

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

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Parish Office

Due to the installation of new electricity meters for the Church the Office will be **closed to the public on 17th November** for one day. You will still be able to contact the office by email: parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

New Church lockdown arrangements

The Church is closed to the public

However, join us daily via

<https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live>

For Mass every day at 10 am

And at 6pm for evening prayer with exposition of the blessed sacrament

We will also record the 10am Mass on Sunday

Confessions can take place by appointment



Prayer of spiritual communion
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 15th November 2020

As the church year nears its end, we reflect on how faithfully we are living as children of light. Our desire is to be ready to meet Jesus when he returns.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The most attractive qualities in a person are not beauty or charm, but trustworthiness, wisdom, industriousness and generosity.



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Speculating when the world will end is not the best way to prepare for it. We need to be working hard and doing the right thing when the Lord comes.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who entrusted his disposable wealth to the care of servants during his absence. He was furious to find that one of them made no effort to put it to good use.

Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Communion preparation

How is it going at home? I know the workbooks are popular. I hope you have by now finished chapter one on belonging. So important to have a strong sense of belonging - to your family, to St Thomas parish, to the world-wide church. We skip chapters 2, 3, and 4 now, to deal with them in the new year. So this month I hope you are moving on to work through chapter 5. The chapters we have skipped deal with sin and forgiveness. When at mass we have finished dealing with this duty we move on to give glory to God. That is in chapter 6 which you will be covering in December.

How do we do this?

What does God get out of it? The answer is that he is delighted when we are full of enthusiasm because we belong to him. We can celebrate. Flowers, candles, food, dress – all the things that we hope to be doing big time when Christmas comes. Work on that this month. I'm sure you do not need to be reminded that taking part in mass regularly is all-important. And then lockdown comes. Do your best to join our mass streamed from St Thomas. The children will only learn if they see your commitment to weekly mass. We hope it will quite soon be possible to come to church again.

Certificates of practice St Anthony's

Please let us have a family photo with details of the masses you would normally attend. Provide the full name of you child, his/her date of birth, and your current address. This can be emailed to parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org.

Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King.

It is a day for youth. They are the ones who have the freshness and the zeal to face our contemporary world with courage and confidence that they can change it. Our King leads towards the common good – rather than selfish or party interests. To be truly brothers and sisters to all. Our catholic faith provides this image of God's total plan in creating. While we can only see a mess of confusion and conflicts, God is inexorably leading it all to the culmination when everything will come together under the leadership of Christ. We each have a part in it. When young and enthusiastic people throw themselves generously into projects they provide the cells for this universal Body of Christ. St Thomas parish is a small part of this building. It is the only truly worthwhile commitment of every life.

SVP

The SVP would like to thank those generous parishioners who have kept us afloat during this difficult year - your kindness has enabled us to continue providing assistance to local families in need. On more than one occasion the timing of these anonymous donations has been incredible, enabling us to address specific requests as they arose. We will remember you in our prayers.

Vacancies

Trinity Catholic School

P/T HoD Psychology & Sociology with TLR (Maternity cover). Please visit the school website for more information

Mary's Meals

Are seeking to recruit a Support Engagement Officer in London . Please visit there website for more information.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 15th November

People of the parish
Dmytriy Syzonenko anniversary

Monday 16th November

Peg McCarthy RIP
John Potter RIP

Tuesday 17th November

Deceased Murphy & Costello families
Fukiko Suzuki RIP

Wednesday 18th November

Beryl Johnson RIP
Billy Burke anniversary

Thursday 19th November

Teresa Streeting RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 20th November

Pierina Kavanagh RIP
Joseph Kavanagh & family

Saturday 21st November

Jamie Hooper RIP 22 years old
Jim & Mary O'Connor & family

Sunday 22nd November

People of the parish
Mary Zeppa RIP
Cissy & Jack Adair RIP

Returning to Mass after lockdown

We are in need of parishioners to help clean the church after each Mass. If you can help please let the parish office know including the day on which you can help. Thank you

Advent - Day by Day

Is available to buy from the Parish Office. The book has a daily readings for contemplation throughout Advent. The price is £1.

We also have a supply of Christmas cards and advent calendars available in the office.

Parish Diaries 2021

Parish Diaries for 2021 are available from Parish Office.

Real Living Wage week

9th – 15th November 2020

After months where key workers and care workers have been at the "front line" it remains the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is actively committed to the Real Living Wage, which lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For lots of information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. From 9th November there will also be a specific campaign to ensure workers in care homes are paid the real living wage. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Alan. Find out more at www.citizensuk.org

Prayers of St Bridget to music

A family from our parish have created a prayer to St Bridget and they generously would like to share this with us.

Please follow the link for the access <https://www.jhealer.com/the-15-prayers>