

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Mario Castelletti, Susan Kemp, Palmira Pieroni, Sister Kathleen Cronin, Mary Catherine James, Michael O'Meara O'Meara, Douglas George Bacon, Honoria Christine Mathieson, Maureen Noden, Edward George Pestell, Brian Peter Skelt, Luca Marrai, Angelo Francescotti, Andrea Battistini, Antonio Canello, Gerald Duggan, Charles Edward Green, Ben Naismith, William (Billy) Burke.

Thanks

Geoff Craft and family would like to thank you all for the expressions of sympathy and prayers following the return to the Lord of Bernadette on 11 October 2019.

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;
10am (Children's Liturgy)
11.30am
Chigwell Convent
10am
St. James URC
(Buckhurst Hill)
9am (Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
10am
Chigwell Convent
9.30am
Saturday 10am
(1st Weds of the month)
No morning Mass
Trinity High School
8.20am on Lower Site.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

St. Thomas'
10.30am - 11.30am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Chigwell Convent
After 10am Mass
BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

Bi-Annual Requiem Mass St Patrick's Cemetery

Will take place on Monday 11th
November at 11.30am.

Parish Partnership Landings Programme

Please note that the Landings
presentation has been postponed to
November 16th, 10am.

November Dead List

Mass will be offered daily during the
month of November for your loved
ones. Envelopes are available from the
back of the church. Please return
either through the Friary letterbox (no
need to ring the bell) or the parish
office.

Hustings

All candidates for the Chingford and
Woodford Green parliamentary
constituency have been invited to a
hustings at Woodford Memorial Hall, at
7.30pm on the 25th November. Tickets
available from Woodford Memorial Hall,
209 High Road E18 2PA - apply by
18th November.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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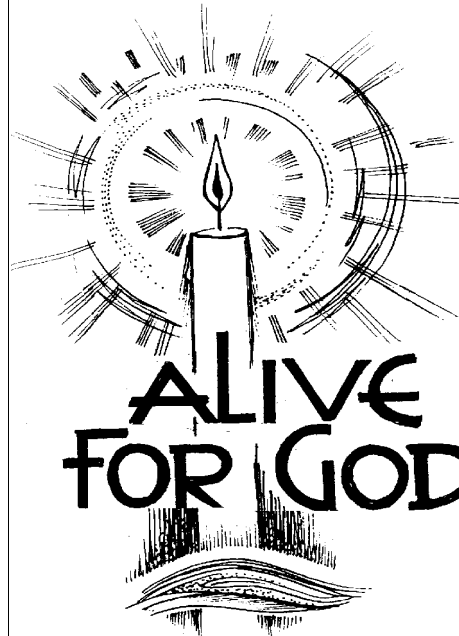
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 10th November 2019

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

The end of the Church's liturgical year is in sight and we are being invited to think about the ultimate reality of what lies beyond and where our lives are leading.



First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

No threats will dissuade the seven brothers and their mother from staying faithful to the God in whom they put their trust.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Paul prays for himself and his early converts that the Lord will strengthen and protect them.

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus refuses to be trapped by the specious arguments of the Sadducees but stresses the truth of the resurrection that awaits the children of God.

Responsorial Psalm

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org
or mail communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Remembrance Sunday

There is a military air at the 10am Mass today as the young peoples' groups parade. We remember the huge cost so many have paid in fighting for justice, freedom and human dignity. Then at 4pm we remember many of our parish who have died in the past year. You will also bring your own thoughts and subjects of prayer. And high among these is the priority of those who know the slow grieving they endure.

Parish Pastoral Council

did not meet as expected last Monday. Not because they are inactive. On various fronts the parish work of prayer, social meeting, education, caring and others is quietly moving forward. There were no matters that needed attendance of 12 people just to get on with the parish life. The real work is being done outside meetings.

Ministers of Holy Communion

The rotas for this service at most masses are depleted. I am looking for people who are free and willing to commit to serving regularly on a rota at one of these weekend masses. It need not be every week. The essentials: you are someone who keeps close to Jesus in prayer and love. There are plenty of you who qualify. Are you willing?

St Vincent de Paul society

It is a while since we had a collection for this work of our parish. There have been so many other calls on your generosity. There is no retiring collection today after masses. But please come ready next Sunday to give the SVP the money they need for the poor.

Parish Activities

- **Monday 11th November at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- **Tuesday 12th November at 2pm**
Tuesday Club- Wartime songs and poems
- **Wednesday 13th November by 7pm**
SOUP RUN
- **Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm**
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room
- **Wednesday 13th November at 8pm**
Confirmation Parents/Sponsors ONLY meeting in the Becket Centre
- **Wednesday 13th November at 8pm**
Baptism Course in the William Scott Room
- **Thursday 14th November 7pm**
Bereavement Group in the Becket Centre
- **Thursday 14th November 7.30pm**
Bible Prayer Group in Francis Room. Brother Chris (OFM) will give a short introduction to "Lectio Divina". Everyone is welcome.
- **Saturday 16th November 10am**
Holy Communion preparation Group A
- **Saturday 16th November 7.30pm**
International Food Evening in the Becket Centre.

Events of the month

There are two major events coming up: the International Evening on 16th November and Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd. Both of these are important occasions for us to meet together and relax pleasantly to enjoy the good company. This year they will, we hope make a significant contribution to the Restoration fund of Friends of St Thomas – for the restoration work afoot. And please think if you could organise some event to bring in the shekels. A quiz night looks popular; a sponsored walk – perhaps when the weather is a little kinder.

Christmas Fayre 23rd November 2019

Donations of jewellery, bottles and unused toiletries should be left in the parish office. Donations of good quality toys, teddies, and unwanted gifts can be left in the porch at the back of church.

Any donations of cakes for the CWL stall can be dropped off on the day at the Fayre please (Trinity lower site).

St Thomas's under 5 would value your donations of fairy cakes for the Christmas Fayre. Please drop off at Sydney Road on morning of 23rd of November. Any queries please call Sheila Browne 07826378519.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this years' Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23 November. Please contact the office if you can lend your support.

And most importantly please come along and support us on the day, there will be lots of activities for children, a visit from Fr Christmas and many stalls, refreshments and live music!

CAFOD's diocesan Memorial Mass

In honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year on **Wednesday 13 November at 12pm** at St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT at 12pm. For more information, please contact Chris at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01268 551293 or 07776 493162.

Parish Office

I am pleased to inform you that Maria Millman has recently joined the Parish Office Team.

Church Cleaning Thursday 14th November at 9am

Kathleen Mahoney, Iwona Moreno, Emily Hannon, Sheila Charles

Catholic newspapers

At present you see in the church porch a large number of these that you can buy or leave as you please. They are on sale or return so we are not charged for the left-overs. That is now to change. The publishers will give us a small discount but we have to pay for all the issues they supply. We do need to be informed of what is happening in our church and I am loth to do away with the service of papers altogether. It could prove costly to the parish. Please give me your ideas. I know many have a subscription to the Tablet which you receive at home.

Certificate of Practice

Please note that Fr Quentin will be available to sign certificates of practice for school and nursery applications on 25th November 3-4pm
29 November 7-8pm

A note from Kathy Wilson

"An assistant organist/keyboard player is needed to play at 11.30 Mass on two Sundays each month. Applicant must be at least a grade 7 standard pianist." –

With great expertise and generosity Kathy serves our parish regularly, and many families at their moments of joy and sorrow. She much deserves help to share the tasks.