

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

◇ Rosemary Freeman,

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Paula McCormack, Sister Marie Mulhearn, Edward (Ted) Unstead, Veronica Andrews, Roy Ketteridge, Patrick (Monty) McGuinness, Maximillian Ptasznik, Rosemarie Lawrence, Sister Camellus Shanahan, Pdraig Gorman, Patricia Pearce, Patricia Bell, Sister Maurice Cleere, Yvonne Daly, Cuthbert McNult, Mary Woskett, Peter Hayes, John Smith-Pryor, Gerald Jones.

Parish AGM

This will take place in the Henrietta Suite after the 11:30 mass on Sunday **14th July**. Please come and hear what has happened and what is planned, and review the parish accounts.

We need more **volunteers to join** the PPC, and will have a short meeting to explain what is involved for prospective members in the Assisi room upstairs after the 11:30 mass on Sunday 23rd June. If you might be interested, please come. There are nomination forms in the Porch and also on the website.

The closing date for any formal motions to be put to the AGM is 23rd June. These should be sent to the parish office.

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
Open Air Mass at 11.30am Sunday

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 Collections

Thank you for your donations to sick clergy in the Diocese, you raised £667.42

There will be a Retiring collection next weekend for **Day for Life**

The Parish Shop

Due to the planned open air mass this weekend the Parish Shop will not be open. If you need anything urgently please email the parish office for assistance.



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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 9th June 2024

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

As we gather as the family of God, we give thanks as a community of faith for the grace that renews us every day.



First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

Adam and Eve are tempted in the garden by the serpent.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and that there is an everlasting home built by God for us, in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus tells us that our sins will be forgiven and that everyone who does the will of God is a brother or sister or mother of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE MASS OUTDOORS

When you worship in a particular church, it becomes a place that we cherish. Just to come into the building focusses our attention on God. Today we are going outside and this puts the emphasis on the parish as a community of people. The fact of being outside also points to the fact that we are not for ourselves but we are a missionary church. A document of the church entitled 'The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish' makes this point.

In order to promote the centrality of the missionary presence of the Christian community in the world, it is important not only to think about a new experience of Parish, but also about the ministry and mission of priests, who, together with the lay faithful, have the task of being "salt and light of the world" (cf. Mt 5:13-14), a "lamp on a lamp-stand" (cf. Mk 4:21), showing forth the face of an evangelising community, capable of an adequate reading of the signs of the times and of giving witness to coherent evangelical living.

Beginning with a consideration of the signs of the times, it is necessary, in listening to the Spirit, to produce new signs. With the Parish no longer being the primary gathering and social centre, as in former days, it is thus necessary to find new forms of accompaniment and closeness. A task of this kind ought not to be seen as a burden, but rather as a challenge to be embraced with enthusiasm.

Imitating their Master, the Lord's disciples, in the school of Saints and shepherds, learned, not without suffering, how to await the times and ways of God, thus nurturing the certainty that He is present until the end of time, and that the Holy Spirit – the beating heart in the life of the Church – gathers together the children of God dispersed throughout the world.

As a result, the Christian community should not be afraid to begin and accompany processes within territories that are host to diverse cultures, in the sure and certain hope that, for the disciples of Christ, "nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts" that is to say their baptismal consecration. At such places, one learns to celebrate with fervour the mysterious presence of God in the midst his people in the liturgy, in the beauty of the evangelising mission of the baptised, and in the call to exercise charity in daily life. A 'sanctuary' open to all, the Parish, called to reach out to everyone, without exception, should remember that the poor and excluded must always have a privileged place in the heart of the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI affirmed: "The Gospel is addressed in a special way to the poor. In addition, as Pope Francis observed "the new evangelisation is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them." Oftentimes, the Parish community is the first place of personal human encounter that the poor have with the face of the Church. Priests, deacons and consecrated men and women are among the first to have compassion for the "wounded flesh" of their brothers and sisters, to visit the sick, to support the unemployed and their families, thereby opening the door to those in need. With their gaze fixed upon them, the Parish community evangelises and is evangelised by the poor, discovering anew the call to preach the Word in all settings, whilst recalling the "supreme law" of charity, by which we shall all be judged.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 9th June

11.30 People of the parish
Sonia Malone anniversary
Chevonne Lobo RIP

Monday 10th June

Anthony Cunningham RIP
Brendan Hanley RIP
Fr Austin RIP

Tuesday 11th June

Joe Deacy RIP
Lena Smith nee Kennedy RIP
Felix McMahon anniversary

Wednesday 12th June

Fr Kevin Conway
Helena O'Reilly anniversary
Bro Raymond RIP

Thursday 13th June

Peter Hayes anniversary
Natalie Singleton RIP

Friday 14th June

John Gregory Smith-Pryor anniversary
John O'Neill anniversary

Saturday 15th June

10 Frs J Cogar, Spence & Berry
6 Fr John Taylor RIP

Sunday 16th June

8.30 Daniela Cassettari RIP
10 Chris Douglas anniversary
11.30 Donald Dourado RIP

Church Cleaning Saturday 15th June at 10.30am

Bernie Siggins, Rachel Woolf &
Kathleen Mahoney

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

- St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday **17th June 2024** at 11.30am.
- St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on **Monday 8th July 2024** at 11.30am.

Wedding Congratulations

To Claire and Ben who were married at St Thomas' last weekend

Child Care

Mariella, who is Ofsted registered, offers for St Anthony's school children a wrap around care, drop off and pick up. Her contact number is 07909811080.

Trinity Vacancies

- SEN TA,
- Teacher of English,
- Teacher of Science,
- Teacher of Maths,

Please visit the school's website <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/> for further job information.

General Election

A reminder that voters registration closes on 17th June.