

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



**Lately dead:** Pat Maloney, Jean Adshead, Maria Da Luz Gouveia Neil Igoe, Catherine Ray, Elizabeth Szukics, Eddy Marie.

### Anniversaries:

Helena Greene, Joan Browne, Elizabeth Franklin, Michael Box, Cynthia Kenyon, Albert (Jack) Lee, Ann Kenyon, Emma Huxley, Anne Digby, George Clarke, Terence Tuckey, Sister Kinane, Maria Golaszewska, Helen Bailey, Michael Leppert, Mary McCarthy, Harry Day, Veronica Bailey, Katherine Bullman, Michael Higgins, Annie Croke, Mary McClean, Kenneth McDonnell, James McHugh, Beryl Mahoney, Dennis McCardle, William Maher, Mark Thompson, Maggie Little, Doreen Ritchie, Francis Vaz, Michael Godber.

## Mass Timetable

*All our services are live streamed*

### SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass Sat. 6pm;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am

### CONFESSIONS

By Appointment

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
Of the month

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing

Don't forget to provide track & trace information by using the QR code or logging your details in the book provided

### Certificates of Practice

Fr Quentin is planning to sign certificates of practice in October. Should you wish to have a certificate signed please email the parish office with your family details, child's name, DOB and address and a slot will be booked for you. This also includes those applying to Davenant.



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Woodford Green

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time (B) 5th September 2021

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

In today's Mass we are reminded that God offers us courage, invites us to love without exception and brings us to healing and wholeness.

### First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

God offers courage to all those with faith.

### Second Reading James 2:1-5

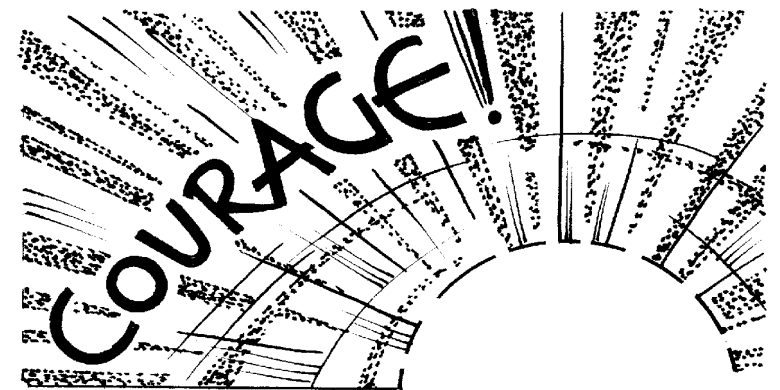
Do not be deferential to those with riches or power.

### Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Our call to have "hearts without borders".

### Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord



## Welcome back.

I hope you have all had some holiday, and come back refreshed for the new stage of our parish-family life. From tomorrow we begin a gradual return to the daily pattern of our services in church. The church will be open for visits each day from 8am to 6 pm We resume a daily mass at 10 am. We ask you to provide a reader and the priest will give communion, duly masked. On Sundays we will hear the three readings (still only 2 at 10am) and you will make and respond to your "prayers of the faithful".

## With Caution

We are however very much aware of the rate of covid infection, still very high. And of our responsibility to keep you safe. Please do not abandon or relax the care and patience you have shown for many months. Still we ask you to wear a mask in church; register your presence for track and trace, sanitise your hands as you enter church. All the benches are once more in use. But PLEASE do maintain a safe distance from those not of your family bubble. Those who wish may take a card stating: ***I am distancing*** – just to alert those near to respect your private space. The windows will stay open. Social life elsewhere is returning to normal. Many of us feel too normal. Still social life is a large part of our parish practice. In two weeks time there will again be tea after the mass at 11.30 – again spaced out safely.

## Journey of Faith

We want to begin the weekly meetings ASAP. So far we know of a few eager to join. It is for people of other churches, faiths or none; for those who want to catch up with what makes a catholic tick these days. Think if you would like to join, or know someone who would be interested. When we have more than the current 3 we will start.

## Mass-on-the-Grass

### Out door Mass

**Sunday 12th September 11.30am**

*There will be no other masses on this day*

Weather permitting we will celebrate mass in the garden next Sunday at 11.30. The 10 am choir and minstrels will lead us. In the open air we can all sing – with gusto. And following the mass please bring your picnic. There will be some seats for the elderly and infirm: otherwise please bring something to sit on.

It is the only day in the year when the whole parish can come together for mass. It is our way of saying to God: Thank you for our parish-family. We are committed to making it thrive. So NO MASS in St Thomas' church next Sunday.

*Followed  
by a picnic*



## But then of course the weather.

If it is raining we obviously will have to go inside and space will be limited. We intend making a weather decision next Thursday. It will be communicated through the electronic channels. If we decide the weather to be too uncertain the usual masses will happen at 8.30, 10 and 11.30.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 5th

8.30 Rosa Fitzpatrick  
10 People of the parish  
11.30 David Wilson  
anniversary

### Monday 6th

Francis Vaz  
anniversary  
Edward Andrews ill  
Denis Dunlea RIP

### Tuesday 7th

Funeral Catherine  
Ray  
Andrea & Gloria  
McQueen ill  
Sr Eileen McLoughlin  
intentions

### Wednesday 8th

Jean Adshead RIP  
Vera King RIP  
Sr Pius Gallagher 60  
Jubilee

### Thursday 9th

Allen Charles RIP  
Trinity intentions  
Holy Souls

### Friday 10th

Eamonn O'Donnell  
RIP  
Sr Mary Mangan

### Saturday 11th

10 am Molly Lavelle RIP  
6 pm Dilly Firmin RIP,  
Doreen Richie anniversary

### Sunday 12th

8.30 Elizabeth & Michael Bergin  
anniversary  
10 Donald Dourado  
11.30 Elizabeth Szukics RIP

## August baptisms Congratulations

Atticus & Wilbur Snowden, Sonny Bramley, Pepe Inglis, Sofia Campoverde, Jasper Lewis, Elijah Cooke, Freddie Brown, Uchechim Nliam, Montgomery Houston, George Norey & Matilda Mason.

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday 11th September at 10.30am**

Deborah Butterworth, Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

## Holy Communion preparation 21/22



Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who will be going into year 3 in September 2021. The application form can be found on the website.

**The closing date is 10th September 2021. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

## Restoration fund

A big thank you to the 2021 First Holy Communion parents for their donations to the restoration fund.

Also to Malachy Hampson who raised over £350 by selling plants for the fund.

## Becket Centre Activities

### Mother & Toddler Group

Will recommence on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th September 9.30am to 11am.

## Yoga

A Yoga class for mind and body will start on Tuesday 14th September, 12-1.30pm for 10 weeks.

For details please contact Jacqui Bonham at [jacqui\\_bonham@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jacqui_bonham@tiscali.co.uk) or 02085049035