

**PRAY  
FOR  
THE  
SICK**



**Lately dead:**  
Liza Ford

*May she rest in peace*

**Anniversaries:**

Elizabeth Courtney, Kathleen Douglas,  
Terence Murphy, Luigi Beschizza, Sr  
Bernadette Cain, Margaret Godkin,  
Eileen O'Connell, Miss Hill, Maria Petter,  
Gerald Thackway, Juliet Woodleigh,  
Frank Heaney, Rose McGranaghan,  
Paz Mingay, Ronald Murphy, Mrs R  
Wren, Kathleen Bradley, Robert (Robin)  
Davidson, Peter Martin, Jeffrey Carlile,  
Catherine Nelson, Daniel Kilvington,

**Lost Property**

Items of lost property will be left in the  
Porch next weekend , any item not  
collected will be disposed of.

**Campwild**

Campwild sport activities for children  
during May half term Tel: 07414 274015  
Email: info@camp-wild.co.uk .

**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

**Sudan Collection**

Thank you for your generosity for the  
Sudan appeal, £1,775.00 was raised.

**Retiring Collection**

There will be a Diocesan retiring  
collection this weekend for world  
communications



**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)  
12th May 2024**

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

Jesus sends us out into the world as witnesses to love and truth.  
On World Communications Day, what do we communicate to the  
people around us?

**First reading**

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

It took a throw of the dice to make Matthias a witness to the  
resurrection following Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

**Second reading**

1 John 4:11-16

God is love and whoever loves lives in God and God lives in them.

**Gospel**

John 17:11-19

As the Father sent Jesus into the  
world, so does he send his disciples  
out into the world as witnesses to truth.

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven



## AN EXERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

After having reflected in past years on the verbs “to go and see” and “to listen” as conditions for good communication, with this Message for the LVII World Day of Social Communications, I would like to focus on “speaking with the heart”. It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating. Once we have practised listening, which demands waiting and patience, as well as foregoing the assertion of our point of view in a prejudicial way, we can enter into the dynamic of dialogue and sharing, which is precisely that of *communicating in a cordial way*.

After listening to the other with a pure heart, we will also be able to speak *following the truth in love* (cf. Eph 4:15).

We should not be afraid of proclaiming the truth, even if it is at times uncomfortable, but of doing so without charity, without heart. Because “the Christian’s programme” — as Benedict XVI wrote — “is ‘a heart which sees’”.

A heart that reveals the truth of our being with its beat and that, for this reason, should be listened to. This leads those who listen to attune themselves to the same wave length, to the point of being able to hear within their heart also the heartbeat of the other. Then the miracle of encounter can take place, which makes us look at one another with compassion, welcoming our mutual frailties with respect rather than judging by hearsay and sowing discord and division.

Jesus warns us that every tree is known by its fruit (cf. Lk 6:44):

“The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (v. 45).

This is why, in order to communicate *truth with charity*, it is necessary to purify one’s heart. Only by listening and speaking with a pure heart can we see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live. The call to speak with the heart radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

I forgot in thanking the catechists for their work with the children, to thank Antoinette or ‘Andy’ as she is known. Antoinette works with the children who are a few years older than the rest of the First Communion children. She meets the children at the same time as the others but upstairs in the Becket Centre. Thank you Antoinette. Father Michael

### Youth Mass, Thursday 6th June 2024, Brentwood Cathedral

This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 12th

8.30 Danuta Cassettari RIP  
10 Peter McMenemy anniversary  
11.30 Armo Collini anniversary

#### Monday 13th

Terry Murphy anniversary  
Emily Garrity RIP

#### Tuesday 14th

Simon Cross anniversary  
Bernard Shusman  
Fr Austin McCormack RIP  
**Funeral** 10.45am William Hall

#### Wednesday 15th

Charles Chapman RIP  
Lea’s Birthday

#### Thursday 16th

George Dadswell anniversary  
Mike Lees RIP  
**Funeral** 11am Liza Ford

#### Friday 17th

Mary, Friday Hill  
Thomas Fullerton RIP  
Fr Austin McCormack RIP  
**Funeral** 1pm Emily Dempsey

#### Saturday 18th

10 Angela Bromfield intention  
6 Dominic Correia anniversary

#### Sunday 19th

8.30 Teresa Piper RIP  
10 Sylvia Dilloway  
11.30 St Antony’s staff & pupils

*For all past and present pupils, families and staff of St Anthony as Teresa Hayes celebrates her retirement after 28 years of service.*

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 18th May at 10.30am**  
Bernie Siggins, Rachel Woolf &  
Kathleen Mahoney  
*Please note that there a first Holy  
Communion Mass at 11am*

**Bingo**  
**Saturday 18 May 2024**

A Parish Social with Cash Bingo in the Beckett Centre. Entrance £1. Bingo Books £3 for 7 games. Cash on the door. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Door opens 7.30pm. Eyes down approximately 8pm.

### 11:30 Mass Choir

We are so short of members that there is a risk the choir will cease to function soon. That would be sad, as a choir can really enhance the liturgy and the experience of attending mass. Please consider joining us - we’re not demanding! Contact the parish office, and we will organise a short intro for any potential members to help you make up your mind.

### The Companions of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Will meet at Chigwell Convent at 2.00 pm on **Monday 13th May**

**“Revive. Discover. Empower.”**  
**Retreat for Young Adults, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June at Walsingham House**

This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to **revive, discover** and **empower** you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)