

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Dennis Bryan, Eric Cooper, Gerald Mooney, Sister Teresita Mullins, Valerie Shearmur, Josephine Burke, Bryan Rooney, Bruno Celaschi, Jean Newman, Thomas Taylor, Iris Witchell, William Curran, Teresa Judge, Alan Norris, Irene Stephens, Eilish Whitaker, Charles Wilkinson, William Jones, Emma Mulhern, Alfred Nash, Pauline White, James Griffin, Brenda O'Rourke, Mary Pearson, Murial Pells, Eileen Smith, Jonathan Wingate-Whyte, Anastasia Barfoot, Patrick Donovan, Olga Machado

TELCO is taking action to make Redbridge a Safer Borough for Our Young People

Students, Teachers and Parents in Redbridge Schools have identified the Safety of Young People as a priority for their Redbridge Citizens Assembly to be held at **Palmer Catholic Academy on the 27th February at 6pm-7.30pm.** If you have an interest in keeping our young people safe, please join us on the 27th to support the students taking action with transport for London and the Police to create safer bus routes for school children and safer streets by reducing the incidence of hate crime and islamophobia. Please email george.gaillet@citizensuk.org or call 07754477532

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

Retiring collection

Thank you for your generous donation
of £224 for Racial justice

Assistance with getting to Mass

A parishioner is looking for a lift to get to
Mass. If you can assist please contact the
parish office. The person lives in Prospect
Road



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February 2025

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

It is easy to react badly to others, especially when they have not treated us well or do not have our best interests at heart. We gather today to remind ourselves of God's call to turn the other cheek and to strengthen our resolve to follow God's loving example of generosity and compassion in our own lives.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

David does not raise his hand against his enemy even though he has the power and opportunity.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

We, who are earthly beings, will be modelled on Christ when we are in heaven.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

We are called to love our enemies and to follow in God's ways of compassion, forgiveness and generosity.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.



FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Pope is in hospital at the moment suffering from pneumonia but his initiative to get the church into a conversation at all levels of her life about the understanding of faith, is to go on. This extract from the Final Document shows how we can think about our world in the light of faith.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord (Jn 20:19-20). 1. Every new step in the life of the Church is a return to the source. It is a renewed experience of the disciples' encounter with the Risen One in the Upper Room on Easter evening. Like them, during this synodal Assembly, we, too, felt enfolded in His mercy and drawn to His beauty. We felt His presence in our midst as we lived conversation in the Spirit and listened to one another: the presence of He, who, in bestowing the Holy Spirit, continues to build among His people a unity that establishes harmony amidst differences. 2. Contemplating the Risen One, we recall that we "have been baptized [...] into his death" (Rom 6:3). We have seen the mark of His wounds transfigured by a new life, yet engraved forever in His humanity. We felt His presence in our midst as we lived conversation in the Spirit and listened to one another: the presence of He, who, in bestowing the Holy Spirit, continues to build among His people a unity that establishes harmony amidst differences. 2. Contemplating the Risen One, we recall that we "have been baptized [...] into his death" (Rom 6:3). We have seen the mark of His wounds transfigured by a new life, yet engraved forever in His humanity.

Their sufferings have resounded among us not only via the media but also through the voices of many amongst us in our Assembly whose families and peoples have been directly involved in these tragic events. In the days during which we have been gathered, wars have continued to cause death and destruction, a desire for revenge and a loss of conscience. We join Pope Francis in his repeated appeals for peace, condemning the logic of violence, hatred and revenge and committing ourselves to promoting the logic of dialogue, fellowship and reconciliation. Genuine and lasting peace is possible, and together, we can build it. "The joys and hopes and the sorrows and anxieties of people today, especially of those who are poor and afflicted" (GS 1) have been once again the joys and sorrows of all of us, Christ's disciples. 3. Since 2021, when the Holy Father embarked the Church upon this synodal journey, we have been discovering its richness and fruitfulness more and more. We began by listening, taking care to grasp in the many voices "what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" (Rev 2:7). The journey began with the vast consultation of the People of God in our dioceses and eparchies and continued with the national and continental stages.

Cook—Vacancy

The Friars are looking for a Cook, 20 hours a week, usually Thursday to Sunday. If you are interested or would like more information please email geraldine@stthomaswoodford.org



Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd February
8.30 Dennis Bryan anniversary
10 Paul Tyler RIP
11.30 Ron Handforth

Monday 24th February
Brian Correya RIP
Bridget Mitchell RIP

Tuesday 25th February
Bridie Maher anniversary
Mrs Goretti Pancratius RIP
Funeral 11.30 John Baptiste

Wednesday 26th February
Carmel McCallan RIP
Leonore Cosgrave RIP

Thursday 27th February
Eilish Whitaker anniversary
Margaret Brennan

Friday 28th February
Olga Machado anniversary
Teresa Knight RIP

Saturday 1st March
10 Paul O'Neill RIP
6 Mary Spillane anniversary

Sunday 2nd March
8.30 Jo Fahy RIP
10 Bernetta Mooney RIP
11.30 Recovery from illness
Chigwell Mary Loughran RIP

Fairtrade refreshments after 10am Mass Friday, 28th February

Come and join us in the William Scott room after 10am mass for a friendly chat and to celebrate **30 years of the Fairtrade mark** in the UK with a cup of Fairtrade and organic tea or filter coffee.

Church Cleaning
Saturday 1st March at 10.30am
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Adoration

We will be offering a 24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6pm on Friday 28 March and continuing until 6pm on Saturday 29 March. It will provide a sacred space in our busy lives to centre ourselves in God, hear His word and pray in quiet meditation. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church with 30-minute slots throughout the day and night. We urge you to please consider signing up for the night-time slots between 9pm and 6am as we are looking for a minimum of 3 people to be in the church during these times.

Ecumenical Lenten lunches

The lunches will begin on Friday, March 7th, and be available every Friday during Lent between 12.15 and 1.30pm in the Becket Centre. Please come and join us for a choice of delicious homemade soups, French bread and butter and tea or coffee, all for just £5. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals, a charity feeding school children in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Quiz Night 15th March 7.30pm

Quiz Night in The Becket Centre to raise funds for the Bursary fund of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service £5 entry, BYO food and drink, Tables of 6-8 or you can join with others. Raffle donations will be gratefully received. To book please contact 07961 939996