

Anniversaries:

Anthony Murphy, Terence O'Brian, Margaret Arthur, Gerald Cobb, Marlene Cooper, Mrs Eileen Morrill, Frances Piller, Victor Van-Boolen, Rosa Black, Victor Charter, Fiona Daniels, Adolf Dourado, Simon Eustace, Peter Hinton, Michael Sullivan, Martha Tracey, Zofia Baranska, Philippe Camilleri, Patrick Grant, Hilda Hannigan, Madeleine Khai, Christine Thurston

Spanish Classes

9 – 11 years-old at the Becket Centre on Fridays at 3:30 – 4:30pm. Contact Amaia 07957 133176 info@bilingokids.co.uk

Yoga Classes at the Becket Centre

Contact Claudia 07973 122 322 Or visit soulfullyogaandfitness.com for more information - all fitness and abilities welcome.

Repair Cafe

St Mary's welcomes attendance of parishioners from St Thomas to the **free** REPAIR CAFE **10am-1pm, Saturday 24 January** in the Memorial Hall, 209 High Road, E18 2PA. Electrical and mechanical repairs, watch repairs, clothing mending, bicycle MOT, toy swap and toy reconditioning, jewellery cleaning, small appliance recycling - See poster on noticeboard in the porch.

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

CONFESIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Baptism Course

For first time parents will take place on 11th & 18th March. Applications forms are on the website.

Cleaner Wanted

Local Family Home

We are looking for a reliable and friendly cleaner to help maintain our family home. 14 hours per week. Previous experience preferred, attention to detail. Please contact Emma on 07787524868.

Altar Linen

We are looking for two additional volunteers to join our team to help with the cleaning and care of the altar linens.

PAX CHRISTI

Second Collection raised £542.00.
Thank you.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time(A) 18th January 2026

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

Jesus reveals that God conquers the world, not through violence but through love. "All we are saying is give peace a chance!"

First Reading Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

God's Servant is a "light for the nations", bringing salvation to the world.

Responsorial Psalm

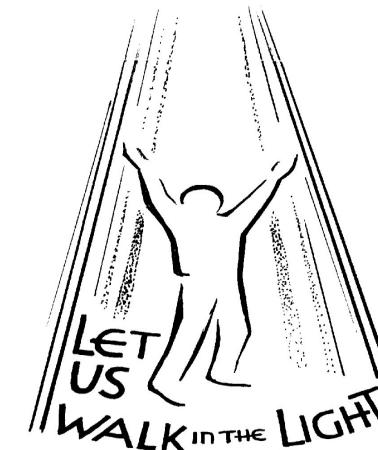
Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul is called to be an apostle – one who is sent with the Good News about Jesus.

Gospel John 1:29-34

John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Our relations with other Christian Churches here are cordial. However they lack the centrality to our efforts which Pope Benedict hoped for: -

The full and visible Christian unity that we long for demands that we let ourselves be transformed and that we conform ever more perfectly to the image of Christ. The unity we pray for requires an inner conversion that is both common and personal. It is not merely a matter of cordiality or cooperation, it is necessary above all to strengthen our faith in God, in the God of Jesus Christ, who spoke to us and made himself one of us. It is necessary to enter into new life in Christ, who is our true and definitive victory; it is necessary to open ourselves to one another, understanding all the elements of unity that God keeps for us and gives us ever anew; it is necessary to be aware of the urgent need to bear witness among the people of our time to the living God, who made himself known in Christ.

The Second Vatican Council made the ecumenical search the centre of the Church's life and activity: "The Sacred Council exhorts all the Catholic faithful to recognize the signs of the times and to take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism" (Unitatis Redintegratio, 4). Blessed John Paul II underlined the essential nature of this task, saying, "This unity, which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people, is not something added on, but stands at the very heart of Christ's mission. Nor is it some secondary attribute of the community of his disciples. Rather, it belongs to the very essence of this community" (Encyclical Ut Unum Sint, n. 9).

Hence the ecumenical task is a responsibility of the entire Church and of all the baptized, who must develop the partial communion that already exists among Christians and make it grow into full communion in truth and in charity.

The prayer for unity is consequently not restricted to this Week of Prayer but must become an integral part of our prayers, of the life of prayer of all Christians, in every place and in every time, especially when people of different traditions meet and work together for the victory, in Christ, over all that is sin, evil, injustice and the violation of human dignity.

Since the birth of the modern ecumenical movement, more than a century ago, there has always been a clear awareness that the lack of unity among Christians is an obstacle to a more effective proclamation of the Gospel, because it endangers our credibility. How can we give a convincing witness if we are divided?

Franciscan life: Invitation

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 years pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life, and Franciscan life; (website: www.friar.org). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact Br Dónal ofm via email - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

Henrietta Suite

As you may have noticed, the refurbishment has been 99% complete for many weeks. The 1% is the bar and kitchen shutters and their counters, which have taken a long time to manufacture. The shutters must close automatically in the event of fire, and without them we have no complete fire certificate and no sign-off. Exceedingly frustrating.

The promised delivery and installation dates make it likely that we will officially take possession and start using the suite by the end of January (2026!).

Our remaining equipment is being put into the kitchen and storerooms this weekend. Those hiring the hall are being kept informed, and a formal opening event is being planned for a Saturday afternoon in February - the exact date will be published asap.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th January

8.30am - Jean Dakin RIP
10am - Angelina Palottolo RIP
11.30am - Gloria Padreddi

Monday 19th January

Paddy & Margaret Ward & family
Trinity intentions

Tuesday 20th January

Mary Pamplin
Chigwell - Intention for Sr Julie Rose

Wednesday 21st January

Ann Daly's sister RIP
Chigwell - Julian Goode

Thursday 22nd January

In memory Brian Correya
Joan Robinson RIP
Chigwell - S Reilly

Friday 23rd January

Mrs Nutall

Saturday 24th January

10am - Tim Douggan
6pm - Bill & Iris Mansbridge anniversary

Sunday 25th January

8.30am - Sheila Miles RIP
10am - People of the parish
11.30am - Patrick McLaughlin
Chigwell - Lawrence Teuma anniversary

Church Cleaning Friday, 23rd January at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Michelle Liddle, Agatha Emohare, Susan Juffs

Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Compassion- Upton Park

The post will be part-time working 10 hours per week. The closing date for applications is 12pm on 31st January 2026. If you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to uptonpark@brcdt.org.

Trinity Vacancies

- Teacher of Geography
- DT Technician
- Teacher of Spanish

Please visit school website for more information.

BCCS Afternoon Tea

The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Tickets are £35 per person - to book your place search www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ or contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18th - 25th.

The service for Christian Unity will be held at St. Mary's, South Woodford, on Sunday, January 18th at 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available after the service. Everyone is welcome at this gathering in which the Christians of Woodford pray together for the needs of our world.

Quiz night

In support of Buckhurst Hill Money Advise Services 7th February - St John's church, High Road, Buckhurst Hill, 6.45pm for 7pm starts. £10 per person. Cash only.