



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Johnny Barrett

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Leonard Archer, Patricia Coffey, Patrick Gilligan, Frederick Talbot, Giovanna Clifford, Guy Gois, Bernadette Mace, John Morrill, Phyllis Friend, Brian Howes, Michael Ryan, Alice Day, Mark Fletcher, Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, Arthur Morris, Merry Zeppa, Patricia Connolly, Fr John Dockery, Sister Alberic O'Conner, Marion Page, Ruth Vaz, Mary Ryecroft, Jacqueline Walsh.

Trinity School Applications

Fr Michael Copps will be available to sign **certificates of practice** on the following dates and times:

29th September 3.30 to 5pm
30th September 3.30 to 5pm &
 7 to 8pm
1st October 3.30 to 5pm

No need to book, just come along. There will be more dates offered in October if needed.

Davenant School Applications

If you are applying to Davenant please provide a photo with details on the back of your family name & mass attendance that you have entered on your application to Davenant

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

Thank you for your donation of £424 to Evangelii Gaudium Day

Fairtrade refreshments after 10am Mass Tuesday 30th September

Come and join us in the William Scott room after 10am mass for a friendly chat with a cup of Fairtrade and organic tea or filter coffee, including decaf. All donations will go to Macmillan



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 28th September

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

On this Jubilee of Catechists, we give thanks for the dedicated men and women who serve our Church as educators. May their example inspire us to share the precious gift of faith which has been nurtured in us.

First Reading Amos 6:1a. 4-7

The prophet denounces those who live in idleness and luxury without a thought for anyone in need.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul advises a young Christian leader to witness to the truth by conducting himself irreproachably.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Jesus challenges the indifference of certain rich people towards the poor. He tells an unsettling parable in which someone used to preferential treatment eventually finds the tables turned.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – OUR BEST KEPT SECRET!

Following today's Gospel where God looks after the poor man at the gate, Ron Rolheiser provides us with key teachings of Catholic Social Teaching following: -

- God intended the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human beings. Thus, in justice, created goods should flow fairly to all. All other rights are subordinated to this principle ([Gaudium et Spes](#) 69, [Populorum Progressio](#) 22). We do have a right to private ownership and no one may ever deny us of this right ([Rerum Novarum](#) 3-5, 14; [Quadragesimo Anno](#) 44-56, [Mater et Magistra](#) 109) but that right is subordinated to the common good, to the fact that goods are intended for everyone ([Laborem Exercens](#) 14). Wealth and possessions must be understood as ours to steward rather than to possess absolutely. ([Rerum Novarum](#) 18-19).
 - No person (or nation) may have a surplus if others do not have the basic necessities ([Rerum Novarum](#) 19, [Quadragesimo Anno](#) 50-51, [Mater et Magistra](#) 119-121 & 157-165, [Populorum Progressio](#) 230). Thus, no one may appropriate surplus goods solely for his own private use when others lack the bare necessities for life ([Populorum Progressio](#) 23). People are obliged to come to the relief of the poor and if a person is in extreme necessity he has the right to take from the riches of others what he needs ([Gaudium et Spes](#) 69).
 - The present economic situation in the world must be redressed ([Populorum Progressio](#) 6, 26, 32, [Gaudium et Spes](#) 66, [Octogesima Adveniens](#) 43, [Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#) 43). Thus the law of supply and demand, free enterprise, competition, the profit motive, and the private ownership of the means of production may not be given complete free reign. They are not absolute rights and are only good within certain limits ([Populorum Progressio](#) 26, [Quadragesimo Anno](#) 88, 110).
- In regards to the private ownership of industry and the means of production, two extremes are to be avoided: Unbridled capitalism on the one hand, and complete socialism on the other ([Quadragesimo Anno](#) 46, 55, 111-126).

- Governments must respect the principle of subsidiarity and intervene only when necessary ([Rerum Novarum](#) 28-29, [Quadragesimo Anno](#) 79-80, [Mater et Magistra](#) 117-152). However when the common good demands it they not only may step in, they are obliged to do so ([Populorum Progressio](#) 24, 33, [Mater et Magistra](#) 53, [Gaudium et Spes](#) 71). As well certain forms of property should be reserved for the state since they carry with them an opportunity of domination too great to be left to private individuals ([Quadragesimo Anno](#) 114, [Mater et Magistra](#) 116).
 - Governments may never sacrifice the individual to the collectivity because the individual is prior to civil society and society must be directed towards him or her ([Mater et Magistra](#) 109, [Quadragesimo Anno](#) 26).
 - Employers must pay wages which allow the worker to live in a "reasonable and frugal comfort" ([Rerum Novarum](#) 34) and wages may not simply be a question of what contract a worker will accept. Conversely, workers may not claim that the produce and profits which are not required to repair and replace invested capital belong by right to them ([Quadragesimo Anno](#) 55, 114) and they must negotiate their wages with the common good in mind ([Quadragesimo Anno](#) 119, [Mater et Magistra](#) 112). As is the case with the employer, it is not just a question of what kind of contract can be extracted.
 - Both the workers and the employers have an equal duty to be concerned for the common good ([Laborem Exercens](#) 20).
- And, the condemnation of injustice is part of the ministry of evangelization and is an integral aspect of the Church's prophetic role ([Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#) 42).

All the sources quoted can be accessed on Google.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th September

- 8.30 Frank & Johanna Costello RIP
10 John O'Driscoll RIP
11.30 Marysia Golaszewska anniversary

Monday 29th September

- Philip Ahearne RIP
Eileen Callaghan RIP
Mrs Rose Trill RIP

Tuesday 30th September

- Christopher & Hannah Lobo
Intentions Margaret Griffin

Wednesday 1st October

- Matilda surgery
Johnny Maher anniversary

Thursday 2nd October

- Veronica De Souza

Friday 3rd October

- 11 Funeral Cathy Mair

Saturday 4th October

- 10 Thayarajan Mariampilla RIP
6 Jessie McKay intention

Sunday 5th October

- 8.30 Cathy Mair RIP
10 Mary O'Neill
11.30 Michael Barrett RIP

Church Cleaning
Saturday 4th October at 10.30am
Rhianon Blackwell, Bernie Siggins & Kathleen Mahoney

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest 5th October

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Please take a CAFOD envelope home and post it directly to them or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030, text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. Or use the QR code above.



Maths Tutor

I went to Trinity and have 3 years of experience tutoring Maths. I am also currently doing a Maths degree. Please get in touch if interested! 07933609027 - Carmela

Open Evening

Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form warmly invites families to our **Open Evening on Tuesday, 30th September, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

First Aid Course for Ushers and Volunteers

We are looking to hold a first aid course which will include use of the Defib, if you are interested in joining please let the parish office know by 15th October.