

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Anniversaries:

This week's anniversaries:

Louis Black, Maureen Graham, Ronald Page, Joan Noblett, Iris Hodges, Angell, Mark O'Grady, Maura Gilligan, Helen Taylor, Aida Testro, Mavis Abrahams, Robert Gordon, Amy Marriott, Lucy Archer, Mary Barrett, Catherine Davis, Marie Easby, Daniele Ferrari, Edward Parry, Doris Roe, Sister Mary Calnan, Hesse Hesse, David Houghton, Patrick Looney, Anastasia McCabe, Michael McHugh, Doreen Wyatt.

### Anniversaries, 18-24 December:

Apologies, this was not published at the time:

Ivy White, John Mill, Rosalind Burton, May Tudisca, Ellen Coyle, Doris L'Estrange, Virginia Crook, Edmund Jarman, Reginald Allen, Gemma McManus, Freitas de, John (Jack) Kenny, Arthur Bailey, Margaret Waites, Sister Marian Dewhirst, Damiana D'Costa.

## 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

### Donations to St Thomas of Canterbury

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 29th January 2023

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

Many people are searching for peace and contentment in their lives. We need a guide we can trust. Jesus is that guide. In today's Mass, he teaches us the way to find true happiness.

### First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The day of judgement will leave a humble remnant to enjoy the earth in peace.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

In choosing "nobodies", God makes a nonsense of our human scale of values.

### Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches that only a life of integrity can bring true and lasting happiness.

### Responsorial Psalm

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven



## Ministry of Reader

At every Mass God needs at least two of those sharing to speak his Word. To take it from the page of the bible and communicate it effectively to all present. It is a privilege. Like every gift it needs to be respected, and then given proper care and preparation. We are fortunate to have a highly-skilled, professional trainer who has helped many of us become good readers. She was booked to give us a further course yesterday. Sadly the response of readers and would-be readers was not great. And then some of those booked-in withdrew. So the training day was cancelled. We are hoping it may be possible to arrange another course. It depends on our finding enough of our community who are willing to receive this training. Please think if it would suit you. You will enjoy and benefit from it.

## Ministry of Communion

Covid has altered our practice. Ministering the body and blood of Christ is the first of the ministries and at the moment we are not sufficiently organised. Fewer ministers are needed at mass in church since, at least for the foreseeable future, we no longer receive from the chalice. But I worry that there are a number of housebound in the parish who wish for the sacrament or could benefit from receiving it, and I do not know them. First of all we need to know how many of those who have been commissioned are still ready to act as Ministers whether in church or visiting homes. To all who have been or are commissioned: I will be grateful if you will let me, Cathy Mair or Michael Murphy know if you are still willing to perform this service. Once we are clear about who is ready and when we will arrange a new Commissioning. This, of course, is given with a time-limit and it is important to know when it expires.

## Flame

A Catholic Youth Congress is once more coming to Wembley Arena on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Already the bulk of the tickets have been sold. It will be a great experience of and for young people sharing the joy and enthusiasm of our faith and belonging. Tickets are £24 if bought before Jan 31<sup>st</sup> otherwise a bit more. If you are minded to go but deterred by the cost speak to Quentin. It is a good thing to go and better still with a group.

## A time to see

"The Noah story in Genesis is not just about how God offered a path out of destruction, but about all that followed. The generation of human society meant a return to respecting limits, curbing the reckless pursuit of wealth and power, looking out for the poor and those living on the edges. The introduction of the Sabbath and the Jubilee - moments of recovery and reparation, forgiving debts and restoring relationships - were key to that regeneration, giving time for the earth to bounce back, for the poor to find fresh hope, for the people to find their souls again. That is the grace available to us now, the light in the midst of our tribulation. Let us not throw it away."\*

\* **Let us dream by Pope Francis**

## Stewards

We are looking for 3 more stewards to join 10am Sunday rota. Please contact Jo on 07976755602 for more information.

## Certificates of practice

Quentin will be available this Tuesday, **31st of January from 3pm to 4pm** to sign certificates of practice.

## Mass Intentions



### Sunday 29th January

8.30 Lyn Dolman ill  
10 Maureen Pestell  
11.30 Pamela Gibbons RIP

### Monday 30th January

Raymond O'Leary ill  
Neil Turnell & Chandrasa family

### Tuesday 31st January

Brendon Molloy  
Ann Rochford RIP

### Wednesday 1st February

Maureen Hollebrand recovery  
Beverley Packford RIP

### Thursday 2nd February

Thanksgiving Ratnanathers  
Mary Molloy RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 3rd February

C.W.L  
John Ogden RIP

### Saturday 4th February

10 am Breedge Maguire RIP  
6 pm Anne Driscoll RIP

### Sunday 5th February

8.30 Lynda Delaney RIP  
10 Frank Saville RIP  
11.30 Tim Stacey very ill

## Church Cleaning

### Thursday 2nd February at 9.00am

Jackie John, Srimanthie Crusz, Sue Mansbridge, Margaret Parkinson & Mary Charter.

## Rent

A family is looking for a house to rent, 2 bedroom in the area. Please contact Michele on 07724271912. Thanks

## Table tennis junior parish club

We have some volunteers available who are ready to start a table tennis 9+ club in the Becket Centre on Wednesdays 5-6.30pm. If you can volunteer as a coach/helper or have a child interested in this activity, please email [tania@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:tania@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Black iPhone

The phone was discovered in the church after St Antony's school Mass around Christmas time. It does not have a cover and the operator is Giff - Gaff. It has not been claimed back yet. If it is yours, please contact the parish office.

## Vacancy

Trinity is looking for a teacher of Art (maternity cover). Please refer to the schools' website for more information.

## Trustees

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on [www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/) or please email Bernadette at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk)