

**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



Anniversaries:

Albert Clifford, Jane Fulcher, George Hoyes, Jessie Turner, Kathleen Clark, James Dillon, Henry Durrell, Teresa Ennever, Alexander Lobo, Yvonne Lobo, Margaretta Olivos, Veronica Allen, Bernard Blumsom, Noreen Hunt-Terry, James Saunders, Elizabeth Browne, Joseph Byrne, Eleanor Kilroy, Anne O'Gara, Mary Butler, Stanley Desborough, Sister Priscilla Sheehan, Irene Boyle, Frank Fuscoe, Pauline Walker, Gabriel Arcanjo Noronha

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis

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)
10am Chigwell Convent



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre

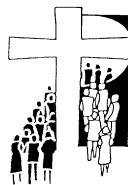
*There will be no teas after mass at 10am on **19th March**, but you are all invited to refreshments after mass at 11.30am for the jubilee celebrations of Fathers Quentin & Michael Coppis*

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on Saturday's when mass takes place at 10am

Each Friday in Lent

At 7.30pm we conduct the Way of the Cross



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month.



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Second Sunday of Lent (A)
5th March 2023

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

The journey of faith requires us to be open to the Lord, to hear his call. We come together in a spirit of trust, being prepared to listen, and sometimes to be surprised and even amazed by God.

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4

When God calls Abram, it is a life-changing moment, for he is asked to leave everything that he knows.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul tells Timothy that Jesus brings us the Good News, but following him can come at a price.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

The wondrous sight of Christ in glory also inspires fear in the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you



Last Sunday twelve who have engaged in the weekly meetings of the Journey of Faith through many months went to the Cathedral, with supporters, to be welcomed into our family by Bishop Alan. It was an impressive *Rite of Election*. It spelled out the serious preparation needed: First for receiving baptism. Then for joining in all the daily practices of our parish family. There are others wanting to join us who have joined these pilgrims at later stages. We hope they will be ready sometime in the year. Now it is over to you to make all truly welcome. It is not easy to come into what appears to be a well-organised family. The best way is to invite them to share regularly in each of our commitments.

The Easter Vigil

The Journey culminates in the Easter Vigil. Lent is a time of more intensified preparation. As dark descends on Holy Saturday we will begin in the darkened church listening to where it all began. Then light a fire and the Paschal Candle from which everybody takes a light and the whole church looks like a gigantic birthday cake. Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion follow. With 12 candidates it is something to celebrate. So we will finish with a party in the Becket. I think we will start the liturgy at 8.30 pm. Come and join in.

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 please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

A liturgy for children

Very many people of my generation and the next are still practicing catholicism because we grew up in a climate of catholic stories, symbols and practice. That is why we need to resume a Sunday liturgy to provide you a little help towards keeping something of this climate in your homes. This week three more ladies (men are just as capable) have volunteered to join the rotas we intend setting up. That means we now have 7 volunteers. Will you think again about offering to give one Sunday mass each month for your children's faith? It means you do not hear the bible readings and homily at that mass. But you will have given thought to their content, to put it into child-relevant pictures and words. And that is rewarding.

Lent fast day 3rd March

CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations

Lenten talk

Please visit BBC Radio 4 website to listen to Lenten talk:
A reflection on the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, Our Father, from MOBO award-winning Christian rapper Guvna B, drawing on his own experience of fatherhood.
The People's Prayer - Our Father
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001jkxr>

Yamaha baby grand piano

is available to a passionate instrument lover. If you can take care of it, please contact the parish office.



Mass Intentions



Sunday 5th March

8.30am Moira Whelan RIP
10am Moira Bisset RIP
11.30am Mavis Marsh

Monday 6th March

Olga Machado & Jessica D'Souza RIP
John Taylor RIP

Tuesday 7th March

Bertha Randlesone RIP
Moriarty family thanks

Wednesday 8th March

Fernando- Gomez family
Kevin Smith intentions

Thursday 9th March

Liz Browne anniversary
Trinity intentions

Friday 10th March

Stubbings family thanks
William Green RIP

Saturday 11th March

10 Eilish Whitaker anniversary
6 Patrick Higgins

Sunday 11th March

8.30am Mary Lee anniversary
10am Mary Ryder anniversary
11.30 am Bill Green RIP
Chigwell

Craig & Chevonne Lobo RIP



Church Cleaning

Saturday - 10.30 am 11th March
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Running the London Marathon To raise funds for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

John Dangerfield is running the marathon, if you would like to sponsor him his just giving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Dangerfield1

BCYS Quiz Night 1st April 7pm

James Chung and a Parishioner from Our Lady of Lourdes will be hosting a quiz night in the Becket Centre to raise money to travel to World Youth Day with the BCYS in August. Entrance £5 per person, tables of 8-10. Please contact 07478 868 871 to book.

Vacancies

Loyola Preparatory School

- Deputy Head teacher
- KS2 Teacher

Please visit the school website for more information.

Events in Chigwell Covent:

The Companions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary will meet on 13th March at 2pm

Holy Hour each Sunday during lent between 3 & 4pm. All Parishioners are invited.