

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Please note that if you wish your name to appear on the sick list please email the parish office.

Lately dead:

- ◇ Eufemia Mastroddi
- ◇ Ann Driscoll

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mary Cunningham, Thomas Mathews, Henricus Hustun, Thomas Feeney, John Cleere, Barbara Gois, Syrus Morley, Anka Stuttard, Jacob Black, Robert Heath, Conrad Roudette, Jacob Sullivan, Charles Vychodil, Eileen Bell, Susan Faulkner, Margaret Clarke, Terence O'Brian, Anthony Murphy, Gerald Cobb, Margaret Arthur, Marlene Cooper, Boolean Van, Frances Piller, Mrs Morrill, Rosa Black, Fiona Daniels, Victor Charter, Adolf Dourado, Simon Eustace.

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk

Mass Timetable

The masses on Saturday evening and Sunday at St Thomas' 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 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

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Pax Christi



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 15th January 2023

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

First Reading Isaiah 49:3.5-6

With God, failure is often a prelude to a greater success. Failing with Israel, the mission of Isaiah becomes a mission to the world.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

For St Paul, the only true nation is the nation of those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 1:29-34

John was born to reveal Jesus to Israel. We are to reveal him to the world.

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will



Numbers

I received many comments on last week's mention of the variation in church attendances pre-covid, during covid and since. It brought the Prophet Gideon to my mind (Judges chs 6-7). Israel as usual was in trouble. Ten of thousands of Midianites threatened to crush them. Gideon pruned out the not-fully-committed of his army, down to ten thousand. "Too many" said God – and they were reduced to 300. And that number, because they were truly committed to the cause, slaughtered and routed 120,000. We have a task to rebuild all the constituent groups societies and services of St Thomas. If we are fewer in number no harm. Just as long as all are committed to play some part in rebuilding our family communications and practice. There are lonely people to be visited. Jesus needs us to take him to them. You want a Children's liturgy. So far only three have offered to take a turn on a rota. And more opportunities go begging.

Heating

Winter is with us for some months yet. There could be cold spells as in December. Do we know of any who need just a warm room for some hours of the day? If so, have you any ideas of how we could provide for them? We read of other churches making provisions. Thank God we are well heated now. It would be good to share it.

Church Unity week

Starts on Monday. In many ways we are steadily collaborating with our brothers and sisters of Christian denominations, other faiths and none. Jesus is with us all. The unity service will take place at St Paul's Woodford Bridge next Sunday at 6.30 pm. It is near the Prince Regent Hotel. It is a good way to say we are committed to work ecumenically and with others.

A Day for Readers

We will be holding a Day for Readers at the church on Saturday 28th January from 10:15am to 3:30pm; which will be facilitated by Sue Seward who is a former English teacher and now drama coach. Sue ran a very successful course for us in January 2020 which some of you may remember.

The course is open to all readers from St Thomas' & Chigwell and it would be a marvelous show of your commitment to your ministry as Reader if you could attend. We urge those Readers who have never attended any form of training or haven't done so for some years to make every effort to attend. The day is also open to anyone, young or old who would like to become one of our regular Readers. To reserve your place on this course please phone the Parish Office (0208 504 1686) as soon as possible.

Flame 2023, is taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 4th March.

Our Church has 10 places available to us. If you would like to attend this important youth event please email BCYS GabriellaFusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org There is also more information available on the poster in the porch

The Christmas Crib

Bishop Alan has asked that we keep the crib till the feast of the Presentation on February 2nd. So the Holy Family, always ready to oblige, have moved house to St Francis chapel. And since Francis had such a devotion to the Bethlehem crib as well as to Jesus' suffering, he is well pleased to be their landlord for the next weeks. The donations at the crib go to Brentwood Children's society.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 15th January

8.30 Angela Brincat RIP
10 Sally Picton recovery
11.30 Alexander & Maureen Armstrong anniversary

Monday 16th January

Martin McShea very ill
Maureen Orders & family
Lucy Carton

Tuesday 17th January

John McShea ill
Susan Faulkner anniversary
Rita Antill RIP

Wednesday 18th January

Catherine Gillham anniversary
Doreen Graham special birthday
Lil Burke ill

Thursday 19th January

Charlie Key
Fr John Noonan
Trinity intentions

Friday 20th January

Eileen Hayes anniversary
Anne & Solomon Racionzer anniversaries
Deceased sisters of Chigwell convent

Saturday 21st January

10 Mary Prendergast RIP
6 Angela Kirkland RIP

Sunday 22nd January

8.30 Kevin Hopkins anniversary
10 Stubbings family thanks
11.30 Friends of Sheila Smith-Pryor

Church Cleaning

Friday 20th January at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Christine Acons, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kiernon, Agatha Emohare, Mary Clare Fawcett & Michelle Liddle

Service for Christian Unity

The service will take place on Sunday, January 22nd at St. Paul's, Woodford Bridge at 6.30 pm. Light refreshments to follow.. All are welcome.

15th Woodford Rainbows

If you would like your daughter to join rainbows please go to the girl guides website and go on to wishing to join and add your details to the 15th Woodford and you will be contacted

Cleaner Sought

Elderly Catholic couple are looking for an honest, reliable cleaner to help clean their flat in Chigwell, near the convent. It will be for 2 or 3 hours per week at £13 per hour. If interested please ring 0208 500 5670. Messages will be returned after 28th January. References will be required.

Altar Hand Rails

Parishioners may be pleased to know that we will be installing handrails on the altar steps. We anticipate installation in early February. Your continued health & safety in the Church is of paramount importance to us.