

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please note that all names will be removed from the sick list for the next week. If you wish a name to remain please contact the Parish Office

Lately dead:

Funeral Notice

Dr James (Jimmy) Sainsbury's funeral will take place on the **27th May at 12.30pm at Chigwell Convent.**

Anniversaries:

Guilielmuis Comerford, Ronald Johnson, Francescsa Nippress, Reginald Smith, Lygia Walters, Richard Thomas, Clare Woolaghan, Mary Barry-Gregory, Mary Chandradasa, Sister Colette Cleary, Eric Du Casse, Robin Flindall, Michael Reilly, Christopher Stubbs, OFM Andrew Cloonan, Daniel Healy, John McGovern, Joan Neenan, Amelio Tolaini, Mavis Bruce, Denis L'Estrange, Percy Wartnaby, Julian Famiglietti, Terence McGraph, Anthony O'Brien, Fr Urban Judge OFM, Patricia Western.

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)

10am Chigwell Convent



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Important Information Sunday 29th May

You will know that most of our local roads will be closed to traffic for the whole of that day. So access to St Thomas' church will be on foot only. It offers a good opportunity, leaving your cars at home and walking to church, to save throwing carbon into the air, though that does not help you further away and less athletic. There will be no mass at Chigwell Convent that day as the road closures isolate it. If you really cannot make it then remember that all the masses will be streamed as usual.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) 22nd May 2022

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

Today's readings convey a clear, if uncomfortable, message about the Church as the body of Christ. Since the beginning people have tried to impose rules and controls on who is an insider and who an outsider, who belongs and who is excluded. Jesus' own teaching is very clear. It is the Holy Spirit who judges and guides not only the leaders but all the faithful. Our attempts at exclusion and control are according to "the world", not the Spirit.

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

The leaders of the early Church allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

John's revelation is of the Church as the new Jerusalem, a walled and gated city, but these are not built to exclude sinners or those we consider unworthy or outsiders. The temple is the body of Christ himself.

Gospel John 14:23-29

At the Last Supper Jesus speaks words of inexpressible comfort. He promises that the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, will find a home in us as individuals and as a community when we learn to keep his word.

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.



The feast of the Ascension

Will be celebrated this Thursday. It is a day of joining in at Mass. There will be a vigil mass on Wednesday at 7.30pm and on Thursday Mass at 10am and 8pm. At Chigwell Convent at 10am.

Sunday June 12th Mass in the garden

This has now become one of the most prized and really enjoyable exercises of our year – or at least of our summer. So on that Sunday there will be no mass in the church at St Thomas. Instead I hope everybody – all those who normally attend one of the morning masses and many others, will gather in the garden at 11.30. First there will be Mass. And then a picnic. Please bring your own and then maybe we will share a little. And do pray for sunshine. Music and dancing is on the agenda for the afternoon. And if you have any good additional ideas for some shared entertainment please bring them. The afternoon is long.

Saturday 25th June

The Grand St Antony's school and St Thomas Parish Joint Fete.

This new collaboration was on the agenda for the past two years and prevented by Covid. For the first time very sensibly we will combine and share the two similar Fetes customary in previous years. So far there has not been much publicity but the Fete Committee is beavering away quietly. If you care to join them, or have any ideas, contact either the parish or the school office.

Parish Council Vacancies

We have some vacancies for the Parish Council. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church or from the website or parish office. These must be completed and returned by 26th June 2022. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

Situations vacant

This heading last week concerned altar servers. Immediately 5 young people come forward eager to serve on the sanctuary. So now we have eight. They are needed at each of the weekend masses – as well as for other occasions. So there are still many vacant slots to be filled. Serving is a very good way for young people to ease their way into becoming the builders and real makers of parish and church. The sacristans have returned and several more joined their rank. Other ministries: ushers, readers, musicians, ministers of communion, catechists for a Sunday children's liturgy and others still need strengthening. So do not be shrinking violets. Come and join in the enthusiasm of those who serve rather than watch and wait to be served.

Parish

Ukrainian refugee response

If you are considering welcoming refugees into your home or have already registered with the HomesforUkraine government scheme, please contact our parish team for advice by emailing r.parker959@gmail.com for further information, potential matching and community support. The parish will be welcoming a family of 7 Ukrainian refugees in the coming weeks who will be staying in a flat within the Friary through the Government Homes for Ukraine scheme. We would be most grateful for a electrician/plumber to install some kitchen appliances as soon as possible. Please email Mairead.smith@icloud.com if you are able to help.

St Bon's Alumni Event 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm

All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: www.stbons.org/alumni



Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd May

8.30 Olga Machado RIP
10 Soldiers of Azovstal
11.30 Nicholas Windsor

Monday 23rd May

Frank Costello anniversary
Ronald Johnson anniversary

Tuesday 24th May

Norma McMahan anniversary
Grace Taylor sick

Wednesday 25th May

Michael Walsh ill
John Donovan ill

Thursday 26th May

10am Bro Raymond intention
8 pm Sarah McKimstry RIP
Trinity intention

Friday 27th May

Gaetano Catania anniversary
Christina RIP

Saturday 28th May

10 am Martha Charles
6 pm Dora Murphy anniversary

Sunday 29th May

8.30 Margaret Potter RIP
10 People of the parish
11.30 Maureen Walsh RIP

Church Cleaning

Thursday 26th May at 9am

Jackie John, Maria-Clare Fawcett & Mary Charter

We are looking for more volunteers to join our rota, if you can spare some time to help keep our Church clean please contact the Parish Office.

Trinity Vacancies

Teacher of English, Full & Part time,
Teacher of Geography
Teacher of English
Teacher of Business & Economics
Teacher of Physics

Please visit the School website for more information

Walking Frame

A Parishioner has a brand new walking frame which has never been used and she would like it to go to a good home. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this please contact the Parish office.

Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS 18th June 9.30am to 2pm

This year's walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on **Saturday, 18 June**. We gather at Becket Centre, St Thomas of Canterbury for registration at 9.30am. The walk is approx 7 miles through Woodford golf course and via Butler's Retreat, stopping off at the tea hut at the top of Fairmead Road for refreshments before returning via Connaught Water at approx 2pm. The walk is suitable for all ages and is a very social event. Families are especially welcomed. The sponsored walks in parishes in the diocese are a major fundraiser for bccs. Please text David Underwood on [07905 741033](tel:07905741033) for more details.