

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Elsie Valles, Anthony Carden, Nino Jomaa, Miss Charlotte Spencer, Catherine Dalli, Angela Douglas, Matthew Glendenning, Michael Lynch, Michael Scully, Paul Julien, Georgina Mack, Raymund McGill, Frances McKeown, Constanza Bowman, Susan Gillespie, Sister Xavier Pitts, Maria Sell, Josephine Beutner, Michael Bullman, Jack Curtis, Timothy Godfrey, Patricia Graves, Leonard Knight, Gordon McCall, Bernard Palmer.

Adoration—Prayer Board Thank you



How blessed are we that as a Church community the children of St Anthony's, the students at Trinity, our First Holy Communion children and those who are visited at home as well as other parishioners contributed to our prayer Board. What a splendid display of our adoration in practice.

May all your prayers be fulfilled

Nanny

Seeks part time work 2/3 full days. I have 10 years experience. Please call Sheila on 07763972110.

Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry, 22nd October from 3-5pm will be in Christ The King church, Chingford.

Mass Timetable

All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live streamed

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

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection this
weekend for Prisoners Sunday

Lost Property

Items which have been left in the Church
will be placed on a table in the Lobby this
weekend. Items not claimed will be
disposed of.

Friary Tennis Club Quiz

A date for your diary - Saturday
12th November. Full details anon.



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 16th October 2022

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

Today's Gospel reminds us "to pray continually and never lose heart". As we pray together in our Eucharist we ask God for the faith and courage to carry out this instruction.

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Victory comes to Israel as long as Moses can keep his arms raised.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

All scripture is inspired by God and can be used for teaching.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray continually and never lose heart.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.



The Night of Prayer

The Prayer Board now in the sanctuary is evidence of a very wide contribution to last week's long exercise when we came to pray together. Only the Lord knows how many came either for a brief visit or for a longer time to sit with Jesus. Several have spoken to me of how good they found the exercise once they have found enough commitment to set aside time. And yes the still night hours were best. I thank the organisers. You did much to set the climate with light, decoration, help with written words and care for safety.

St Bernadette at Wanstead

Our parish has always supported pilgrimage to Lourdes though it is a long time since we had an organised parish trip. St Bernadette's relics will be at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Wanstead on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Bishop Alan will offer mass there on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. It is good to know that this journey around our country has drawn large numbers to pray with her. Recent Popes have urged us to use our minds to be informed and to understand our church and faith. Yet still they insist on popular devotion as its constant bedrock. We neglect it at our peril. No family can flourish without its practice. Our church is open all day for visits to talk to Jesus.

Journey of Faith

This group has made a good start. The participants are sharing the search with enthusiasm. They take a break this week and next in the spirit of half-term in schools but will resume at first on Wednesday 2nd November. Plenty of room for more searching to start or deepen their faith wherever on the journey they may find themselves to be.

St Thomas' Bereavement Service 6th November at 4pm

The annual Bereavement Service to remember our dear departed ones will be held in the church. The names of the deceased in the parish in the last year will be included in the order of service. If you are attending the service and you wish to add any other names please send them to **the parish office** by **28th October 2022**. The names of the family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory during the service.

Confirmation Programme 2023

We would like to invite year 10 students who are parishioners at St Thomas to register to join our 2023 confirmation programme. Please complete the registration form which can be found in the attached link
<https://forms.gle/wVjDoRkVgyKyM92h8>

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022 at 1.30pm.

Faith talk Monday, 17th October at 7pm

The key to pastoral leadership, for Pope Francis, is listening to the people. "If you do not touch the faith of the people, the faith of the people does not touch you." This theme, which has permeated his papacy, has its roots in Argentina, where the young Giorgio Bergoglio learned, from President Juan Perón, that effective leaders are like the conductor of an orchestra, who leads by inspiring and encouraging, *never by ordering*.

Troubadour

The Autumn edition of the Troubadour is available at the back of the Church.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th October

8.30 Raphael Di Parma RIP
10 People of the parish
11.30 Friends & well-wishers Rosa Fitzpatrick

Monday 17th October

Gerald Kennedy RIP
Jane Kiely RIP
Peter & Petrina Stubbings

Tuesday 18th October

Mary Hopkins intentions
Sr Maria Holly birthday

Wednesday 19th October

Maria Ferrillo RIP
Mark Hodgskin anniversary
Trinity intentions

Thursday 20th October

Christina Saw thanks
Rick Tedder anniversary

Friday 21st October

John McMenemy thanks
Marcel Chimpali RIP

Saturday 22nd October

10 Mary Hopkins intentions
6 Michael Murphy RIP

Sunday 23rd October

8.30 Fred Heath RIP
10 Peggy Ryan RIP
11.30 Maria Teresa Teles anniversary

Certificates of Practice

Fr Quentin will be signing certificates of practice on

- Tuesday, 18th October, 3-4pm
- Wednesday, 19th October, 7-8pm

Church Cleaning

Thursday 20th October at 9.00am

Jackie John, Srimanthie Crusz,
Margaret Parkinson & Mary Charter

Date for your diary

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **19th November** at Trinity School Lower site from 12—4pm. We will need **volunteers** to help set up, run stalls and clear up. If you can help for a couple of hours please contact the parish office. We are also looking for **donations** of unopened bottles, unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, good condition toys & teddies, these can be handed into the Parish Office.

Charity Fund Raising Event in aid of The Trussel Trust.

The Epping Forest Circle of the Catenian Association is sponsoring a **wine tasting** evening at 7:30 pm on Thursday 17 November 2022 in the Becket Centre, Tickets are £30 per head and includes wine sampling accompanied with cheese snacks. Please reserve places now by sending your name and the number of tickets you would like by texting Bernard Bourdillon (07867 908814), Iain McLay (07806 998187) or Brian Martin (07738 002108). More information is available on the poster in the porch.

5 A Side Football for the over 40S

We are looking for players to join us on a Wednesday evening at 9-10pm for a friendly game of 5 a side football in Woodford. It will keep you fit, or get you fit! If you are interested, please text Reinhard on 07766600567.