



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

Rita Morgan

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Damien Copping, Lorcan Canavan,
Colette Collins, Harold McMahon,
Eugenie Nadlu, Matthew Rooney, Alfred
Dayton, Mary Fletcher, Thomas
Anderson, Mary Armond, Rima
Atkociuniene, Aldo Cara, Laraine
Templeman, Stephen Brown, Robert
Fields, Myrtle Goad, Elizabeth Brown,
Bernard Holford, Cecilia Hucks, Dennis
Curran, Josseline Heal, Margaret
(Greta) O'Donnell, Monica Dias.

BCCS sponsored walk

Annual parish sponsored walk through
Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic
Children's Society is on **Saturday 13th
September**. Suitable for all ages.
Accompanied children especially
welcome. Message David Underwood
07905 741033 if you would like to take
part.

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

Baptism Course

The next baptism course for first time
parents will take place on 17th September
and 1st October. Please visit our website
for an application form.

Our Parish Shop

We will be unable to open after Saturday
evening Mass in the month of August due
to the absence of volunteers on family
holidays. Going forward, our team for that
Mass would welcome one or two more
members. Interested?
Call Amy on 07968 805820.



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Served by the Franciscans

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 27th July 2025

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

Today Jesus teaches us how to pray to our Heavenly Father with faith and persistence. We gather in community, giving thanks for all that we have received, and committing ourselves to pass on the Gospel of Christ to all we meet.

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

Be persistent in prayer.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

God has forgiven our sins and given us the chance to come alive with Christ.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray the Our Father and invites us to search for him – for the one who asks always receives.



Responsorial Psalm

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

Pope Francis gives a beautiful reflection on the Our Father

Father.

Without saying this word, without taking it to heart, we cannot pray. To whom do I pray? Almighty God? Too far away. I cannot feel that he is near. Even Jesus did not refer to God as "the Almighty God." *Father.* We have to pray to the Father! He is the one who accompanies us on our journey. He knows our whole lives, the good and the not-so-good. If we do not begin our prayer with this word, spoken not with our lips but with our hearts, we cannot pray as Christians. We have a Father who is close to us, one who embraces us. All of these anxieties, all of the worries we may have, let us leave them to the Father. He knows what we need.

And he is *our* Father!

I am not an only child; none of us is.

And if I cannot be a brother, it will be hard for me to truly be a son of this Father. If I am not at peace with my brothers and sisters, I cannot say "Father" to him. Acceptance is not easy. But Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit. he is the one who teaches us, from the inside, from the heart, how to say "Father" and how to say "our." Let us then as the Holy Spirit to teach us to say "Father" and to be able to say "our," thus making peace with our enemies. Jesus shows us what it means to be loved by the Father and reveals to us that the Father wants to pour forth upon us the same love that he has for his Son from all eternity.

The Our Father gives me a sense of security. I do not feel uprooted; I do not have the sense of being an orphan. I have a father, a "dad," who brings me a history, shows me how things work, takes care of me, and leads me forward. He is also a dad before whom I always feel like a child, because he is great, he is God, and Jesus asked this of us, to feel like children. God offers the security of a father, but a father who accompanies you, waits for you.

Holy Communion preparation 25/26



Applications are now open for registered Parishioners who have children going into year 3 in September 2025. The registration is on-line and can be found on our website. The closing date is 5th September

Teas and coffees in Chigwell



There are teas and coffees after the Mass in Chigwell Convent on the 3rd of August. All are welcome.

Joint Summer Fete

Well not only did we have an amazing day on 5th July but you also raised £8300 which will be split between the school and our church community. Thank you once again for all your efforts and participation.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th July

8.30 Johnny Barrett
10 People of the parish
11.30 Luke Buenaventura

Monday 28th July

Cormac McMonagle
Emma Jane Nuttall

Tuesday 29th July

Sheila Corbett RIP

Wednesday 30th July

Sheila & Mike Murphy
Brian Correya
Chigwell Berni Euesden RIP

Thursday 31st July

Andriy Suzonenko RIP
Chigwell Bridget Galvin intentions

Friday 1st August

Ann Merryweather RIP
Margaret Gaughan anniversary

Saturday 2nd August

10 Mrs I Constantine
6 Pauline Brown RIP

Sunday 3rd August

8.30 Dermot O'Neill
10 John H Williams RIP
11.30 Mary & Paul Affleck
Golden Wedding anniversary

Church Cleaning
Thursday 26th July 9am
Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson
Chelsea Chaplin & Mary Charter

Baptism congratulations

Oscar Kendall, Billy Frederick,
Elizabeth Hudson, Frank Hughes,
Ralph Hughes, Alessia Barrett-Lee,
Thomas Potter & Jackson Friel.

Wedding congratulations

To Shane and Louise who were married at St Thomas' last weekend.

Broadwood upright piano

A parishioner is looking for a new home for a piano. If interested, please get in touch next week with Patricia on 0208 504 2017.

CAFOD:
Refreshments after 10am mass,
Wednesday 30th July

As a Fairtrade certified parish, St Thomas uses and promotes Fairtrade products. Come and join us **downstairs in the Henrietta Suite** after 10am mass for a friendly chat and to celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade mark in the UK with a cup of Fairtrade and organic tea or filter coffee, incl decaf
Around the world, tea represents a way to bring people together, to comfort or to rest after a long day. Behind every cup we drink, there are the people who work hard to nurture and grow the tea. But many of these people face poverty, unsafe working conditions, and the mounting threat of climate change - leaving them unable to plan for their future. Find out more here: <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/single-post/do-it-fair-for-a-fairer-world>