



**PRAY  
FOR  
THE  
SICK**

**Lately dead:**

- ◇ Moya Moffat
- ◇ Anthony Fernandes  
*May they rest in peace*

Moya Moffat's funeral will take place on 15th April at 11.15am

**Anniversaries:**

Francis Jackson, John Walsh, Harold Clisset, Francis Daly, Theodore De Freitas, Kathleen McCarthy, Angela Barrett, Joan Looney, Bruna Walker, Claude Barnes, Maria O'Grady, Arthur Smith, John Fells, Francis French, Martin Staunton, Piedade Florencio De Sa.

**Donations to the Church by  
Gift Aid envelopes**

If you kindly donate to the Church by the use of Gift Aid envelopes please note that envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection at the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support which enables us to increase your payment with HMRC.

**Companions of the Sacred Hearts of  
Jesus and Mary**

will next meet on **7th April** at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent

**Free Stretch Class**

Will take place at 10.30 in the Clare Room on 11th April. Please come along and join in.

**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 Word of the Lord and Holy  
Communion Service**

As a parish, we need to plan for a time when we have fewer priests. Part of that plan will be to be able to have services led by lay people when a priest cannot say mass. The only alternative would be no service!

There will be a workshop and role-playing exercise on **Wednesday 9th April at 7:30pm**, upstairs in the Becket Centre for anyone interested in helping prepare for this: the key roles are Leader, reader and minister of communion.

Once per month, we will also be replacing the normal mass with such a service, the first being at **10am on Tuesday 22nd April**



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**Fifth Sunday in Lent ( C )  
6th April 2025**

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

**First Reading**

Isaiah 43:16-21

One phrase among many from this magnificent reading jumps out at us when God says, "there is no need to think about what was done before".

**Second Reading**

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul reflects on what God's forgiveness means for us.

**Gospel**

John 8:1-11

A woman who has been caught in the act of committing a serious sin is not condemned by Jesus. Instead, she is told to go and sin no more.



**Responsorial Psalm**

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.

**The liturgy of Holy Week is a journey we can join in to learn the love of Jesus. Pope Francis reflects:-**

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

On the evening of *Holy Thursday*, as we enter the Easter Triduum, we will relive the Mass known as *in Coena Domini*, that is, the Mass in which we commemorate the Last Supper, there, in that moment. This is the evening when Christ left his disciples the testament of his love in the Eucharist, not as a remembrance, but as a memorial, as his everlasting presence. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, as I said at the beginning, we renew this mystery of redemption. In this Sacrament, Jesus substituted the sacrificial victim – the Paschal lamb – with himself: his Body and Blood grant us salvation from the slavery of sin and death. The salvation from every form of slavery is there. It is the evening in which he asks us to love one another by becoming servants to one another, as he did in washing the disciples' feet, a gesture that anticipates his bloody oblation on the cross. And indeed, the Master and Lord will die the next day to purify not the feet, but the hearts and the entire life of his disciples. It was an oblation of service to us all, because with that service of his sacrifice he redeemed us all.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

In the intensity of the rite, through the Liturgical Action, the Crucifix will be presented to us to adore. Adoring the Cross, we will relive the journey of the innocent Lamb sacrificed for our salvation. We will carry in our minds and hearts the sufferings of the sick, the poor, the rejected of this world; we will remember the “sacrificed lambs”, the innocent victims of wars, dictatorships, everyday violence, abortions... Before the image of the crucified God, we will bring, in prayer, the many, the too many who are crucified in our time, who only from Him can receive comfort and meaning in their suffering.

And nowadays there are many: do not forget the crucified of our time, who are the image of Jesus Crucified, and Jesus is in them.

Ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself, God's love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness. Because the world is in darkness. Let us make a list of all the wars that are being fought in this moment; of all the children who die of hunger; of children who have no education; of entire populations destroyed by wars, by terrorism. Of the many, many people who, just to feel a bit better, need drugs, the drug industry that kills ... It is a disaster, it is a desert! Now, in the hour of his supreme Sacrifice on the cross, he brings to fulfilment the task entrusted to him by the Father: he enters into the abyss of suffering, he enters into these disasters of this world, to redeem and transform. And also to free every one of us from the power of darkness, of pride, of resistance to being loved by God. And this, only God's love can do this. By his wounds we have been healed the apostle Peter says, by his death we have been reborn, all of us. And thanks to him, abandoned on the cross, no-one will ever again be alone in the darkness of death. Never, he is always beside us: we need only open our heart and let ourselves be looked upon by him.

**Terminally Ill Adults**

**(End of Life) Bill**

A copy of the pastoral letter regarding this important subject is available on our website. There is also a few copies at the back of Church.

There is also a card for you to take and send to your MP opposing the Bill.



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 6th April**

8.30 Justine Ellam ill health  
10 Sean Walsh RIP  
11.30 Liz Brown anniversary

**Monday 7th April**

Patricia Wong  
Rosemary Dishington RIP

**Tuesday 8th April**

Margaret & Gerard Ryle sick  
Mary Frances Derbyshire anniversary

**Wednesday 9th April**

Lucy Paul anniversary  
Chigwell Andrew Blanchfield snr anniversary

**Thursday 10th April**

George Gallagher  
Dominic Correia RIP

**Friday 11th April**

Kathleen McCarthy RIP  
Fr George Moore OFM RIP

**Saturday 12th April**

10 Eamonn Gaughan anniversary  
6 Francis Kilroy recovery

**Sunday 13th April**

8.30 Cruz family  
10 Moya Moffatt RIP  
11.30 Liz Brown RIP



**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 12th April 10.30am**  
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

**Franciscan life: Invitation**

The Franciscan Community invite enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 years pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life, and Franciscan life; (website: [www.friar.org](http://www.friar.org)). If interested and need guidance, please talk to one of the Friars or contact *Br Dónal ofm* via email - [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)

**Easter Triduum**

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers & Sacristans: If you will be attending any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday; please add your name to the lists located at the back of the church.

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Washing of the Feet**

We are looking for up to 6 volunteers (male or female). If you would like to take part, please add your name to the list at the back of the church

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal**

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal by donating online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.