

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

- ◇ Kevin O'Brien
- ◇ Sandra Houghton

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Stanley Dias, Gillian Doherty, Clara Farley, Peter Marsh, Katherine McMahon, Teresa Tyner, Theresa Zechmeister, Gerard Brunning, Ellen Dye, Witold Korkiewicz, John Murphy, Eugene Vas, Mary Sears, Evarita Sidonie, Patricia O'Connell, Cornelius Neenan, Kathleen Linge, Yvonne Poulter, Jean Baker, Eileen Foulger, James Gorman, Richard Stout, Ben Naismith, Dennis McCarthy.

Thank you from the Food Bank

On behalf of Redbridge Foodbank, we would like to say 'Thank you very much' for all the donations of food that have been received over the last few years. We collect on a Tuesday morning and take donations to the Jubilee Church in Ilford, there it is weighed, sorted, and boxed to be distributed to needing clients by a happy bunch of volunteers. The centre is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. If you would like more info or indeed would like to volunteer, please check the web site for details:

www.redbridge.foodbank.org.uk

Mass Timetable

Our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses 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 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

Friary Tennis Club Quiz Night Saturday 12th November

Starts 7:30pm in the Becket Centre
Admission: £8 per person, licensed bar, but please bring your own food
Please email ftcwoodford@gmail.com or phone 07968-173110 to reserve places or for more details.
We have just re-laid our courts and need to replenish our funds, so your support would be very welcome - and you will enjoy yourselves too!



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 30th October 2022

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

Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus tells Zacchaeus. We gather so that we too may experience the Lord's salvation and healing in this house.

First Reading

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

Our patient God is a lover of life, whose spirit fills all things.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Paul prays that God will make us worthy of our call.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus meets Jesus, who comes to seek out and save those who are lost.

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.



Go to Mass?

Walking down the High Road last week I fell in with a family of SToC. "Has the church started Sunday masses yet after covid?" "We've just drifted since then but would like to come back". Are there many in this situation I wonder. Critical to our present situation is the difference between *Going to Mass* on one hand and *Taking part in the Mass* on the other. If people just Go to Mass as spectators there is little progress. Friends drift apart if they do not communicate. So do I drift from God without real interaction with Father Son and Holy Spirit. Just one example: Music and song are essentials for a good liturgy. We are trying to develop this form of sharing – for it is you that bring Jesus down to be with us. Not just the priest. Servers, readers, stewards, ushers, sacristans, cleaners, linen carers, child-liturgic carers, Ministers of communion – you are all engaged in making the mass. That way it is interesting. Through sharing

Telco

In the present political turmoil the possibility of a general election looms. That is when politicians listen to our requests. Telco uses the opportunity to get promises from aspiring MPs. Our parish Telco members are quietly very active. They are doing much to support our Ukraine and Syrian refugees. They have gained MP's support to gain recognition for the undocumented immigrants very unjustly deprived of social benefits and citizenship. The living wage and affordable housing continue on their agenda. More Telco members needed. We can squeeze change from our political and business leaders.

Confirmation Programme 2023
The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022 at 1.30pm.
<https://forms.gle/wVjDoRkVgyKyM92h8>

"I have longed and longed to eat this pasch with you"

Pope Francis quotes Jesus as he begins the Last Supper, and his torture to death. He continues: "We are inclined to think only of ordained ministers carrying out the service. I think of all the gestures and words that belong to the assembly: gathering, processions, being seated, standing, kneeling, being in silence, acclamations, singing, looking, listening. Everyone doing the same gesture, everyone speaking together in one voice transmits to each individual the energy of the entire assembly." "The liturgy is done with things that are the exact opposites of spiritual abstractions: bread, wine, oil, water, fragrances, fire, ashes, rock, fabrics, colours, body, words, sounds, silences, gestures, space, movement, action, order, time, light. The whole of creation leads to the encounter with Jesus" If we can all take this seriously there can never be mention of boredom.



Catechists Training

David Wells is offering Catechetical Training and Resources on Saturday, 5th November 10am-3pm. David is powerful and much sought-after. More information is available on the notice board in the Porch.

Remembrance Sunday

Church parade is at 10am mass on the 13th November.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th October

8.30 Pina Torrisi RIP
10 Dr Jim Sainsbury anniversary
11.30 Deceased Players of St Francis Football Club

Monday 31st October

TBC

Tuesday 1st November

TBC

Wednesday 2nd November

Stuart Hobbs RIP

Thursday 3rd November

TBC

Friday 4th November

TBC

Saturday 5th November

TBC

Sunday 6th November

Donald Dourado RIP

A full list of intentions will be available on the notice board next week

Dates for your diary

All Saints 1st November

Vigil Mass on 31st October at 7.30pm
&
10am & 8pm on 1st November

6th November 4pm

Bereavement Service

Don't Forget

The clocks go back this weekend

Thank you from PACT

Thank you for your recent generous donation which was over £700.

Church Cleaning

Friday 4th November at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Christine Acons, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kiernon, Agatha Emohare, Mary Clare Fawcett & Michelle Liddle

Christmas Fayre 19th November 2022

Donations of jewellery, bottles and unused toiletries should be left in the parish office. Donations of good quality toys, teddies, and unwanted gifts can be left in the porch at the back of church. Any donations of cakes for the CWL stall can be dropped off on the day at the Fayre please (Trinity lower site). We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Christmas Fayre on Friday 18th & Saturday 19th November. Please contact the office if you can lend your support.

And most importantly please come along and support us on the day, there will be lots of activities for children, a visit from Fr Christmas and many stalls, refreshments and live music!



The home produce stall is asking for a donation of jams, chutneys, bread, large cakes. Please bring fresh produce on the day.

London Marathon 2023

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the London Marathon taking place on Sunday 23rd April 2023. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk.