

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Anthony Gibbs, Elisa Heredia, Barbara Maxwell, Aogan Tansey, Mary Babbage, Daphny Bromboszcz, Anna Mozejko, Partrick Murphy, Marjorie Byrne, Robert Girling, Alice Knock, Marianne West, Angela Carroll, Annette Ensom, Harold Hetherington, Harold Poynter, Jacqueline Reilly, Franjo Sekolec, Kathleen Smith, Margaret (Nuala) Hancock, Sister Rose Maguire, Cornelius O'Callaghan, James Woskett, George Oriss, Rosa Wheeler.

November is a month for remembering

Particularly for remembering our loved ones who have finished their journey of life on this earth. A Mass will be offered each day during the month for those you wish to name. Please put the names in an envelope – with a small offering if you wish – and they will be at the altar through the month.

CAFOD Collection

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD for the Harvest Festival collection which totalled in excess of £1k.

Mass Timetable

The masses on Saturday evening and Sunday at St Thomas' 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

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15pm to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

Will take place at St. Patrick's
Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will
be on **Monday 14th November** at
11.30am.



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Woodford Green

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23rd October 2022

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

Our God is a God of mercy, who hears the cry of poor people and cares for those who are oppressed and for widows. As Christians we are called to be "apostles of hope" to those on the margins of life.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

The Lord hears our prayers and calls us to serve him with all our hearts.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

In all the circumstances of our lives, God is always with us.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

It is those who acknowledge their own sin and weakness who are open to receive God's mercy

Responsorial Psalm

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Lord
have
mercy
on me
a sinner

Reconciliation

We gave thought in the Friary this week about how we can help you to use this sacrament better. We wondered if there are still some who prefer to be anonymous, telling their story unseen by the priest. So we will restart using the confessional in church each Saturday at 10.30 to 11 am and 5.15 to 5.45 pm. There you have the choice to sit facing the priest or to kneel at the grille. - We are always ready to provide the sacrament whenever you call. Therefore please phone to make an appointment at any other time from above. This is not a relaxation of covid precautions. Confession in the parlour is still on offer.

Week day Mass

Temperatures have been unusually high so far this October and we have not needed to turn on the church heating as yet. This good fortune cannot last. So from tomorrow Monday the 10 am Mass on weekdays and Saturdays will be in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. This was our regular practice prior to covid. - Neither is this a signal that we are relaxing our vigilance. Numbers contracting covid are rising. It is suspected that many more suffer without registering for recording. So we must continue to keep windows open during services. We continue to exercise care in ministering Holy Communion and **do not** offer communion on the tongue.

Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis made a surprise announcement last Sunday: that the Synod process is to be extended for another year. He says it must not be rushed. - I feel we did not contribute as well to this synod as we did to the synod on Family and Marriage 7 years ago. The Pope wants to give us more time to reflect. It is a "constitutive dimension of our church". How are we doing? We need to talk more.

Christmas Fayre 19th November 2022

Donations of jewellery, bottles and unused toiletries should be left in the parish office. Donations of good quality toys, teddies, and unwanted gifts can be left in the porch at the back of church. Any donations of cakes for the CWL stall can be dropped off on the day at the Fayre please (Trinity lower site). We are looking for volunteers to help with this years' Christmas Fayre on Friday 18th & Saturday 19th November. Please contact the office if you can lend your support. And most importantly please come along and support us on the day, there will be lots of activities for children, a visit from Fr Christmas and many stalls, refreshments and live music!

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 limited places now remaining by texting 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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd October

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

Monday 24th October

Cathy Daly Sick
Joan Bright RIP benefactress

Tuesday 25th October

Rose Hopkins & Julia Alison
Mary Ann Gillespie RIP

Wednesday 26th October

John McMenemy thanks re covid
Marcel Chimpani RIP

Thursday 27th October

Frank Fitzpatrick RIP birthday
Sr Marie Majella Galvin
Trinity intentions

Friday 28th October

Nuala Heath & family
Eileen McDonagh

Saturday 29th October

10 Danny Gallagher RIP
6 Bede Hyde RIP

Sunday 30th October

8.30 Pina Torrisi RIP
10 Dr Jim Sainsbury anniversary
11.30 Deceased Players of St Francis
Football Club

St. Francis Football Club

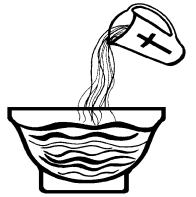
Please join us for 11.30am Mass on Sunday 30th October. We will be remembering deceased members, especially Bill Purdy's boys of the 1950s. Please contact eileencowell38@gmail.com for more information.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 29th October at 10.30am
Rachel Woolf & Kathleen Mahoney

Baptism Congratulations

The following children were welcomed into our Church community in October



Sofie Johnston
Oscar Kelly
Penelope Bonello

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.