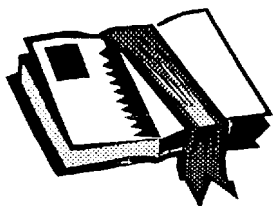


**PRAY
FOR THE
SICK**



Lately dead:

Desmond Patrick Coleman
Michael Turner

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Edith Playle, Cornelius Sullivan, Patricia Tugby, Louis Black, Maureen Graham, Iris Hodges, Joan Noblett, Ronald Page, Maura (Mary) Gilligan, Mark O'Grady, Helen Taylor, Aida Testro, Robert Gordon, William Green, 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, Mavis Abrahams,

Lost property

Items of lost property will be in the church porch next week. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

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 Collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for **Racial Justice**

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

Baptism Course

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



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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
28th January 2024**

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

As he travels around, Jesus is recognised by what he says and what he does.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God will raise a prophet among you who will speak with the Lord's word.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul invites people to fulfil their role for which the Lord has called them, free from worry.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

The crowd recognises Jesus as a prophet who offers a teaching that is new, which he speaks with authority.



Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

SHAPING OUR FUTURE WITHIN THE DIOCESE

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we received a letter from Bishop Alan in which he re-launched the Vision Document- Shaping Our Future. A lot of discussion and work had taken place and then it was put on hold by the Covid Pandemic. The Bishop wishes us to use the Parish Council as the instrument for parishes together reaching the people of Essex and East London. Pope Francis tells us the focus of our Council should be the 'missionary aspiration of reaching everyone.' This initiative is taking place in the Diocese as the whole Church is engaged in the Synodality process. I understand this as a constant conversation in faith within parishes and between parishes about what the Holy Spirit is asking of us specifically, in our time.

Something that emerged in the paperwork I received as Parish Priest, is that we are no longer to work in a partnership with Wanstead and South Woodford Parishes. We are described as a 'stand-alone' Religious Parish. So our contribution to the Diocesan Plan must come from us. What the Bishop wants us to do immediately is to select 3 strands of renewal that are listed in the Vision Document, however one of the strands selected must be Strand 8, material assets. The other strands of renewal are Charity Justice and Social Action, Christian Life and Worship, Education, Family, Formation, Integration, Leaders, Prayer and Spirituality, Priests and People, Vocation to Priesthood, the Young. These are broad titles, if you want to see the thought behind then google 'Brentwood Vision Document.' or visit our website. I know that many of you have done a lot of work on this already but a lot has happened since then and we are in a different situation. We will have to see how we can feed your conversations at home into the deliberations of the Parish Council. Good luck.

Lost/Mislaid

One of our nativity sets that is available to purchase in our shop is missing Mary and Joseph. If you purchased a set last year did we mistakenly provide extra figures. May we ask that you check your set and if you find extras please return them to us. Many thanks for your help

Keep fit classes

Monday evenings in the Becket Centre 8.25-9.15pm with an experienced teacher. Come and get fit while having fun. £5 per session, just turn up and bring water and a mat if you have one. For more details contact Lesley or Claudia via the parish office.

Fr Isidore

Fr Isidore has been moved from Whipps Cross Hospital to the Ainslie Rehabilitation Unit. We wish him a quick recovery.

Congratulation

We extend our congratulation to Chantal Pampellone (St Anthony's Headteacher) and her family on the birth of a her daughter.

Facial Experience

Free Korean Facial Demo Experience. Limited Availability. Please contact Gemma - 07805475490 for details.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th January

8.30 Patricia Metziodzi
10 Narishta Ratnarather RIP
11.30 Lyndsay Delaney anniversary
Ron Handford

Monday 29th January

Marie Hunt RIP
Maureen Chubb

Tuesday 30th January

John Howley RIP
Anne Armstrong RIP
Sarah & Tim McArthy

Wednesday 31st January

Edward Hames 102 years old
Eileen Collins intentions
Martha Charles

Thursday 1st February

Bill Green anniversary
Gian Carla Brusi RIP

Friday 2nd February

Josh get well
Eoin Franey RIP

Saturday 3rd February

10 Pam Wang
6 Bro Raymond RIP

Sunday 4th February

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

Church Cleaning
Saturday 3rd February at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024

£899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Trinity school Vacancies

- Teacher of Business,
 - Teacher of English,
 - Careers Leader,
 - SEN TA,
 - Teacher of Science,
 - Science Administrator & Technical Support
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- Please visit school website for more information.

Volunteers

Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to join us in our mission to our Catholic schools. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact East Anglia's CAFOD representative Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk