

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

Gwendolyn Brazier, Mark Hodgskin, Christina Quill, Richard Barber, Frank Maunsell (father of Therese McLeary).

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Sister Patricia Collins, David Millar, Joan Spalding, Mary O'Sullivan, John Maher, Mrs White, Arthur Rayner, Seamus Hanley, Sister Ronayne, Annie Horton, Rita Willcocks, John Martin, John O'Halloran, John Potter, Violet Mulligan.

Funerals at St Thomas of Canterbury:

15th September 11.30am Mark Hodgskin's funeral.

17th September 10am Eddy Marie's funeral.



Mass Timetable

All our services are live streamed

SUNDAY MASSES (12th September only)

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;
11.30am Outdoor Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES 10am

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 track & trace information by using the QR code or logging your details in the book provided

Education Sunday

Bishop Alan has written a letter of encouragement for all involved in our catholic school system. See it on our website. Catholic education for children has been a priority of our church in England and Wales for 170 years. Build schools rather than churches was the motto as we came out of the years of oppression. The system is again under threat today, with new pressures both internal and external.

The value of Multi-Academies is debated. Bishop Alan sees their value. Just think: if there were no catholic schools how would our children learn their faith? We need committed teachers and staff, governors too. And from all of us: prayers for their continuance and success.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Served by the Franciscans

24th Sunday in Ordinary time (B) 12th September 2021

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

The Gospels emphasise that the Son of Man came to serve, rather than to be served. Today we explore this, inspired by Jesus' example of service.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

The anonymous servant of the Lord faces terrible persecution on account of his preaching. He does not resist.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

James maintains that the real sign of faith is putting that faith into practice.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Peter says, "You are the Christ," but he fails to see that the Christ must suffer.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



Towards normality

Weekly church services have moved towards what prevailed prior to the pandemic. The big difference is that we are still being cautious. The church is kept well ventilated and all surfaces are sanitised with an anti-viral treatment. While the Becket programmes were suspended we used the opportunity to reorder and redecorate all the upstairs rooms. They are now resplendent, and the usual uses are returning one by one. The Becket committee deserves our thanks. Not only did they plan and supervise the work. Several of the committee spent many hours restoring woodwork to its pristine state. I thank you all for your kind service. And a big thank you to George for his painstaking work to such a high standard.

Sacrament of reconciliation

Or confession if you like. During the lockdown the confession room in church was considered unfit for use lacking ventilation. That still is true. We found that the Friary parlour with its plexiglass screen provided a preferable setting. The sacrament is better seen as a conversation between penitent and priest. We will continue to use this arrangement for the present. You will find a priest available after the 10am mass each Saturday. But we are always available to give you the sacrament. Just ask or call for an appointment. I am glad to report that many are doing this regularly now. Do not think you are interrupting or inconveniencing us. It is one of the most important parts of our duty to you.

Sunday 12th September 11.30am

There will be no other masses on this day

This Sunday there will be one open air Mass at 11.30am in the friary gardens. Following the mass please bring your picnic. There will be some seats for the elderly and infirm: otherwise please bring something to sit on.

Certificate of Practice

It seems there is an urgency about signing certificates of practice for entry into our schools. I intend to offer many opportunities before the deadlines which are nearly two months ahead. If it is convenient for parents of children in St Antony's I will be available from 3 to 4 pm on **Monday 20th** and **Wednesday 22nd** of September. Most of you are working so I will also be available from 7 to 8 pm on **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd**. I want to be available at times that suit you.

Communion preparation

I trust there is no family hoping to enter a child on this year's preparation course that has not yet registered their intention as the application process closed on the 10th. Participating families may be expecting a parents' meeting this Thursday. **That meeting will not take place just yet.** The start of the course is slightly delayed. We will inform you, within a couple of weeks or so, when we are ready to make a start, which will be mid-October

SVP appeal

As a group of volunteers we aim to help anyone in need, as a result of the pandemic there are more people than ever suffering hardship. There are families short of food, homeless individuals/ families, people struggling with financial hardship, and those facing illness, both mental and physical. The parish has always been incredibly generous whenever we have a collection; continued financial support by some parishioners throughout the lockdown periods enabled us to support families in need throughout the pandemic. Whilst financial donations are vital, **we would like to invite you to join us in our work.** If you are interested in finding out more please contact us via the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 12th

8.30 Elizabeth Szukics
10.00 Parish
11.30 Donald Dourado RIP

Monday 13th

Stubbings family thanks
Catherine Andrews intentions
Trinity intentions

Tue 14th

Helena Greene anniversary
Marie Sinnott ill
Sr Catherine Burns RIP

Wed 15th

Hilda Gregan RIP
Mark Hodgskin RIP
Sr Pius Galligan 60 Jubilee

Thurs 16th

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Bryn Chimes RIP
Anthony Gaughan anniversary

Friday 17th

Funeral Eddie Marie
Neil McKenna anniversary
John Martin anniversary

Saturday 18th

10am John Potter anniversary
6pm Vi Mulligan anniversary

Sunday 19th

8.30 Elizabeth Szukics RIP
10.00 Kate Ray RIP
11.30 Maria Golaszewska anniversary

Trinity Catholic High School Sixth Form

We have limited places available in the some A Level subjects. If you would like to apply, please email sixthformadmissions@tchs.uk.net with a copy of your GCSE results.

Church Cleaning Thursday 16th September at 9.00am

Jackie John, Maria-Clare Fawsett,
Mary Charter & Louise Deans

Journey of Faith

We want to begin the weekly meetings ASAP. So far we know of a few eager to join. It is for people of other churches, faiths or none; for those who want to catch up with what makes a catholic tick these days. Think if you would like to join, or know someone who would be interested. When we have more than the current 3 we will start.

Becket Centre Activities

Irish Dancing

Any interested boys and girls should just turn up this Monday 5.00 - 6.00pm and start dancing with the Claddagh Academy. Fitness, Fun and Friendship. For further information call Pauline 07846603259.

Beaver

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

Mother & Toddler Group

Will recommence on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th September 9.30am to 11am.