

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

## Funeral at St Thomas'

Betty Halliday's funeral will take place on 24th June 2019 at 11am .

Patricia Bell's funeral will take place on 9th July 2019 at 10am .

### Anniversaries:

Mary Allery, Maria Ferrari, Dora Steel, John Tague, Anna Ridd, John Huggins, Maureen Weetman, May Samuels, Cecil Harrison, Josephine Gorman, Kathleen McGrath, Anthony Rae, Lilian Beckett, Kathleen Hansen, Mary Tobin, Mary Jackson, Patrick McDowell, Philomena Archer, Agnes Scully, Richard Day Kitty Blogg, Derek Kingsley, Charles McGranaghan.

### SUNDAY MASSES

#### St. Thomas'

1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;  
10am (Children's Liturgy)  
11.30am

#### Chigwell Convent

10am

#### St. James URC (Buckhurst Hill)

9am (Children's Liturgy)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### St. Thomas'

10am

#### Chigwell Convent

9.30am

Saturday 10am

(1st Weds of the month)

No morning Mass

#### Trinity High School

8.20am on Lower Site.

## Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection after all masses for Sick Clergy

## The Becket Centre Bookings

The Becket Centre is available for hire by parishioners. If you would like to receive more information please email the Parish Office.

## Performance

Martin Fitzpatrick will be conducting performance of Benjamin Britten's short opera 'Noye's Flute' (10 minutes) at the Theatre Royal, Stratford from 1st-13th July. A children's chorus, 120 strong, with half taken from Churchfields School, will be singing. Tickets can be bought online.

## Franciscan Vocation

Interested in the Franciscan way of life? Perhaps God may be inviting you to know more about the Franciscan vocation of a Franciscan Friar, Sister, Lay member?

If so, contact: [vocations@friar.org](mailto:vocations@friar.org)

### SATURDAY

#### CONFESSIONS

#### St. Thomas'

10.30am - 11.30am

5.00pm - 5.45pm

#### Chigwell Convent

After 10am Mass

#### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
Of the month



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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## Corpus Christi Cycle C 23rd June 2019

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

Today we celebrate the gift of Christ's body and blood as nourishment for our pilgrimage on earth towards eternal life. Through Christ's transforming sacrifice, we enter into his death and resurrection.

### First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, priest and king, offers bread and wine to God in thanksgiving for the blessing of peace.

### Second Reading

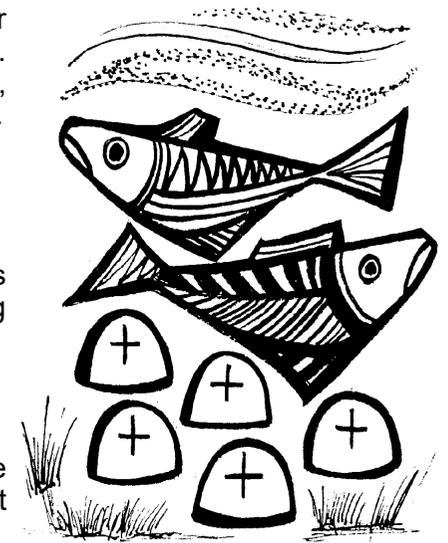
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

St Paul hands on to God's holy people at Corinth Jesus' words of blessing at the Last Supper.

### Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

Jesus takes, blesses and breaks the five loaves and two fish to feed the people with an abundance of food



### Responsorial Psalm

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old

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## Parish Fete

This week the friary garden will be transformed into a giant Fair-ground. There will be fun and entertainment to suit all tastes and ages. Its first purpose is to provide a social occasion. It is good that the parish comprises so many different activities. We have each weekend six Sunday masses. That makes it more convenient for you to join the mass that suits your busy schedule. It means however that we are strangers to many of our parish family. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> is the big gathering day. Please do come.

This year the Fete has an additional purpose. We have big bills looming for major renewal work of our ageing buildings. So we hope the Fete will also bring in some money to start paying for the work.

