

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

- ◇ Helen Holland (nee Holmes)
- ◇ Maria Gomes

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Anthony O'Brien, Fr Urban Judge OFM,  
Patricia Western, Leonard Albrecht,  
Elizabeth Halliday, Horace Coppendale,  
Bridget Flynn, Marie Samaraweera,  
Karen Spencer, Angela Reis, Alexandra  
Weatherley, Eva Mary Sullivan,  
Laurence Bolger, Suzanna Linehan,  
Salih Raymond, John Tracy, Patrick  
Brolly, Paul Mahoney, Mary Rees,  
Winifred Talbot.

## The Raphaël Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

You are invited to join our 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August. Flights are from Stansted and Birmingham and we will be staying full board at the Padoue Hotel for seven nights close to the entrance to the Sanctuary. The base price is £740. Applications from assisted pilgrims and those able to help are particularly welcome. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or from Paul Affleck: 020 8504 9138 or 07952 818241 or [director@raphaelpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:director@raphaelpilgrimage.org.uk)

## 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

### Concelebrated Requiem Masses

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.30am.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at 11.30am.



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Woodford Green

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## Pentecost Sunday (A) 28th May 2023

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

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that every Christian receives when they are baptised.

### First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples of Jesus. This is the final act in the Easter mystery, which is now complete.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

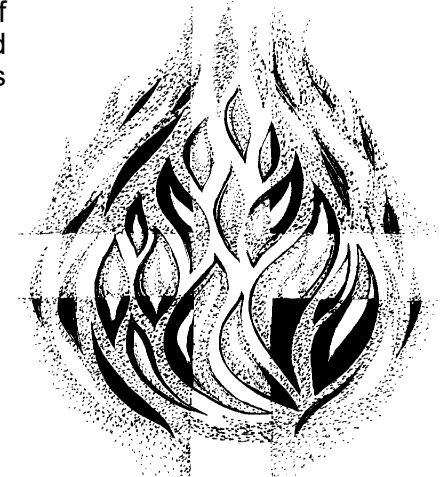
The apostle Paul reflects on the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of believers and encourages us to play our part, whatever that may be, in building up the life of our community.

### Gospel John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples and commissions them to carry on his work.

### Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and  
renew the face of the earth



## Ministers of Holy Communion

I thank the 24 Ministers who came to the renewal sessions in the past two weeks. It is an essential part of this central ministry of our parish that we spend time with the Lord we bring to you. And it is good to share this prayer to keep our service full.

We bring communion every week to individuals in their own homes. We also bring it to those in the Care Homes of the parish. When any of your family – or your acquaintance – take up residence in one of these Homes do please tell us so that we can bring them communion. Confidentiality laws now prevent information of religious practice to be shared. While sick persons receive care for their bodies there is an even greater need of ministry for their spirit. Do keep us informed so that we can give it. And remember the sacrament for the sick.

## Ordinary time

In the church's liturgy Eastertide ends today and we move into Ordinary Time. The yearly cycle is resumed with week 8 in the Divine Office with Psalter week 4. The readings at mass are also from week 8 of the first yearly cycle and on Sundays we follow cycle A with the gospel of Matthew.

We can experience a slight sense of disappointment at this return to the ordinary. There are several major feasts that help in the immediate weeks. Lent and Easter have provided us in the Masses and Divine Office with a rich menu carefully chosen from all parts of the bible. These have led us a little deeper into understanding and sharing what Jesus did from the beginning of his active life in the desert to his return to the Father. Pentecost ends this abruptly but the Holy Spirit has taken over. On his presence and gifts we now rely. Today we congratulate our 4 adults receiving the sacrament of confirmation. The families of the younger candidates are preparing for their sacrament in ten days time.

## Parish/School Summer Fete Saturday, 24th June

The organisers would also like to make the raffle fun and exciting, so please do let us know if there is anything your business or yourself can donate as a raffle prize. Another big help for the event would be if any business would like to sponsor any aspect of the event, with lots of promotion guaranteed, so if you are interested in sponsoring and promoting your business please do get in touch with the Parish Office.

The event is being sponsored by William Rose Estate Agents – they are willing to pay £10 for every board put in people's gardens towards our fundraising. If you would like to help with the fundraising in this way please email [Friendsofstantonys@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofstantonys@gmail.com)

## Walking for Jimmy

Some of the confirmation catechists and candidates are walking the London bridges this weekend to raise funds for the Mizen Foundation. If you would like to sponsor them please use the link below

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-chung2?](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-chung2?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=margaret-chung2&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=7a44ed6f92df4503997a7936b37f5f98)  
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## Dates for your diary

- Outdoor Mass - 2nd July 11.30am
- Parish AGM - 9th July after 11.30am Mass



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 28th May

8.30 People of the parish  
10 Kathleen J White RIP  
11.30 Dora Murphy anniversary

### Monday 29th May

Dominic Park RIP  
John Buckley RIP  
Anita Andrade intentions

### Tuesday 30th May

Karen Spencer anniversary  
Chigwell  
Elizabeth Blanchfield anniversary

### Wednesday 31st May

Peter Braley RIP  
Holly Bethell RIP 11 years old

Funeral 11 am Ray Konrath

### Thursday 1st June

John Potter RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 2nd June

Doris Anderson anniversary  
Elizabeth & Nicholas Molloy

### Saturday 3rd June

10 Sean Kerns RIP  
6 Stanislava Mazur RIP

### Sunday 4th June

8.30 Ray Konrath RIP  
10 Helen Holland nee Holmes RIP  
11.30 People of the parish

## Parish Council

The Parish Council will next meet on  
12 June 2023

## Church Cleaning Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am

Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell  
(Please note that there will be a FHC Mass at 11am on this day)

## Baptisms Congratulations

To the following children who were baptized at St Thomas':

Arthur Moursi, Leah Walden,  
Lola Roberts, Elijah Kayiwa,  
Frank Melotta, Giorgia Melotta,  
Oscar Leary.

## 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](http://www.friar.org)). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)

## Troubadour

The summer edition is available at the back of the Church.

## 'The Priests' Charity Concert

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a charity concert on Friday **30<sup>th</sup> June 2023** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567) Full details are available on our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)