

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Patsy Devlin, Catherine Carter, Charles Lingley, Sister Cyprian Madden, John Smith, Laurance Turner, Colum Kelly, Brendan McGranaghan, Margaret Mullins, Patrick Devlin, Henry Holland, Pauline Horan, Sister Julia O'Connor, Olga Periera, Sister Mary Reid, Rosalind Green, Ronald Allum, Jacobus Cullenden, Mary Forsythe, Maureen Holford, Patricia Koenan, Joseph Bognar, Richard Borg, Thomas Gilligan, Elizabeth Orme

Help for the Homeless

During the coldest winter months 7 churches across East London house the homeless with each providing 1 night per week. Every Wednesday night St Francis of Assis in Stratford participate by providing dinner, bed and breakfast. It would be great if our parish and school can help and pull together some donations. They have asked specially for toiletries and snack bars. If you would like to donate please leave your donations with the Parish office by **Tuesday 12th February**.

Ideas of toiletries: 200ml bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, shaving foam/gel, tooth brushes and tooth paste, moisturizer and deodorant. Thank you.

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

Retiring Collections

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for **Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Thank you for your donations of £342+ for **Racial Justice**



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 4th February 2024

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

Life can often be burdensome, but Jesus offers us the Good News of salvation. We come together, praying that our community and the Gospels will sustain each of us on our journey of faith, with our eyes always on the Lord who promises redemption.

First Reading Job 7: 1-4. 6-7

Life is a burden for the melancholy who have no hope.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23

To preach the Gospel is a duty, even if it's one that is not chosen.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who were suffering

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted



ANDREW McMAHON OFM

On Monday some of the friars will be traveling down to Portsmouth Diocesan Pastoral Centre at Wickham in Hampshire for the funeral of Father Andrew McMahon of our Order. If you have lived in this parish for many years, you may remember a young Father Andrew who was in charge of training men who were joining the Order as brothers. He trained them in prayer and in the life of a Franciscan and they went to Loughton College to do courses in cooking, bookkeeping and various other trades. After that he went down to Southampton into a community that was inserted in the ordinary life of the city, finding various ways of helping the life of the city. Andrew in collaboration with a secular priest and other collaborators, founded the St Dismus Centre which catered for ex-prisoners and also offered help to alcoholics. Andrew received the OBE for this work. He was a director of the Centre dealing one to one with some quite difficult men. Andrew was a strong man well able to take hard decisions when dealing with awkward people. After serving in this role for 20 years he moved on to be chaplain at the Pastoral Centre, looking after a community of Indian Sisters and helping with the visitors to the Centre. He learnt to say Mass in the Indian style which he had learnt in a visit to India. He was also Chaplain to Southampton Football Club giving guidance to the lads in the academy as they entered the strange world of professional football. Andrew was like a number of friars down through the years who followed St Francis but found community life constricting, He was a devout man always searching for God and helping others in their search. He is an example of the way God uses our individual gifts to serve others. May he rest in peace.

Lenten lunches

Delicious soups will be cooked for you starting on **16th February** 12.30pm to 2pm. The price is £5.00 and all proceeds go to Mary's Meals. Everybody is welcome.

My Day by Day

An Adult and Child booklets of thoughts for each day of Lent is on sale: £1 each. Please pay cash in the bookstall tin on the wall or card payment on the DONA machine. The booklets are available at the back of the church.

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Certificate of Appreciation

Redbridge Foodbank have sent you a certificate to show their appreciation for your support to local people in crisis. It is on the notice board. Please keep up the good work. Special thanks goes you to the Confirmation candidates who took part in Reverse calendar initiative.

Thank you.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 4th February

8.30 John Carrig RIP
10 Da Cruz family
11.30 Carl Knights RIP

Monday 5th February

Bill Green anniversary
Cara Ross RIP

Tuesday 6th February

Agnes McIntyre RIP
Helen Murphy sick

Wednesday 7th February

Teik Gee Saw anniversary
Beryl Edwards RIP
C.W.L

Thursday 8th February

Mary Waure
Mark Leahy RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 9th February

Peter McMahon anniversary
C.W.L

Saturday 10th February

10 Tapera RIP
6 Stevie RIP

Sunday 11th February

8.30 Fr Isidore recovery
10 Dr Kumar and family
11.30 Bernard Duffy anniversary



Church Cleaning Thursday 8th February at 9.00am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson
& Mary Charter

School Vacancies

- ◇ **Trinity**
P/T Assistant Librarian and LRC
Administrator
- ◇ **Ursuline Academy Ilford**
School Chaplain
- ◇ **St John's RC Special School**
SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and
Classroom Support Assistants.

Please visit the relevant school website for more information.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.
Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website
www.med-irishcentre.com

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 12th & 19th March. Application forms for first time parents are available on the website

Catholic Fellowship

A Mass at our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will be celebrated at 3pm on the 11th of February for the Catholic Fellowship Disability network. Everybody is welcome.