

**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



Anniversaries:

Cecil Ayles, Patricia Freeman,
Guilielmuis Latore, Jeremiah Murphy,
Mario Castelletti, Sister Kathleen
Cronin, Susan Kemp, Palmira Pieroni,
Mary James, Douglas Bacon, Brian
Beveridge, Honoria Mathieson, Maureen
Noden, Michael O'Meara, Luca Marrai,
Edward Pestell, Brian Skelt, Angelo
Francescotti, Margaret Wright, Andrea
Battistini, Antonio Cancellò, William
Burke, Deceased members of Burke,
Fitzpatrick and Charles families.

Blessed sacrament Adoration 14th & 15th November



There are prayer
cards at the back of
church for your use.
We do not hope that
you will join us
sometime over the
24 hour adoration
period

10am Mass on Sunday 16 November

The Music Group regrets that it is
unable to lead the singing on 16
November but will resume the following
week

St Thomas' - Alpha course Commences 9th January

Alpha is a series of group conversations
that freely explore the basics of the
Christian faith in an open,
friendly environment.

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

Stratford Event

On Saturday 6 December, St Francis
Church, Stratford, will be hosting the 150th
Anniversary of Gerard Manley Hopkins'
poem, 'The Wreck of the Deutschland',
recalling the five Franciscan nuns who
perished in the Thames Estuary and
whose bodies were brought to St Francis'
church. Bishop Alan will lead the Service
of Remembrance at 7.15pm.
Refreshments will be served in the lower
hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

will next meet on 10th November at
2.00pm at Chigwell Convent. All welcome.



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Served by the Franciscans

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2025

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

Today, in addition to celebrating Remembrance Sunday we
commemorate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, remembering that
all churches are sacred places of worship, committed to peace,
forgiveness and compassion.

First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

In his vision the prophet Ezekiel sees the water of life flowing from the
Temple of God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11.16-17

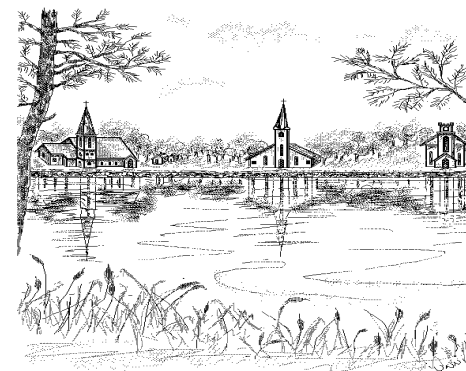
St Paul warns the Christians of Corinth that they are drifting into factions
and forgetting that they should build their faith on Jesus.

Gospel John 2:13-22

Jesus drives out the traders who have turned the Temple into a
marketplace.

Responsorial Psalm

The waters of a river give joy to
God's city, the holy place, the
abode of the Most High.



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Some feasts in the Church have been called Architectural Feasts and this is one of them. However, Pope Francis speaking in the church that is the particular Cathedral of the City of Rome, saw it as a Feast for the people of his diocese but also for the people of every diocese. In this extract he addresses the lay people who have ministry in the diocese.

In order to better understand today's Gospel passage, we must highlight an important characteristic. The merchants were in the courtyard reserved for Gentiles, the area that was accessible to non Jews. This very hall had been transformed into a market. But God wants his temple to be "a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is 56:7). Hence, Jesus' decision to topple the currency exchange tables and to drive away the animals. This purification of the sanctuary was necessary so that Israel could rediscover its vocation: to be a light for all people, a small group of people chosen to serve the salvation that God wants to give everyone. Jesus knows that this provocative behaviour will cost him dear. And when they ask him: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" (Jn 2:18), the Lord answers by saying: "*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up*" (Jn 2:19).

And it is this very verse which I want to offer to you pastoral teams, this evening. You have been entrusted with the task of helping your communities and pastoral workers to reach all the city's inhabitants, identifying new ways to encounter those who are distant from the faith and from the Church. However, in carrying out this service, you bear within this awareness, this trust: there is no human heart in which Christ does not want to and cannot be reborn. In our lives as sinners, we often happen to distance ourselves from the Lord and to dampen the Spirit.

We destroy the temple of God which is each of us. And yet this is never a definitive situation: three days are enough for the Lord to rebuild his temple within us!

As much as they may have been wounded by evil, no one is condemned to be forever separated from God on this earth. In an often mysterious but real way, the Lord opens new small openings in hearts, the desire for truth, good and beauty that make room for evangelization.

It is the history of some of us: deep conversions that are fruit of the unpredictable action of grace! I am thinking about Vatican Council II: "since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" (*Gaudium et Spes*, n. 22).

Christmas Fayre



For anyone thinking of doing a pre Christmas clear out

Donations needed:

Teddies (new or pre loved)

Unopened toiletry sets

Unopened gift sets

New or very good condition toys

Raffle prizes

Donations can be given to the parish office at St Thomas of Canterbury Church before Thursday 27th November.

Volunteers for the day of the Fayre also needed to help set up, help on the stalls and help clear down

Also please see the poster for the **wreath making event**, booking required

Please contact jo.ferrari@gmail.com or 07976755602 for more information



Mass Intentions

Sunday 9th November

8.30 Fl/Sgt Thomas Crossman & associates RAF

10 Harrison Nada Kantounas RIP

11.30 All named before the altar NDL

Monday 10th November

Intention Tony Burns & family
Breda Long birthday

Tuesday 11th November

Elliott James Green
The Meyler family

Wednesday 12th November

Cornelius O'Sullivan
Maureen Gore very ill
Maureen Pestell sick

Thursday 13th November

Elizabeth Hetherington anniversary
Colin Gilbert RIP

Friday 14th November

Nora Power RIP
Deceased brethren ofm

Saturday 15th November

10 Peggy Maunsell anniversary
6 William Correya & Thomas Carvalho

Sunday 16th November

8.30 Neil O'Sullivan RIP
10 Nora Power RIP
11.30 Richard Beveridge anniversary

**Mass every day for those
named before the altar**

Church Cleaning

Friday 14th November at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Susanna Barnoin, Susan Juffs, Agatha Emohare, Nesther Muradzikwa & Michelle

Holy Communion Programme

1. First confessions

Parents are invited to book a slot for their child's first confession. The timetable is available at the back of church from Monday. When you attend the confession meeting please bring along your "I belong " book.

2. Parents & Children Meeting

Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm
or Saturday 6th December at 11am
There is no need to book, just come along to either of these meetings.

St Anthony's School Applications

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

17th November 3.15 to 5pm

18th November 3.15 to 5pm &
7 to 8pm

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

**Sunday 23 November: Chigwell
Convent Folk Music Mass at 10am**

The choir and musicians will provide enhanced music settings to our hymns. We do hope you can join us to sing praise to God.

Confirmation Programme

Please note that you only have a few days left to register for our 2026 confirmation programme. Please visit the website to register.