

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Anniversaries:

Mark Ashmore, Louisa Christou, Louisa Donno, Daopersad (Bonny) Seecharan, James Vaughan, Mark Ashmore, Louisa Christou, Louisa Donno, Daopersad (Bonny) Seecharan, James Vaughan, William Crowe, Margaret Gillespie, Eva Beschizza, Ellen Harris, Lestor Haslam, Michael Hogan, John O'Malley, Jacintha Wickramaratne, Margaret Collins, John Gaerty, Mrs Kelly, Albert Mahoney, Master Jake McLean, Candida Rapacioll, Paul Smith, Eva Sullivan, Julie Ball, Joan Bright, Annie Renie LeComte, John Mitchell, Anna Powley, Dorothy Waight, Sister Rose Meehan, Thomas Jolly.

Holy Communion preparation 24/25



Applications are now open for registered Parishioners of children who will be going into year 3 in September 2024.

The application form can be found on the website.

<https://forms.office.com/e/KyJcr2NUfm>

The closing date is
4th September 2024.

No applications after this date will be accepted.

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

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection this weekend
for Peter's Pence

Requests for Mass intentions

We now have facilities on our website for
you to request a mass. Please use the
link below, this also enables you to make a
donation for the mass if you wish.

[https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/
massrequest](https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/massrequest)



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

SS Peter and Paul (B) 30th June 2024

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

On this feast of Saints Peter and Paul we gather to give thanks for their example and renew our commitment to pass on to others the message of the Gospel of Jesus.

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

Guided by an angel, Peter
miraculously escapes from prison.

Second Reading

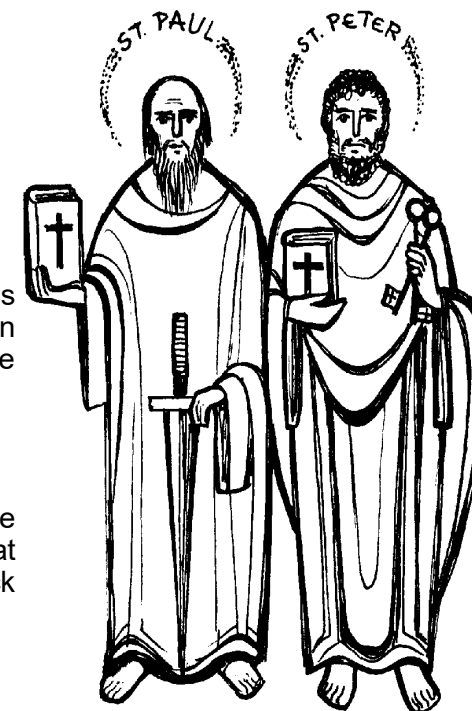
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Paul declares that the Lord has
always stood by him and has given
him the power to proclaim his whole
message to the world.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

Peter declares that Jesus is the
Messiah; and Jesus proclaims that
he will build his church on the rock
that is Peter.



Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free

OUR READING FROM ACTS tells of how the Church prayed for Peter while he was in gaol

Pope Francis recommends that we do the same in our needs. Let us notice something else: at that dramatic moment, no one complained about Herod's evil and his persecution. No one insulted Herod — and we are so used to insulting those who hold responsibility. It is pointless, even tedious, for Christians to waste their time complaining about the world, about society, about everything that is not right. Complaints change nothing. Let us remember that complaints are the second door closed to the Holy Spirit, as I said on the day of Pentecost: the first is narcissism, the second discouragement, the third pessimism. Narcissism takes you to the mirror, to continually look at yourself; discouragement to complaints; pessimism to the dark, in the dark. These are the attitudes that close the door to the Holy Spirit.

Those Christians did not cast blame; they prayed. In that community, no one said: "If Peter had been more careful, we would not be in this situation." No one. Peter, as a human, had reasons to be criticized, but no one criticized him. They did not talk about Peter; they prayed for him. They did not talk about Peter behind his back, but they spoke to God. We today can ask: "Are we protecting our unity with prayer? The unity of the Church? Are we praying for one another?" What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? ... with speech that was a little more calm.

The same thing that happened to Peter in prison: now as then, so many closed doors would be opened, so many chains that bind would be broken.

And we would be amazed, like the girl who — seeing Peter at the gate — did not open it, but ran inside, amazed with the joy of seeing Peter.

Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another. Saint Paul urged Christians to pray for everyone, especially those who govern (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-3). "But this ruler is to be . . .," and the descriptions are many. I will not say them because this is not the time nor the place to say the qualifications that are heard against the rulers. Let God judge them, but let us pray for those who govern. Let us pray; they need prayer. This is a task that the Lord has entrusted to us. Are we carrying it out? Or do we simply talk, criticize, and do nothing? God expects that when we pray we will also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity.

Joint Summer Fete Saturday 6th July, 12 to 4pm

We are looking forward to seeing lots of parishioners at the Summer Fete next Saturday. We're excited to announce there'll be a performance from special guest singer James Argent as well as live music, dancing and singing throughout the afternoon. This year we also have lots of new stalls as well as the classics such as the raffle, bouncy castle, bottle and teddy tombola. There will be plenty of delicious food to try including the BBQ and refreshments in both the Becket Centre and outside at the bar. All money raised is for the church and St. Antony's School so we know you'll want to come along and support the event. Entrance will be £2 for adults and free for children. We are still looking for a few more raffle prizes so if you are a local business that can offer a prize or your services, we'd love to hear from you. The organisers are looking for a few more people to help with setting up the fete from 10am on the day and people to help out on stalls so if you can spare an hour, please do get in contact with Avril Leary or Dana Stevens danaeveve@hotmail.com



Mass Intentions

Sunday 30th June

8.30 Valerie Shearmur RIP
10 Kay & Nick Stokes RIP
11.30 Fr Austin McCormack RIP

Monday 1st July

Eileen Twoomey anniversary
Cecily Leon

Tuesday 2nd July

Sadie Moore
Damian Polanski anniversary

Wednesday 3rd July

C.W.L
Michael Pye sick

Thursday 4th July

Raphael & Auxillia Musonza RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 5th July

E Musonza intentions
Deceased sisters SHJM

Saturday 6th July

10 Maureen Pestell intentions
6 Fr Austin McCormack RIP

Sunday 7th July

8.30 Maureen Carrig RIP
10 Moyra Murphy RIP
11.30 Bernadette Cooley sick

Church Cleaning
Thursday 4th July 9am
Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson
& Mary Charter

Baptism Congratulations

To the following children who were recently baptised at St Thomas Elizabeth Branch, Arlo Strockl, Omoflahan Rabi & Omufolarin Rabi.

Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual meeting of our Parish will take place after 11.30am Mass on **Sunday 14th July 2024.**

Annual Reports

The **Accounts** for 2023/2024 are available on the website and in the Porch. If you have any questions please direct them to the Parish Office in the first instance.

The **Annual Report** from the Chair of the Parish Council is also available on the website and on the notice board in the Church Porch.

The PPC Constitution will be reviewed at the meeting and the suggested changes can be found on the website and in the Church Porch.

Copies of these reports will be available at the AGM or on request from the Parish Office.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event