

**PRAY
FOR THE
SICK**



Lately dead:

- ◇ Brian Dunleavy
- ◇ Doreen Heaney

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mario Castelletti, Sister Kathleen Cronin, Susan Kemp, Palmira Pieroni, Mary James, Douglas Bacon, Brian Beveridge, Honoria Mathieson, Maureen Noden, Michael O'Meara, Luca Marrai, Edward Pestell, Brian Skelt, Angelo Francescotti, Andrea Battistini, Antonio Canello, Mr Gerald Duggan, Charles Green, Laura Cannon

Seeking your help

A parishioner is trying to get the Portuguese authorities to open a Portuguese school with the Camões Institute in the Woodford or surrounding area. Currently the closest school is in Forest Gate, but this is not ideal for many families in terms of location. I have been asked to collect the details of any children who would attend a Portuguese school in this area, if there were classes available. If you are interested please could you email your child's name and their age to: patriciateles@gmail.com
Thank you!

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

Parish Council

The PPC will next meet on 11th
November

Chigwell Convent

Companions meeting on Monday 11th
November at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent

Newsletter

If you wish to receive our newsletter by
email please register at

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**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
10th November 2024**

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

Today, on Remembrance Sunday, many of us treasure unforgotten family members whose sacrifice is remembered and recorded for future generations. We pray for them and for ourselves.

First reading:

1 Kings 17:10-16

God rewarded the hungry
widow's generosity to Elijah.

Second reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus' death triumphed over
sin and brought redemption to
humanity.

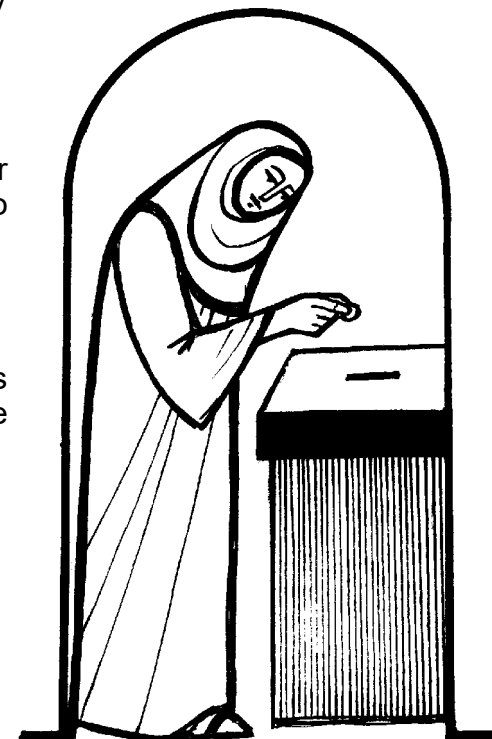
Gospel:

Mark 12:1-12

An elderly widow was
prepared to give all that she
had.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the
Lord.



No to War

Pope John Paul 2 was outspoken in his opposition to war and saw the prevention of war as -a life issue along with abortion and euthanasia. We now have war in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in Sudan and are an affront to God Our Father. As we remember the dead of wars we are reminded of John Paul's teaching:-

The first affirmation is "Yes to Life!"

With it, John Paul II ties support of a culture of life, an essential tenet of his pontificate, to his opposition to war, for "war itself is an attack on human life." The Pope saw that war is a life issue and so inseparable to opposition to abortion, euthanasia and human cloning. Thus, he declares that "the battle for peace is always a battle for life." Opposition to war, especially to unjust war, is a way of being pro-life in continuity with our opposition to abortion. John Paul II further declared "No to War!" War is "never inevitable" and is "always a defeat for humanity." That defeat is *not* inevitable and can be avoided by "international law, honest dialogue, solidarity between States, the noble exercise of diplomacy." A culture of life means war must be actively avoided and so is only permissible in the rarest of circumstances.

Along these lines, John Paul II's strong witness against abortion and war is a reminder that pro-life Catholics and peace -and-justice Catholics should be able to work together in their commitment to a culture of life. We see this in John Paul II's connection of abortion and war as both life issues. We should lament that this joint effort is still so hard to maintain.

Finally, in advising the faithful to assume the tools of prayer and fasting to stop war, the Pope's words called to mind Jesus' advice that certain demons require prayer and fasting to resist (Mark 9:29). May we now, in this time of uncertainty and war, commit ourselves to the work of spiritual warfare at the service of opposition to war and to the work of peace.

YOUNG VINNIES (Youth SVP)

A new group is being started for 12—14 year olds who would like to take their concern for the community and world in which they live and turn it into positive action. There is a schedule of 13 dates between November and July. The first session is **9th November 3-5pm in the Becket Centre** for anyone interested in learning more. Please email Gemma for more information (Gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com)

Rotary Club of Barkingside and Redbridge

Invitation

To a Community Christmas Lunch for the elderly but the disabled. Carers and drivers are also welcome. We like to invite people who may not have any other opportunity to go to a Christmas Celebration. This includes a three course Christmas meal with wine and soft drinks and live entertainment . There is no charge.
Venue: St Barnabas Church, Snakes Lane East, Woodford, IG8 7HX
Date: Sunday 22 December 2024
Time: 1.00-4.00
Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 10th November

8.30 Sgt Pilot Denis Hurley & associates

10 All deceased named at the altar
11.30 Brian Francis Beveridge RIP

Monday 11th November

Frankie Lannon anniversary
Sr Mary Joe intentions

Tuesday 12th November

Eithe Murtagh RIP
Kazymyr Kamilia Stanislav Bigos anniversary

Wednesday 13th November

Elizabeth Hetherington anniversary
Bert Suffield RIP

Thursday 14th November

John O'Sullivan RIP
Suzanna Intze-Trak RIP

Friday 15th November

Peggy Maunsell anniversary
Hugh McEnhill RIP

Funeral 11am Graham McNeil

Saturday 16th November

10 Deceased staff & pupils Card
Wiseman school
6 Angela Byrne RIP

Sunday 17th November

8.30 Donald Dourado RIP
10 Antony Caprice anniversary
11.30 Ray Burke RIP

Mass every day for those named before the altar

Church Cleaning

Friday 15th November at 9am

Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Susan Juffs, Agatha Emohare & Michelle Liddle

Holy Family School

Application forms for the Sixth Form at Holy Family 2025 are now open. For more information please go to www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the Parish social bingo on Saturday the 26th of October which everyone enjoyed. From the evening, we made a Church donation with a few others to Brentwood Catholic Children Society amounting to £155 which I will forward on to them. We will be back with another night sometime in the future.

School Vacancies Trinity

- SEN TA,
- Teacher of French,
- Teacher of English

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

- Deputy head teacher
- Please visit the relevant school website for more information

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 23rd November 12pm-4pm

Donations needed:

- * Teddies, Toys, Unopened, unwanted gifts / gifts
- * Raffle Prizes (parish office)
- * Bottles (unopened) for the bottle stall (parish office)

Volunteers

if anyone can help on the day please contact Jo Ferrari 07976755602