

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Anniversaries:

John Baker, Astrid Turner, Philomena Archer, Mrs Hilton, Maria Ferrari, Anthony Rae, Mary Tobin, Josephine Gorman, John Huggins, May Samuels, Agnes Scully, Dora Steel, Cecil Harrison, John Tague, Maureen Weetman, Mary Jackson, Eric Lindemann, Mary Allery, Lilian Beckett, Richard Day, Kathleen Hansen, Patrick McDowell, Kathleen McGrath, Anna Ridd.

### SPANISH GCSE at the Becket Centre in September

If your son / daughter would like some help with their exam preparation, please contact: Amaia on 07957 133176 / [info@bilingokids.co.uk](mailto:info@bilingokids.co.uk)

### House sought

A family is looking to rent a 2 bedroom flat/house in the area. Please contact Svitlana 07857021385

### A Day with Mary

Westminster cathedral Saturday 13th July 2024, start at 9.45am with Entry Procession of Our Lady of Fatima followed by Mass, Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring packed lunch.

### Volunteers needed

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

The next **Baptism Course** will take  
place on 12 & 19 September.  
Application forms can be found on our  
website

### Refreshments after 10am mass, Thursday 27th June

St Thomas parish was certified 15 years  
ago as a Fairtrade parish by CAFOD and  
the Fairtrade Foundation agreeing to use  
and promote Fairtrade products. Come  
and join us in the William Scott room after  
10am mass for a friendly chat .

### Retiring Collections

Thank you for your donation to **Day for Life**  
which raised £330.00.

There will be a retiring collection next  
weekend for **Peter's Pence**



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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 23rd June 2024

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

Christianity came from a people gripped by the sea and the desert. The vastness taught them to be humble. Sometimes!

### First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11

Creation is only a metaphor for God, a sign of something greater than we can know.

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-7

We are a new creation, because God has given us in Christ a new kind of love.

### Gospel Mark 4:35-41

It is easy for Christ to have the wind and the sea obey him. The obedience of human beings is harder to obtain.

### Responsorial Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord for his love endures for ever.



## **AN INTERESTING VIEW ON WHY PEOPLE LEAVE THE CHURCH**

*Evangelization* requires a personal and narrative witness to the saving message of the Gospel—the proclamation of the Kerygma and a spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ. Put simply, a person evangelizes by being a bridge for people to Jesus Christ and a deeper relationship with him. Think of how Andrew brought Peter to Jesus or the Samaritan woman brought Jesus to her village. This distinction is at the heart of the Church's understanding of the RCIA process, but it is often ignored at great cost. *Catechesis* is the work of teaching what the Church believes. What exactly is the body of truth into which we are to live? This is the object of catechetical instruction and can only happen effectively after a person has come to faith in Jesus. This is how it works developmentally in a person's life. Arguments and logic are not operative in evangelization. When the time is right, we instruct people in the content of the faith and elevate their understanding of the sacred mysteries. Catholics are good at this and have been for centuries. Education has always been a strength for us. However, and this is what has become so terribly obvious, catechesis does not generally impact people if the person being catechized has not been evangelized first and come to faith in Jesus Christ. Why explain the "what" if one has not first encountered and come to believe in the "who"? This distinction explains why we need a "new" evangelization. Over centuries, Catholics have catechized a culturally conditioned population but without adequately evangelizing those baptized mostly as infants. Now Christian culture is gone. Today, our children can go through twelve years of Catholic school and leave the faith within weeks of going to college.

## **Parish Database**

Following our message last weekend about updating our records, we want to reassure you that, the Parish of St Thomas is committed to ensuring that the information we hold about individuals (including personal e-mail addresses) is properly and securely managed in accordance with legal requirements on data protection and direct marketing. Please complete the form set out in the leaflet distributed last weekend or from the email you would also have received. This will confirm that you give your consent to the Parish

(i) holding and processing your personal data for the purpose of corresponding with you on parish matters, and

ii) sending you the parish newsletter.

You can find out more about how we use your data from our Privacy Notice, which is available on the diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/data-protection/>

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org). Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required or permitted by law. This will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to that point.

## **Join us for a Chat**

On **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June** between 11am and 1pm we would like parishioners who have Dementia and their Carers to join us for refreshments in the Becket Centre. There is no charge, just come along and get together for a chat.



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Sunday 23rd June**

8.30 Valerie Shearmur RIP  
10 Community  
11.30 Natalie Singleton RIP

### **Monday 24th June**

Cath & Ed Andrews intentions  
Jackie Maloney RIP

### **12.30 Funeral Moyra Murphy**

### **Tuesday 25th June**

Bernard Atkins RIP  
Mick O'Brien RIP

### **Wednesday 26th June**

Josie Gorman anniversary  
Michael Flynn RIP

### **Thursday 27th June**

Eileen Sullivan birthday  
Maurice Power RIP

### **Friday 28th June**

Mary Murphy RIP  
Bro Raymond RIP

### **Saturday 29th June**

10 Bridget Sharkey RIP  
6 Maureen Carrig RIP

### **Sunday 30th June**

8.30 Valerie Shearmur RIP  
10 Kay & Nick Stokes RIP  
11.30 Fr Austin McCormack RIP

### **10am Mass, 23 June**

The Music Group are unable to lead the music this Sunday owing to insufficient numbers on that day. Music will be provided the following Sunday, 30 June and into July although there will be the usual break over the summer.

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 29th June at 10.30am**  
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

**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 can you spare some time to help **set up on the morning** and/or help on a **stall during the day** and/or **clearing up at the end**. If you can spare an hour or two, please email Dana [danaevestev@hotmai.com](mailto:danaevestev@hotmai.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 and sweets 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July and the best 3 will be exhibited in the Becket Centre during the fete along with entries from St Antony's school.