## Corpus Christi

Today is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is a day to stop and think what happens at Mass. At the centre of each mass the climax comes when we hear the priest say: *This is my body... This is my blood...* But who brings Jesus down on the altar? It is not just the priest. It is all of us. Jesus needs readers to proclaim God's word. He needs helpers to distribute his body and blood in the form of bread and wine; welcomers and ushers who help all to move in orderly fashion, sacristans and collectors to prepare and receive the gifts. Very much he needs voices to speak and sing supported by musicians. Above all he needs hearts that pour in love.

So please think today: I am not just "going to mass". Think "I am going to play an essential part in enabling Jesus to come down to the altar, and into the hearts and minds of us all." Together we bring Jesus down to us in bodily form.

## Parish Activities

- Monday **24th June at 8pm**  
**Keep Fit** in the Becket Centre
- Tuesday **25th June at 2pm**  
**Tuesday Club**—performance by the choir from St Antony's
- Wednesday **26th June at 8pm**  
**Baptism Course** in William Scott Room
- Wednesday **26th June by 7pm**  
**SOUP RUN**—Please leave donations in the Becket Centre by 7pm
- Saturday **29th June from 11am till 4pm**  
**Summer Fete. All Welcome**
- Sunday **30th June at 3pm**  
**Bereavement Group** afternoon tea in the Becket Centre. You may know someone who might be interested in attending, so do feel free to pass on the details or to ring Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356

## Mass On-line

Will be recorded on **June 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

## Forthcoming Events

<b>1st July</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>14th July</b>	<b>Parish Annual Meeting</b>
<b>12/13th Oct</b>	<b>24 hour Adoration</b>
<b>23rd Nov</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>

## Parish Council Vacancies

We will have some vacancies for the Parish Council. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church or from the website or parish office. These must be completed and returned by **27th June 2019 at 10am.**

## Carpark Repair

You are doubtless aware that our carpark was in poor condition. The grasscrete, which we were obliged to lay by the planning authority, was breaking up in places. George, so helpful in many practical matters has recently re-laid a large area that was a considerable hazard. Eventually we shall have to resurface the whole area. But thanks to George we can now put off a major repair. And concentrate on the next stage of the Parish restoration.

## Parish Summer Fete Saturday, 29th 11am to 4pm

Come and be part of the organisation: St Thomas' "Got Talent": should there be any **budding performers** who wish to grace the stage at the Fete, please get in touch with the Parish Office, as we would love to see as many performers as possible from year 3 and above. Limited slots and first come first served basis.

Could your business **sponsor** something? Please contact Aine at [ainewood4@gmail.com](mailto:ainewood4@gmail.com).

## Summer fete request

We are still in need of **RAFFLE PRIZES and BOTTLES** for the Tombola Stall. New things and unopened bottles are welcome.

## Cakes are needed

The CWL would be pleased to receive **cakes** for refreshments at the Summer Fete. Please bring any donations to the Becket Centre at 10am on the morning of the Fete. Many thanks.

## Church Cleaning

### Thursday 27th June at 9am

Kathleen Mahoney, Iwona Moreno, Emily Hannon & Sheila Charles

If you have any spare time, we need some more help, on a rota basis, on some Thursdays at 9am. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

## Children's Liturgy

Please note that due to safeguarding rules we are able to invite children in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only. Should any younger siblings wish to join the Children's Liturgy, they must be accompanied by a parent, or responsible adult. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## Gift Aid Envelopes

We encourage parishioners to join the Gift Aid Scheme with St Thomas of Canterbury. If you pay tax, our parish as a charity can benefit from extra 20% on any donation you make. Every pound matters. The claim on all donations will be done through HMRC.

All you need to do is to fill in the Declaration form and take a set of envelopes from the back of the church. There is an envelope for each week in the set. You place your donation in the Gift Aid envelope and put it in the loose plate when there is a general collection at the mass.

