

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

- ◇ Guy Gois
- ◇ Patrick Gilligan

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Beryl Harley, Mary Kevany, George Bright, Rosie Lavin, Bridget Parry, Marie Saliba, Charlotte Welling, Dean Welling, Hugh Brett, Bernadette Craft, Bridie Keown, Sheila Murphy, Sister John MacDonald, Ellen Clarke, Mary Clegg, Hugh Farrelly

Family Fast Day 6th October 2023

CAFOD—Seeds of Hope

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all. Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and green. Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. Amen

CAFOD envelopes for donations are available at the back of the Church

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

Baptism course 8 & 15 November

Applications forms are available on the website

Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Mary and Joseph

The next meeting will take place at Chigwell Convent at 2.00pm on Monday 9th October. New members are welcome to attend



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 8th October 2023

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

Today God invites all of us to work in the vineyard, to help create the world as God wants it to be. There is no room for exploitation and oppression. We are all collaborators, working to build the kingdom where peace, justice and love are the fruits of the harvest.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Israel is pictured as a well-tended vineyard that has only produced sour grapes.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul urges the community to fill their minds with all that is good and true so that the peace of God may be with them.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus uses the parable of the vineyard to warn the Jewish leaders of their failures in leadership.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.



Prisoners Sunday

Next Sunday we are reminded of a section of the population that is largely forgotten. They are those who are in gaol. A caring Christian society is one that shows its values particularly by how it treats those who do wrong. It tries to change their lives for the better. News reports have told us that many prisons are infested with rats and mice and the fabric is in decay and are understaffed.

The Howard League for Penal Reform reports: -
"Prisons should be places of justice. We can make society safer by treating people fairly. Treating people in prison with justice and fairness has a ripple effect and helps us to build safer and fairer communities. A just and fair prison system treats people with consistency, impartiality and respect. A just prison is a place where conflict is resolved and people have the opportunity to turn their lives around. A just prison recognises that punishment is imposed by the courts, and not by the prison. Most prisons in England and Wales are not places of justice. They are more often places of conflict. Violence has risen to record levels in prisons across England and Wales. In the year to June 2019, there were 94 assaults a day, including assaults on staff. In response, prisons are handing out more punishments than ever before. Yet as the number of punishments handed out increases, so do levels of violence. Alternative approaches which prioritise fairness and break the cycle of violence are urgently needed."

Pact is a Catholic Charity that aims to redress this situation in favour of a culture that promotes rehabilitation and return to life in society.

The retiring collection next weekend is for this important cause.

Secondary School Certificates of Practice

Fr Michael will be available to sign certificates of Practice on the following days **Tuesday 10th October** at 3 to 4pm And **Thursday 12th October** 7 to 8pm We will provide dates for infant/primary schools applications in November

Confirmation Programme 2023/4

We would like to invite year 10—13 students who are registered parishioners and who attend Mass at St Thomas to apply to join our 2023/4 confirmation programme. Please complete the registration form which can be found at the back of the Church. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023 at 1.30pm.



Date for your diary

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **25th November** at Trinity School Lower site from 12—4pm. We will need **volunteers** to help set up, run stalls and clear up. If you can help for a couple of hours please contact the parish office. We are also looking for **donations** of unopened bottles, unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, good condition toys & teddies, these can be handed into the Parish Office.

BEAVERS

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader
paulineelkin616@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

Sunday 8th October

8.30 Pat Pinsent RIP
10 Elizabeth & Michael Bergin anniversary
11.30 John Doyle RIP

Monday 9th October

Grace Kumar RIP
Victoire Vella RIP
Hannah Moss

Tuesday 10th October

John McKenna anniversary
Margaret Whelan RIP
Chigwell Jacinta McKay intentions

Wednesday 11th October

Bernadette Craft anniversary
Sheila Murphy anniversary
Trinity intentions

Thursday 12th October

Johanna Costello anniversary
Hannah Moss
Funeral 12 noon Anne O'Mahoney

Friday 13th October

Vincent Browne RIP
Chris Bell RIP
Ian Howes RIP

Saturday 14th October

10 Georgia Pestell
6 Angelina Pallattolo recovery

Sunday 15th October

8.30 Bernadette Craft RIP
10 People of the Parish
11.30 Marie Hill RIP

Church Cleaning Saturday 14th October at 10.30am

Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Spanish Lessons for Children at The Becket Centre

On Thursdays at 4.00pm GCSE preparation. On Fridays at 4.30pm for 8 – 11-year-olds. Please contact Amaia on 07957 133176
info@bilingokids.co.uk,

English Literature Tuition

For A Level small group sessions term time Fridays - spaces available from October. I am an English teacher with over 20 years experience, DBS checked and fully insured. I run several GCSE, A Level and KS3 groups locally. Contact Theresa
theresaosullivan2002@yahoo.co.uk.



Parish Golf Day 23rd November 2023

A parishioner has kindly offered to organise a Golf Day at Chigwell to include a two course meal. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the

Church. The cost will be in the region of £51 per person. If you wish to join please email the Parish office.

Tickets on Sale!! International Food Evening

On Saturday 21st October in the Beckett Centre at 19:30 we shall be hosting the International Food Evening. Please come and join us for an evening of great food and fun. Tickets are now available for purchase from the parish office or if you are unable to get to the parish office, email michellespears@live.co.uk .
Adults £8 and children £5.