

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Margaret Arthur, Gerald Cobb, Marlene Cooper, Mrs Eileen Morrill, Frances Piller, Boolean Van, Rosa Black, Victor Charter, Fiona Daniels, Adolf Dourado, Simon Eustace, Peter Hinton, Michael Sullivan, Martha Tracey, Zofia Baranska, Philippe Camilleri, Patrick Grant, Hilda Hannigan, Madeleine Khai, Christine Thurston, Joseph Byrne, Annie Hill, Eric Leary, Ann Selfe, Hilda Stratford.

Seeking temporary Help

A parishioner living is seeking assistance with general household duties and some light shopping duties, as she is temporarily immobile due to an injury. This would be for a couple of months for 2 hours per week. If you can assist please call Cathy on 07597209877

Pilates with Sandra Dent Open level class

Fridays at 9.30am
£10 payable on a drop in basis
Please bring a mat
For more information please contact [Sandradent@ymail.com](mailto:Sandrudent@ymail.com)
07702319232

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

Next Parish Cell Group meeting

3pm Sunday 26th January
Contact Peter on 07891 722964
or Donna on 07749 795777



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Served by the Franciscans

2nd Sunday on Ordinary Time (C) 19th January 2025

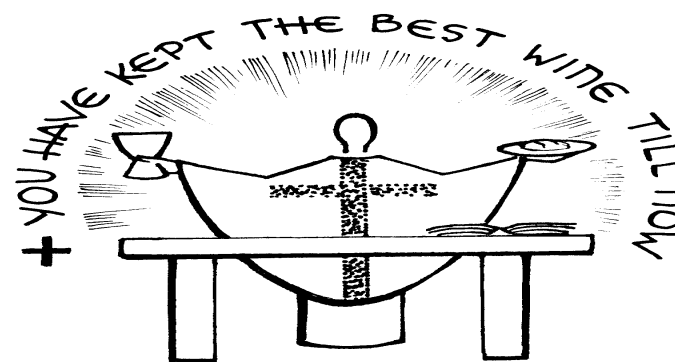
Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Our readings today invite us to think and pray about the fullness of life that God offers to us, and we give thanks for that gift.

First reading Isaiah 62: 1-5 God is filled with joy at us, just as a bridegroom is filled with joy at his bride.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 The Spirit's gifts are allotted to everyone just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel: John 2:1-11 A wedding feast runs out of wine. A huge problem, you may think, but Jesus has the last word.



Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This started this Saturday and continues to next Saturday, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. In conversation with other Christian leaders, Pope Francis had some interesting things to say including a recognition of the authenticity of the worship and practice of other churches: -

“And addressing the fraternal delegates and leaders of other Christian Churches gathered for the occasion, Pope Francis echoed the words of Saint John XXIII, who, at the opening of the Council, expressed his longing “to work and suffer for the dawn of the day when Christ’s prayer at the Last Supper will be fulfilled for all”.

Unity and Synodality:

A common path Pope Francis explained that Christian unity and synodality are deeply intertwined and described synodality as the path God expects of the Church in the third millennium. Underlining the ecumenical dimension of the Synodal approach, he said it is a path to be travelled by all Christians: “The journey of synodality... is and must be ecumenical”. This journey, the Pope affirmed, is not about creating something new but about welcoming the gift of unity already give to us by the Holy Spirit. “Unity is a grace,” he said, explaining that the Synod is a process of discovery and that “we do not know beforehand what the outcome of the Synod will be,” just as we cannot predict how the unity we are called to will fully manifest.

Journey toward harmony, not uniformity

Reflecting on the lessons learned from the Synodal process, the Pope reminded the faithful that Christian unity is not uniformity, but harmony. He said that “unity is harmony among the diversity of charisms”, brought to life by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all Christians. This harmony, he explained, does not come from human efforts but from the Spirit, whom Saint Basil described as “harmony itself.” Urging Christians to move forward in love and service, confident that difficulties will not stop the journey toward unity, Pope Francis appealed:

“Let us trust the Holy Spirit, who draws us to unity in the harmony of a multi-faceted diversity.”

Unity for the sake of mission

Turning his attention to Christian witness, the Holy Father stressed that Christian unity is essential for mission. Quoting the Gospel of John, he said, “That they may all be one... so that the world may believe” (Jn 17:21), highlighting the Council Fathers’ conviction that division among Christians “scandalizes the world” and harms the Church’s mission to preach the Gospel.”

Reminder

Confirmation enrolment mass

takes place on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm. Candidates, Parents & Sponsor are expected to attend



Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th January

8.30 Michael Smith RIP
10 Riccardo Marcantonio RIP
11.30 Paul Tyler RIP

Monday 20th January

Joe Malone
Frank Mullin RIP
Bridie Fenton RIP

Tuesday 21st January

Harry Racionzer RIP
Meyler family

Wednesday 22nd January

Pauline McKeon anniversary
Brian Correya RIP
Trinity intentions

Funeral 11.30am Oliver Carr

Thursday 23rd January

Denis Bryan anniversary
Jean Felgrate RIP

Friday 24th January

Patricia Mary Gatward RIP
Domenica Pieroni RIP

Saturday 25th January

10 Mary Gaffney RIP
6 Bill & Iris Mansbridge anniversary

Sunday 26th January

8.30 Dr Douglas Lackey RIP
10 Mary Marks RIP
11.30 Kathleen Hayes RIP

Church Cleaning
Friday 24th January at 9am
Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Susan Juffs, Agatha Emohare & Michelle Liddle

Free stretch class

There will be a class on 24th January at 10.40am in the Henrietta Suite. Please come along and join in.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS)

Are looking to recruit a **Communications and Fundraising Administrator** to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>

Sunday Missals

Apologies for the lack of New Sunday Missals in the shop. Fresh supplies are expected at the end of February. In the meantime, if you are desperate, they are available from the Catholic Truth Society, ctsbooks.org, at prices from £20 upwards.

Trinity Vacancies

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