



**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**

Lately dead: Denise Sterns

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Lynn Chaplin, Joseph Marie, Donald Copping, Hannah Waite, Elizabeth Bermingham, Mary Snares, Michael Butterworth, James Farrell, Patricia Kalinaukas, Michael O'Neill, Winnie McLaughlin, Veronica Boe, John Burnham, Francesco Faccini, Jocelyn Sonderskov, Ferruccio Pieropan, Lotte Hollie O'Neill, Louis Ah-Lim, Kathleen Stokes, Mary Chappell, Georgine Easter, Armenia De Sa, Kay Stokes, Eileen Godber.

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

Please wear a facemask when attending Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent

CONFESSIONS

After Mass on Saturday morning OR
by appointment

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

St Thomas' Website



We are looking for willing volunteers to help us develop and improve our website.

If you can help in any way please contact Geraldine at the Parish Office.



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**Third Sunday in Lent (C)
20th March 2022**

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

Lent is a time to reprioritise the place of Jesus Christ in our lives and to turn more deeply to him, trusting in his mercy and love.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

The Lord hears the cry of his people's suffering and sends Moses to lead them to the promised land.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

Be vigilant in living the life of faith.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus calls us to repent and patiently waits for our response.



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

A new way of being church

Obviously our main preoccupation is with the war in Ukraine and the plight of those suffering there and those fleeing for their lives. Still there are two issues not calling so immediately for our attention but of huge importance for our future. They are: the environment and our church. If we lose our faith and our commitment to the church our future is empty and futile.

Where does real authority lie?

At present our Diocesan and Parish structure consists of a number of local communities each dependent on a priest. Already we see this crumbling. The news that the Norbertines will shortly leave the Diocese is just one more reminder that priests are becoming rarer. Also older. There will not be a supply of priests who will "take charge". So if we wish to have a church in the future it must have a very different structure. You are the church. On the display board you see an attempt to spell out the wish-list you gave us 2 weeks ago. It is an invitation to you to identify what you personally can contribute. StoC is vibrant at the moment. It can continue to morph into what the Holy Spirit is telling us. It all depends on you.

The Board

You will see post-its and pens available beside the display. Please use them. If you have comments positive or negative, suggestions, ideas or other please add them. For a Synod all your ideas are important.

But then we must get real.
"Actions more important than ideas"
says the Pope.

Tell us what you can do.

The church of the first centuries

The Apostles were not priests. Their job was to preach and pray. When administration problems began to sour the idyllic life of the first community of Jesus' followers they promptly invented a new service group. It was the Deacons. And so it went on developing. Paul lists some of the offices that together made up the church: "some were prophets (people who tell about God), some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers.." and so on. No mention of priests. They came later, bundling together a lot of jobs that should be shared out among many. Find them on the board. When shared out each can be done effectively. That is what we need to reconstruct. Will you do it? Do you care enough to make the inevitable sacrifices?

Breaking news

There is an ambitious project afoot to bring some 30 refugees into the parish and care for them. It is an initiative coming from the resourceful "mums" of the parish. But they and we will be looking for much help from everybody. More news soon

Porch Decoration

The painters will be working in the Porch area from 22nd March for a few days. Access to weekday Mass will be via the Parish Office .



Please take care when entering & leaving the premises during this time.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th March

8.30 Brendan Hopkins RIP
10 People of Ukraine
11.30 Philomena Callanan anniversary
People of the parish

Monday 21st March

John Burnham anniversary
Rosemary Dunn
Sr Marie Galvin intentions

Funeral 11am Olga Machado

Tuesday 22nd March

Carmel & Dennis Cork anniversary
Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Dame Catherine Whybourne OSB

Wednesday 23rd March

Michael Butterworth anniversary
Shepherd & Lampard families
People of Ukraine

Thursday 24th March

John Martin RIP
Brian Fanning RIP
Danny Ferrari RIP

Friday 25th March

Eddie Marie RIP
Catherine Emerson (nee Freeman)
Veronica Bush RIP

Saturday 26th March

10 Georgia Perera anniversary
6 Mary Prendergast RIP

Sunday 27th March

8.30 Olga Machado
10 People of Ukraine
11.30 Tim Stock RIP
People of the parish



Church Cleaning Saturday 26th March at 10.30am

Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turnell

Lenten Lunches



Come and join us for soup and a chat in the Becket Centre from 12.15pm each Friday.

FHC Group B

Will meet in the Becket Centre on 26th March at 10am

Confirmation Candidates

Will meet in the Becket Centre on 24th March at 7.15pm.

Trinity Vacancies

- Teacher of mathematics,
- SEN TA,
- Exam invigilators

Please visit the school website for more information

Foster family

If you would like to find out more about fostering for Redbridge, please email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or call us on 020 8708 6068. Alternatively, join our next information session. Visit www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering to book a place.