school's website for more information

Contemplative Prayer

Christian Meditation 11am-12
Tuesdays (from 22nd February) at Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre. If you would like to join please contact us beforehand at christianmeditation@groups.io This is in order for us to monitor numbers for Covid safety. Doors will be open for ventilation, so please wrap up well. We are still asking that masks should be worn. If you are exempt please advise us.

Fairtrade Fortnight 21 February to 6 March 2022

As a Fairtrade certified parish, parishioners are invited to show solidarity with those on the frontline of the climate crisis. Fairtrade's **Choose the World You Want Festival** returns for a second year and features a series of virtual events designed to engage, inform and educate people around the urgent message of Fairtrade and climate change, the future of our food and those who produce it. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for fairtrade Mark. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want>

