

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Anniversaries:

Alice Connell, Margaret Anning, Bryan Arkell, Joanna Furlong, Lily Causley, Barbara Cox, Letitia Featherstone, Clare Jones, Inge Prince, Mary Copping, Ernestine Grabowski, Mrs Taker, Angela Brincat, William Nolan, John (Sean) Dunne, Henri Van Haydo Haydonsk,

### Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Youth Sunday this weekend. You can also use the QR codes on the poster at the back of the Church

### World Youth Sunday

is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church. **Some of our young people will be speaking about their experiences**, (you can donate online at [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate)).

Your support is greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events and supporting young people in your Parish.

We would also like to invite our young people to take home a **reverse advent calendar** and think about how they could donate to help others during this advent season.

### 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

### Advent/Christmas

We have published on our website details of our Advent and Christmas masses.

Health and Safety of church goers is an important parish ministry. This involves the prevention of over-crowding and ensuring fire and evacuation routes are kept clear during all Masses. Last Christmas at the 3pm Mass we had to manage over attendance asking people not to block exits while working hard not to prevent people from attending the Mass. We wish to make Christmas Mass attendance a safe and comfortable experience and that is why there is availability of 8 different masses for you to choose from.

### My Day by Day Advent guide 2024

is available at the back of the Church for £1.00



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (B) 24th November 2024

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

Today we celebrate Jesus as our King. In today's Gospel, he shows us how to enter his kingdom: by feeding the hungry; by welcoming the stranger; by having compassion for those most in need.

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14

The kingdom of heaven is eternal and can never be destroyed.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus, the beginning and end of all things, welcomes us into his kingdom, excluding nobody from his love.

**Gospel:** John 18:33-37

Jesus' kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. It is everlasting and founded on truth.

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.



## CHRIST THE KING

This is an extract from a homily preach by Pope Francis on this feast.

Dear brothers and sisters, today we proclaim this singular victory, by which Jesus became the King of every age, the Lord of history: with the sole power of love, which is the nature of God, his very life, and which has no end (cf. 1 Cor 13:8). We joyfully share the splendour of having Jesus as our King: his rule of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust. It would mean very little, however, if we believed Jesus was King of the universe, but did not make him Lord of our lives: all this is empty if we do not personally accept Jesus and if we do not also accept his way of being King. The people presented to us in today's Gospel, however, help us. In addition to Jesus, three figures appear: the people who are looking on, those near the cross, and the criminal crucified next to Jesus.

First, the people: the Gospel says that "the people stood by, watching" (Lk 23:35): no one says a word, no one draws any closer. The people keep their distance, just to see what is happening. They are the same people who were pressing in on Jesus when they needed something, and who now keep their distance. Given the circumstances of our lives and our unfulfilled expectations, we too can be tempted to keep our distance from Jesus' kingship, to not accept completely the scandal of his humble love, which unsettles and disturbs us. We prefer to remain at the window, to stand apart, rather than draw near and be with him. A people who are holy, however, who have Jesus as their King, are called to follow his way of tangible love; they are called to ask themselves, each one each day: "What does love ask of me, where is it urging me to go? What answer am I giving Jesus with my life?"

## Henrietta Suite Update

Thank you to those who responded to the Henrietta Suite refurbishment proposals. The PPC has agreed an expanded project as a direct result of those responses, and the project team is now working on that. To view the current project details as well as your responses and PPC comments on them, please visit the website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/becketcentrehome> Project updates will also be put there throughout the project.

## Car Park

Car parking and consideration have improved since we relaid the car park, not only at mass times but also at school pickup times. Thank you - and please keep it up. But would pedestrians PLEASE use the crossing places to get down to the High Road pavement - going down the roadway is dangerous, especially for children. Please give our youngsters a good example.

## Parish Bridge Club

If 3 or more respond, we will start a course for absolute beginners at the parish bridge club in the New Year. We meet from 7pm-9pm in the Henrietta Suite every Thursday. Others, whatever your level, will also be made welcome - just turn up. This is social Bridge, focussed on improving and enjoying the company. Questions and responses to [bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:bridgeclub@stthomaswoodford.org)

## The Assisted Suicide Bill

Please express your opposition to this Bill by writing to your MP at the House of Commons, LONDON SW1A 0AA. You can also google 'Care not Killing' and there add your name to a petition opposing the Bill. Please pray that the Bill is defeated and vulnerable people do not feel that others want them out of the way.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 24th November

8.30 Michael Cusack  
10 Suzanna Intze-Trak RIP  
11.30 Maria Grant birthday

### Monday 25th November

Mike & Michael Lobo  
James Daniell RIP

### Tuesday 26th November

Maureen De Silva  
Greta recovery

### Wednesday 27th November

Miriam Perera RIP  
Sr Celine intentions  
Pakie recovery

### Thursday 28th November

Mary Loughran RIP  
Fatima Regesado RIP

### Friday 29th November

Maureen Pollock sick  
Graeme McNeil RIP

Funeral 12 noon Brian Dunleavy

### Saturday 30th November

10 Dorothy Hetherington RIP  
6 Padraig Burn  
Margaret & Jack Bryan RIP

### Sunday 1st December

8.30 Graeme McNeill RIP  
10 Eoin Franey anniversary  
11.30 Anthony Grimes

### Mass every day for those named before the altar

Please note that the music group will not be playing on the 1st December

## Church Cleaning Thursday 29th November 9am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,  
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson  
& Mary Charter

## Holy Communion Programme

### • First confessions

Parents are invited to book a slot for their child's first confession. The timetable is available at the back of church from Monday. When you attend the confession meeting please bring along your "I belong" book.

### • Parents & Child Meeting

Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm  
OR  
Saturday 14th December at 11am

## Refreshments after 10am Mass Friday, 29th November

Come and join us in the William Scott room after 10am mass for a friendly chat and to celebrate **30 years of the Fairtrade mark** in the UK.

## Notice for All Readers

The new Lectionary will again be on display in St Francis' chapel for all readers to acquaint themselves with the new text and layout. If you haven't done so already, please take a few moments, either before or after mass to inspect the lectionary. If you use a personal missal to prepare for your reading, this will obviously now be obsolete, new missals containing the ESV readings can be ordered from the parish shop. There is also a website and "App" called "Universalis" which contains all the readings for Sundays & weekdays (and a whole lot more) and can be found at <https://universalis.com>