

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Lately dead:

- ◆ Nick Stokes
- ◆ Jake McLean

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Paul Zupan, Stephanie Walsh, Elizabeth O'Brien, Stanley Stringer, Pamela Taylor, Albert Witham, Bernardo Ferrari, Alice Haster, Jackie Jones, Isabelle Tudisca, Doris D'Arcy, William Freeman, Claire Gray, Michael Pearson, Alyce Ridler,

### Can you help?

A parishioner who lives in Prospect Road is looking for assistance with attending 6pm Mass on a Saturday once a month. If you can help please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

## Mass Timetable

*All services at St Thomas of Canterbury 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

### CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

### Becket Centre—Hire

Our Centre is available for hire. The booking form can be found on our website at <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/becket-centre>



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Served by the Franciscans

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( C ) 17th July 2022

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

Today's readings tell us stories of offering welcome to strangers and showing true hospitality. As we gather here today, we too are being offered the hospitality of God.

### First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God's blessing.

### Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

### Gospel Luke 10:38-42

On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality

### Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord



## Parking restrictions

We heard this week that the Council intend to place parking restrictions on Mornington Road and Woodside. Only residents will be permitted to park. This is obviously a matter of great concern to you parents of children at St Antony's school, and possibly also Trinity. We need to think hard about the use of the parish and friary carpark, but also of the adjacent streets. I counted the number of cars parked here and also in Sydney Road this week in the half hour before school ends. It was depressing to find so many parked with engines running to keep the air-con going. In winter it is the same to keep the car occupants warm while waiting. We need to think about the effect on the environment, and especially the air quality for your children. All of this points to a need for radical changes in our practice.

***"With all my heart I have longed for this hour"***

Jesus' words at the Last Supper. With them Pope Francis begins his latest long letter on the quality of our sharing in the Mass. We have been talking about it for some months. But this letter is powerful. It pleads with us all to change the way we use this gift of God. In many ways our practice has deteriorated. And so there is a widespread decline in coming to mass, particularly among the young. It is boring. I'm afraid sadly that it often is for those who come as spectators. Most of us who do come however know it is not boring. For you and we who take our roles actively in making the mass appreciate the gift that comes to us every time. Not excitement, not entertainment, not just "grace" but God himself. The Pope's letter offers us a programme for renewing our understanding and sharing. A task to address when we come back from holiday.

## Friars' Chapter meeting

We will be fully engaged in this meeting from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> evening until the following Friday. So none of us will be available for any of our normal services during those days. The parish office will be open at the usual times.

## First Holy Communion preparation 22/23



Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who will be going into year 3 in September 2022. The application form can be found on the website.

The closing date is **2nd September 2022**. No applications after this date will be accepted.

## Fundraising Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Three of our young parishioners are raising funds so that they can join the trip and assist young teenagers with special needs when they are on their pilgrimage to Lourdes.

***They will be selling ice creams after 10am & 11.30am Masses this weekend.***



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday 17th July**  
8.30 Stephen Hopkins ill  
10 Nick Stoles RIP  
11.30 Martin McNicholas anniversary

**Monday 18th July**  
Pam Bouitault RIP  
Barry McManus RIP

**Tuesday 19th July**  
Pauline Francis 70  
Siegfried Winzer RIP

**Wednesday 20th July**  
Jolan Kopcsamyi /Gyulane RIP  
Peter & Petrina Sutbbings

**Thursday 21st July**  
Ann Casiechetty birthday  
Peter Mahoney intentions

**Friday 22nd July**  
Frederick Bibby RIP  
CWL

**Saturday 23rd July**  
10 Alice Vaz McMahan anniversary  
6 Judith Phillips RIP

**Sunday 24th July**  
8.30 Olga Machado RIP  
10 H Monaghan RIP  
11.30 Alfred & Dorothy Hagger

## Church Cleaning

**Thursday 21st July at 9am**

Jackie John, Maria-Clare Fawcett & Mary Charter

## Bridge Club

Having been running for a year now, we are open again to new members. The setting is informal and not competitive - it is a club for learning and developing in a friendly environment. Beginners are as welcome as more experienced players, and you don't need a partner. If you would like more details please email [bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Trinity Vacancy

Part time 6<sup>th</sup> Form Administrator

Please visit the school website for more information

## Message from the Ukrainian project parish team

We just wanted to thank you very much for your kind contribution to the wish list. With your help and generosity the Friary flat is now ready to receive a family of women and small children fleeing the terrible situation in Ukraine. The gifts have made an accommodation into a practical and safe space but most importantly a homely and welcoming place to live.

***Thank you***