

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Eva Beschizza, Lestor Haslam, Ellen Harris, Michael Hogan, Jacintha Wickramaratne, Mrs Kelly, Candida Rapacioll, John Gaerty, Albert Mahoney, Paul Smith, Eva Sullivan, Margaret Collins, Jake McLean, Julie Ball, Annie LeComte, Dorothy Waight, John Mitchell, Joan Bright, Anna Powley, Sister Meehan, Thomas Jolly, Sarah (Saidie) Kelly, Mary Luxton, Ronald Luxton, Nicholas Stokes.

Concert

Saturday July 8th at 7.45 pm
(This will not be live streamed)

A summer concert will be held in the church, with the return of the professional 'Lux Aeterna' orchestra and a superb choir of parish singers. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are available from the Parish Shop and Office. The cost is £12 (side aisle) and £14 (central bench) inclusive of Programme & interval refreshments. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by parents/carer. **To purchase tickets**, please put your details on an envelope, with your name, how many tickets, if any are for children and put the correct cash inside.

Thank you

The second collection last weekend raised over £450.00 for peters pence

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

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass Monday 10th July

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on at 11.30am.



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Served by the Franciscans

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 2nd July 2023

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

We are called to take up our cross and follow Christ. We gather as the body of Christ, walking the way of the cross and rejoicing in the true freedom of God's children.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

The prophet Elisha receives hospitality and repays it with the promise of new life.

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

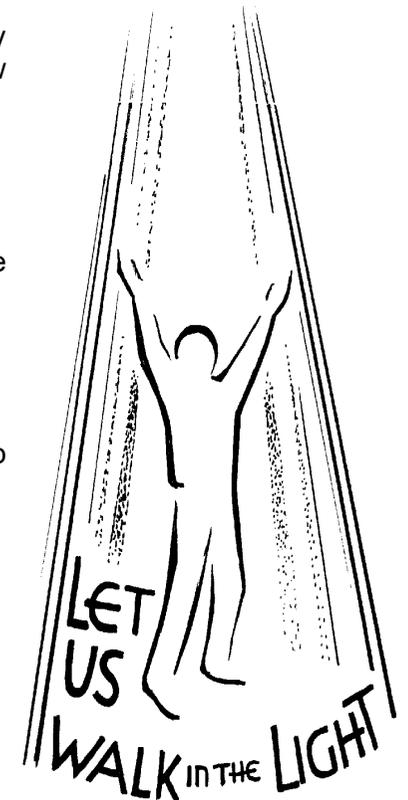
By baptism, we come to share in the divine life of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

To be worthy of Christ, we must take up our cross and follow him.

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.



Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual meeting of our Parish will take place after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 9th July 2023.

Many parishes are “run” by the Parish Priest. Some of them do have a Parish Council. In St Thomas our Council has real authority. If there is a difference of view between priest and Council, the Council will normally prevail. We do act collegially. We do put collegiality, synodality into practice.

At next Sunday’s meeting the Council gives account of its practice, its administration and future hopes. There two vacancies to be filled. If you are interested to find out more and maybe joining in future years it is not too soon to be thinking of what we hope our parish to be as it develops. And what each member can contribute.

This week we priests in the Friary have been discussing how we are, and how we should be, exercising our part with you in this. We have been hearing and heeding Pope Francis’ vision of a church organised collegially. That means decisions and orders do not come from the top. Management works through discussion and mutual agreement of all. When problems arose in the small idyllic stage of the early church the apostles met. Practical government needed someone else to take it in hand. “Our job is to preach and pray” they said and appointed deacons and elders. We are looking at a similar critical point, and in the context of the Diocesan precept of partnership.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for Sea Sunday

Annual Reports

The **Accounts** for 2022/2023 are available on the website and at the back of the Church. If you have any questions please direct them to the Parish Office in the first instance.

The **Annual Report** from the Chair of the Parish Council is also available on the website and on the notice board in the Church Porch.

Copies of these reports will be available at the AGM or on request from the Parish Office.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Holy Communion preparation 2023/24

Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who will be going into year 3 in September 2023.



The application form can be found on the website. The closing date is **6th September 2023**. No applications after this date will be accepted.



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for the week will be posted on the Church Notice Board

Sunday 2nd July Mass in the garden at 11.30am

This has now become one of the most enjoyable gatherings of our year – or at least of our summer. So on Sunday there will be no mass in the church at St Thomas. Instead I hope everybody – all those who normally attend one of the morning masses and many others, will gather in the garden at 11.30. First there will be Mass. And then a picnic. Please bring your own and then maybe we will share a little. And do pray for sunshine. Music and dancing is on the agenda for the afternoon.

Summer Fete A Big thank you

To the organisers, to those that helped out and more importantly to all of you who came along and made it such a lovely, lively friendly occasion for our Church Community. Well done and thank you. There are some photos on the website. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Will meet on Monday 10th of July at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent.

Church Cleaning Thursday 6th July at 9am

Sue Mansbridge, Jackie John
Mary Charter, Srimathie Cruz
Margaret Parkinson

Can you help?

15th Woodford Brownies meet in the Becket Centre every Tuesday at 6.30 pm during term time. To continue to offer our young people a space to have fun, play, learn and create memories we need volunteers. If you're over 18 please consider offering your time to our future generations and fresh ideas to the group. Contact Diane to find out more on 07795 220142

Vacancy

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a Secretary/Administrator. Please visit the school website for more information.
www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Invitation

Mass at St Thomas' for Mrs Christine Brown, Deputy Head of Loyola for 24 years. It is an open invitation to past pupils and their families or anyone associated with the school to come along and celebrate her remarkable service to Loyola and her retirement. The mass will be on **Thursday 6th July** at 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to
www.prolifepilgrimage.org