

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

Terrence Hill, James Quill, Terrence Bullman, Francesca Resta, Francis Heaney & Donna Elliott

May they rest in peace

Many thanks to all who offered condolences and support following the death of Nick Stokes. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Anniversaries:

George Clarke, Maria Golaszewska, Sister Oliver Kinane, Terence Tuckey, Helen Bailey, Richard Barber, Harry Day, Michael Leppert, Mary McCarthy, Veronica Bailey, Katherine Bullman, Annie Croke, Michael Higgins, Mark Hodgskin, Beryl Mahoney, Mary McClean, Kenneth McDonnell, James McHugh, Dennis McCardle, William Maher, Mark Thompson.

Dates for your diary

- * 7 & 8 October Adoration of the sacrament
- * 6 November Bereavement Service
- * 19 November Christmas Fayre

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

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 Saturdays when Mass is at 10am

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Certificates of Practice

Fr Quentin will be available to sign certificates of practice for school applications at the following times

- 20th September 3–4pm
- 27th September 3–4pm
- 29th September 7–8pm



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 4th September 2022

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

Pope Francis, along with scientists, politicians and activists, has frequently reminded us of the dangers facing our planet through climate change, and in his words "by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her". He echoes the call of Jesus for a simpler lifestyle.

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

Human reasoning is unsure, but Wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches us what pleases God.

Second Reading Philemon 9-10. 12-17

St Paul speaks about Onesimus, a runaway slave whom he converted to Christianity; he asks his master to take him back not as a slave any more but as a "dear brother".

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Jesus commends a radical life without possessions and human ties, providing we weigh up the costs.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next



Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a good holiday and return full of joy and hope to pick up our task of being a Synodal Parish.

When we last communicated we were expecting changes of personnel in the Friary. I am glad that very little has changed. George Smuilski will shortly join us to be Guardian. His task to care for us friars. So Michael Copps is relieved of this duty, and he wants to be more involved with parish.

And we hope for more recovery from the long effects of covid and other ailments for Michael O'Kane and Isidore.

Preparation for young recipients of Holy Communion.

The programme starts on Saturday week 17th September. On that day we hope to see all concerned parents with their child at 10am to set the learning off to a good start.

Alas as I write I know there are many families who will want to celebrate a First Communion next May, but have not yet sent in an application. The deadline for applications was yesterday. We will give you a few day grace, but please send in the form without delay. You can find it on the St Thomas website. Well before 17th September we need to know numbers to make up the groups.

We are also looking for a volunteer to assist one of the catechists with administration at each of the sessions. Please speak to me if you can help.

Music at Mass

I expected quiet Masses on August Sundays. Musicians and choristers need a break. But you wanted to sing, and you did marvellously. So you show much promise for the future.

The 10 am music group will be back next Sunday as will the 11.30 choir and organist. I am delighted to tell you we have a new Director for this choir. Prospects are good for a new era. The choirs need new recruits however. They add quality and embellishment to fill out our liturgies. But singing is a role for all. So keep giving voice. And if you think you can't sing remember God loves cracked voices.

Thank you Summer Fete

The joint summer fete with St Antony's may feel that it is in the distant past but this is the first opportunity we have to thank the wonderful team of volunteers who made the day so successful. Added to this is the wonderful parishioners and their families who came along to make the day a special, friendly and fun occasion.

All your efforts raised £6,300 which has been shared between the school and the church.

In addition the CWL through the Catholic Clothing Guild raised £18.50 for Mary's Meals.

If you would like to get involved with future events like this please speak to a Priest or



Mass Intentions

Sunday 4th September
8.30 Frank Maunsell anniversary
10 People of the parish
11.30 Michael Braley RIP

Monday 5th September
Rita Watkins birthday
Debbie Soal ill

Tuesday 6th September
Francis Vaz anniversary
Margaret Fagan very ill

Wednesday 7th September
Sonia Malone RIP
Ann O'Connor RIP

Thursday 8th September
Patrick O'Connell RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 9th September
C.W.L
Elisha MacDonald & family

Saturday 10th September
10 am Doug Woulds intentions
6 pm Stubbings family thanks

Sunday 11th September
8.30 Jim Sullivan RIP
10 Mary Smyth surgery
11.30 David Hume RIP

Faith talk - 5th September 7pm

In his Letter Desiderio Desideravi - Pope Francis writes: "*The church of the perfect and pure is a clean empty room, with no room for anyone. The church with open doors that gathers round Christ is, on the other hand, a large hall where everyone — the righteous and sinners — can freely enter and feel welcomed.* Celebrating the Eucharist is meant to nourish all [without exception] who are tired and hungry, travelling the long journey, through life, every day.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 10th September at 10.30am
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Baptism congratulations

Congratulations to the children who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism. Evelyn Stoton & Joseph Britten

Girl Guides

The Guides meet in the becket Centre on Fridays 6.30 to 8pm. They are in need of a volunteer helper in order for them to continue meeting. Please contact the parish office if you can assist them.

Ushers needed

We need Ushers for our Sundays masses. Can you help particularly at the 10am Mass. If you would like more information please speak to an existing Usher or contact the Parish Office

Storm clouds

Surely there were never so many threats and things to worry about. The responsibility of using our resources for caring for the poor and many forms of need is going to be sorely tested in coming months. The St Vincent de Paul society is our first and principal agent. The Society is now in need of many more members to cope. Of course this is only one of the many ways in which you are a caring parish. But experience shows us we cannot rely on politicians, on financiers on police or social workers to mend what is amiss in our damaged society. Our hope is in God. We have the gift of prayer. Recognise it. Make sure it is used and regularly done in every home.