

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Edmund Roberts

May he rest in peace

Brian Correya funeral will be held on the 28th of June at 11am at St Thomas of Canterbury.

Anniversaries:

Laurence Dillon, Virgil Gillings, Winnifred Nethercott, Kathleen Bacon, Irmgard Bass, Eileen Beerli, Henry Gosling, Hema Perera, Oona Nora Douglas, Christina Morris, Dennis Robinson, Agnes Sandy, John Joseph, Joan Morgan, Dissanayake Chandradasa, Carl De Run, Nora Eustace, Jenie Kenny, Sister Josepha Loughman, Patricia Pieroni, Patrick Gallagher, Kenny Kingman, Raymond Wood, Sonia Malone, Nena Morris, Sam Chandradasa.

Parish AGM

This will take place in the Henrietta Suite after the 11:30 mass on Sunday **14th July**. Please come and hear what has happened and what is planned, and review the parish accounts.

We need more **volunteers to join** the PPC, and will have a short meeting to explain what is involved for prospective members in the Assisi room upstairs after the 11:30 mass on Sunday 23rd June. If you might be interested, please come.

Nomination forms can be found on our website or in the church porch.

The closing date for any formal motions to be put to the AGM is 23rd June. These should be sent to the parish office.

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

Wedding Congratulations

To Collins and Eniola who were married
at St Thomas' last weekend.

Summer Camp

Mandalingo Chinese Summer Camp is
now running from 27-30 August at the
Becket Centre. Please contact Qian at
07843 436783 for any bookings or visit
www.mandalingo.co.uk.

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection after all
masses this weekend for **Day for life**.

Volunteers needed

The church is short of volunteers to help
with Altar laundry. If you can help, please
send an email to the parish office.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Served by the Franciscans

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 16th June 2024

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

Today is the eleventh Sunday in the Ordinary Time of the Church's year. At this, as at every Mass, Jesus welcomes us to hear his word and to receive him into our hearts.

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

In his image of a tree Ezekiel paints us a picture of the Lord who cares for his people and brings them to shelter and safety.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

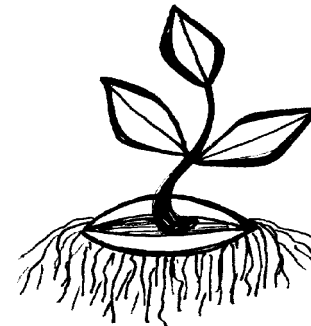
Paul writes of his longing to be with the Lord and his intention of pleasing him always.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Jesus tells us two parables to show us that for the Kingdom of God great things come from small beginnings.

Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord



THE
CHURCH
GOD'S
TREE

Outdoor Mass

In terms of the weather we have had this year, we were given a window of dry weather last Sunday. There was no danger of anyone suffering from sunstroke but it was a pleasant temperature. The first name given to the Church was 'the assembly' and the coming together of most of the parish is a reason for celebration. Simply, it is good to see each other as people of faith who recognise that together we help fit each other to enter God's Kingdom. Thank you to the men who were here early to prepare the setting and the ladies who decorated the altar. Good to see our altar servers helping to combat a troublesome wind. Special thanks to the music group who provided music for the Mass and the entertainment that followed the Mass. It gave us an opportunity to have conversations that created friendship. So thank you to everyone who made the day special (including the four dogs).

Voting - Bishops' statement

Shortly we will be choosing our next Government. It is an important responsibility and all Catholics should use their vote. There are questions to be asked about the party and a candidate you are considering voting for. As Bishops we are not advocating any political party. We published a pamphlet 'Choosing the Common Good'. It can be obtained from Alive Publishing or downloaded from catholicchurch.org.uk. We have noted some specific questions which we believe are important. We encourage you to ask Parliamentary candidates where they stand on these issues. We also ask you to pray for God's guidance for our future Government and for all those who are called to serve society as Members of Parliament. You must register to vote by 18 June 2024. If you are eligible, you can do so here: gov.uk/register-to-vote. Photo ID is necessary in order to be permitted to vote.

Joint Summer Fete 6th July, 12 to 4pm

The Summer Fete is rapidly approaching. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers - The event is only possible with the kind support of parish volunteers so we would love some help to set up on the morning of the fete, on a stall during the day and with some clearing up at the end. If you can spare an hour or two, we'd be very grateful. Just email Dana danaevesteve@hotmail.com and let us know what time works best for you.

Fete Raffle - we're also in need of some fabulous prizes for the raffle so please let us know if you can donate something and drop it off in the parish office. If you're a local business owner and can donate a prize we'd love to hear from you.

Donations - We're also looking for donations of clean teddies for the tombola.

Children's art competition - together with St. Antony's school we will be holding an art competition. Children in the parish are welcome to submit a piece of art work on the theme of 'The World We Want' focusing on how we can all take better care of the planet. We know this is a key theme that Pope Francis has urged us all to think about. Any child wishing to enter can submit their artwork to the parish office by Wednesday 3rd July and the best 3 will be exhibited in the Beckett Centre during the fete along with entries from St Antony's school.

The organisers are also looking for a large stage they can borrow and any spare gazebos they can use for shade on the day. Please let Dana know if you can help with this.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th June

8.30 Daniela Cassettari RIP
10 Chris Douglas anniversary
11.30 Donald Dourado

Monday 17th June

Chigwell Eileen Beerli anniversary
Sr Angelo Roncalli
Nirasha & Roshain
intentions

Tuesday 18th June

Angela Murphy RIP
Soza & Christine Mapuka
Fr Austin McCormack RIP

Wednesday 19th June

Patrick De Silva anniversary
Neil Turnell recovery

Thursday 20th June

Frances Stack RIP
Dick Stanley RIP

Friday 21st June

Paddy & Phil Callanan anniversary
Elizabeth Blanchfield anniversary

Saturday 22nd June

10 am Peter Lovie RIP
6 pm Brian Correya RIP

Sunday 23rd June

8.30 Valerie Shearmur RIP
10 Chris Douglas anniversary
11.30 Natalie Singleton RIP

Church Cleaning
Friday 21st June at 9am
Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Susan Juffs, Agatha Emohare & Michelle Liddle

Parish Database

In line with good practice, and our legal obligations, we need to review information that we currently hold for our parishioners. We must ensure as far as possible that it is accurate, up-to-date, and that we have consent to use it for parish purposes. The simplest approach is by starting to build a new database and we seek your assistance to do this. Please pick up a leaflet as you leave Church today. If you receive our newsletter by email we will also be emailing the leaflet to you.

Teas and coffees

On Monday 24th June between 11am and 1pm we would like parishioners who have Dementia and their Carers to join us for tea or coffee and cake or biscuits in the Beckett Centre. There is no charge, just come and get together for a chat.

Parish concert

The Parish concert will be held on Saturday June 29th. The Parish Singers, accompanied by the Lux Aeterna orchestra will perform a beautiful programme to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Franciscan arrival in Britain and also pay tribute to the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings. Please book your tickets in advance from the Parish Office. A limited number of tickets will be available on the night, but payment at the door will be in cash only.

Vacancy

St. Joseph the Worker are seeking to recruit a KS2 teacher email us at admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk