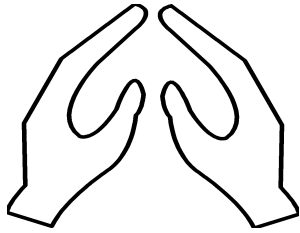


**PRAY FOR  
THE SICK**



**Anniversaries:**

Sam Sebutt, George Dadswell, Sister Mary Halligan, Margaret Murphy, Raymond Stokes, Frederick Glock, Sister Margaret O'Brien, Saunders Wilkie, Claude Barnes, Harry Kenyon, Theodore De Freitas, George Mace, Anne Newton, Alice Bryant, Mary Sullivan, Patricia Biggs, Mary Wilkinson, Hannah Dowdell, Christopher Nestor, Alice Tucker, Eileen Hands, Sarah Glyde, Sister O'Leary, Kathleen Mallott, Mollie Wood, Carmen Cilia, Mabel Harris, Sarah Saunders.

**Thank you**

**Lenten Lunches 2022**

The lunches raised a total of 2,035 for Mary's Meals, which is a record. Also a record was the number of attendees who joined us, coming from various churches in the vicinity. A truly economical event. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way: those who donated soup, those who helped on the day, and those who came to enjoy the lunches and made them such convivial occasions.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

**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)*



*Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre*

10am Chigwell Convent

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

10am St Thomas'  
9.30am Chigwell Convent

**CONFESSIONS**

Take place after 10am Mass on Saturdays

**BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

**Thank you**

**Holy Land Collection**

Thank you for the generous donation of over £1200 for the Holy Land.



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**Second Sunday of Easter (C)  
24th April 2022**

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

In today's Gospel reading, the risen Jesus comes among his disciples. As we gather to celebrate the mystery of Easter in our Eucharist, we remember that the risen Lord is just as present here among us as he was with those first disciples.

**First Reading**

Acts 5:12-16

Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.

**Second Reading**

Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

**Gospel**

John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.



**Responsorial Psalm**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

## Thank you

Holy week was unlike any previous. Very sincerely I thank you who did a great deal through the week to provide for the liturgies to run smoothly. We friars were all suddenly infected with covid and variously debilitated. You showed much concern for us which we do appreciate. With all the problems I felt the great liturgies from Maundy to Easter day were very sincere and moving. With pressure off I think we are coming back to normal from this weekend. And I thank you for your very generous collection. We friars are much blessed.

## What comes now?

You see the great improvements to our church and the parish facilities that have slowly grown through recent months. Again there are many to thank for persevering through all the inevitable problems. Now it is time to take stock of what happens in the buildings. They are for you and you are the church.

Covid has in some ways resembled a death. Now we have a resurrection. On Easter Sunday Jesus told the disciples clearly to get started on the work for which he had spent three years training them. Much of the day-to-day organisation of our parish's prayer- caring - teaching works has been suspended for many months. We need to restore the lists, rotas, and patterns of regular life.

So I propose to make a start with **bringing back our altar servers:** Will all who wish to continue their practice of serving please tell the office. Will young people beyond the age of 7 who would like to be a server please do the same. We have a large array of different-sized albs freshly laundered. We need boys and girls who will wear them proudly in serving Our Lord.

## First Holy Communion

### *Parent & Children to attend the next sessions*

Group A 30th April 10 to 12 noon

Group B 7th May 10 to 12 noon

### **Help needed at First Holy Communion Masses in May/June**

Over 100 of our children will be making their first Holy Communion at special masses. If any Ushers, Readers, Sacristans, Ministers of Communion are available to assist to make these events even more special please contact the Parish Office.

## School Vacancies

### **St Mary's Chingford**

- Special Needs Assistant (SNA)
- Experienced KS1/KS2 Class Teacher Adhoc Cleaner
- Urgently Needed – Adhoc Middy Assistant

### **St Anthony's**

- KS1/KS2 Teacher
- Early Years Learning Support Assistant
- SEN Learning Support Assistant-
- Mid-Day Assistant

Please visit the relevant Schools website for more information

## Dates for your Diary

### **Outdoor Mass**

**12<sup>th</sup> June**

### **PPC**

**13<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Summer Fete**

**25<sup>th</sup> June**

### **AGM**

**10<sup>th</sup> July  
after 11.30am Mass**

### **Adoration**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Bereavement Service**

**6<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Christmas Fayre**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

## Church Cleaning

**Thursday 28 April at 9am**  
Jackie John, Maria-Claire Fawcett,  
Mary Charter & Louise Deans

## Special concert

The Choir of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in London is performing a special concert at St Mary's on **Saturday 30 April at 7.30pm.** The concert is approximately one hour long and includes Ukrainian Christian music and songs, with all proceeds going to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal for Ukraine. Tickets are £15 (£10 students and concessions) and are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-woodford> )

## Baptism Congratulations

The following children were baptised at St Thomas' in April, we welcome them into our community;  
Harry Moore, Luciana Aranjó,  
Santi Edwards, Amaia Smylie,  
Amber Kelly & Frankie Kelly.

## Scope in Loughton

We have volunteer vacancies for the following, till users, steamers, sorting, book and vinyl specialists. All enquiries please call 020 8502 1328 or email [Loughton.shop@scope.org.uk](mailto:Loughton.shop@scope.org.uk)

## SVP

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance please contact the SVP in total confidence via the Parish Office.

***More information about the above events will follow in due course***