

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Joan Collins,
Ellen McMurdock, James Griffin

Anniversaries:

Francesco Faccini, Veronica Boe, Louis Ah-Lim, Georgine Easter, Patrick Moriarty, John Vernon, Evelyn Cook, Elizabeth Wipijeski, Richard Langley, Kathleen O'Hara, Mary Chappell, John Burnham, John Maidment.

Funerals at St Thomas's

Mary Ryder's funeral will take place on 29th March 2019 at 10am

May she rest in peace

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.

Mass Online

The next mass that we intend to record is:
Saturday 30st March, 6pm

Newsletter by email

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

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app – available on Android and iOS. Or visit
www.clicktopray.org

Parish Partnership

The diocesan Vision Document and other relevant items are available on our website.

The Raphaël Pilgrimage to Lourdes 26th to 30th August

Enjoy four nights full board in Lourdes with The Raphaël Pilgrimage staying at the Padoue Hotel. We offer a full spiritual programme in sociable company. Flight direct to Lourdes from Stansted. Cost from £685 pp. Details and booking forms from Paul Affleck. Tel: 020 8504 9138.



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3rd Sunday in Lent Cycle C

24th March 2019

Today we are asked to see tragic events as opportunities for reflection. They are not occasions for us to apportion blame or discern the finger of fate. Rather we are asked to renew our sense of dependence on God and strengthen the commitment of our lives to God.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

The Lord reveals himself to Moses as the one who will always be with his people.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

We are asked to learn from the lessons of the past.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Tragic events are not signs of God's punishment for us but spurs for us to change our ways.



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion
and love.

The Easter Vigil Mass

On April 20th it will start at 9pm this year because it has to begin in the dark. It is the most important event in the year for anyone living a Christian life. It centres on the sacrament of baptism. Do you ever think of your baptism and the lasting effect it has in shaping your life?

Inevitably we are preoccupied with the demands of daily life in a fast-moving world. Job, career, family, home-making, money, health: these are the urgent matters that demand our attention. But underneath baptism is the most significant event and reality of life. What started that day weaves through all our daily preoccupations, but steadily moves us on to our destiny of resurrection beyond the grave.

That is why the ceremony of Easter night is so important. It is not over-long. It is dramatic with dark and light, water and oil splashing, and at St Thomas of Canterbury good music. It will be great to have a full church joining in the action and vocals— and a party after to celebrate the end of Lent. More next week.

Major refurbishment

The replacement of the roof due shortly to begin is the first stage of the major works on Church Friary and Becket rooms in prospect. Though we do have some reserves they will quickly be exhausted and we need to start planning how we will pay the part of the expense that will fall to the parish. I asked last week for volunteers to let me know they are willing to help. I was very pleased that immediately I received one offer. The first thing is to plan our course of action. If you can help and you care for the parish, please let me know.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Thanks you for your generous gift of £530.38 which you put into the box at the Christmas crib. Well done.

Parish activities

- Monday, **25th March** 8pm
Keep fit in the Becket Centre
- Tuesday, **26th March** 12.15pm
Lenten Lunches £3.00 which will be sent to support Mary's meals
- Tuesday, **26th March** 2pm
Tuesday Club—Legal Matters talk by a solicitor Yvette Bacchus in the Becket Centre
- Wednesday, **27th March** 7pm
Journey of Faith, William Scott Room
- Wednesday, **27th March** 8pm
Baptism Course, Assisi Room
- Wednesday, **27th March** 7pm
Soup Run—please leave donations before 7pm
- Thursday, **28th March** 7.15pm
Confirmation Enrolment Mass
- Friday, **29th March** 1pm
Assisi Lunch in the Becket Centre
- Saturday, **30th March** 8pm
Across Jumbulance Quiz

Forthcoming Events

- 13th April —Jumble Sale
- 2nd June —Outdoor Mass
- 29th June—Summer Fete
- 23rd November - Christmas Fayre

Easter Scavenger Hunt -14th April

Come along to our Easter themed afternoon on Sunday 14th April at 3pm - 4pm we shall be having a scavenger hunt with a guaranteed prize for each person and arts & crafts. The tickets are £4 and are on sale from the parish office on Monday. All children under the age of 12 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Lent 2019

Stations of the Cross

Following the 10am Mass on Fridays
Also 8pm at St Thomas's on Fridays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Evening prayer and Exposition Monday to Friday 6 to 6.30pm

The Joy of Love

The Repository sold out its stock of this letter of Pope Francis, but now has a fresh stock. I recommend it as good reading for Lent, as are his other encyclicals. Reading *Joy of Love* is a must for anyone contemplating marriage. Global warming is much in today's secular news. There is no better treatment of its many aspects than in Francis' letter: *Locato Si – on Care for our Common Home*.

Musical Evening with Fr Stan

Parishioners are invited to a musical evening with Fr. Stan, a Franciscan of the Friars of the Renewal on **March 27th** from **7.30pm** in the Ratcliffe Hall on Upper site, Mornington Rd. Free admission, refreshments will be served. Alan_mair@fc.tchs.uk.net

Assisi lunch helpers

We are in need of more volunteers to join us to help with serving a lunch for the elderly in our parish. It is a commitment for new members of 2 Fridays per year 9.30am till 3pm, that's all! The teams have fun and the guests really enjoy the lunches monthly. Please contact Dolly on 07940429815 (eves only).

Cheese and Wine for Assisi helpers

to all Assisi lunch helpers (whether in the kitchen, serving dinner, driving or shopping for the meals) please join Dolly in the Becket center for wine & nibbles **on 3rd April at 7.30pm**, or if you want to volunteer or find out more, just come and meet the teams over a glass of wine!

Church Cleaning

Saturday 30th of March at 10.30am.

Charmaine Turnell, Deborah Butterworth, Rachel Woolf, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara, Cathy Daley.

New Rota

The cleaning rota for the period April to September 2019 is available in the Flower Room. Please collect a copy.

Sunday teas

We need a couple of people to help serve tea after 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be on a rota so you will only be needed once in 9 weeks. You would be in a team of 3 so you won't be alone. Please contact Pat Bell 02085044577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com Thank you.

Across Jumbulance Quiz

Sat 30th March in the Beckett Centre 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Entry £5.00 Tables of 8 to 10. Bring your own drinks and nibbles To book ring Sheila on 0208 504 3839

St Thomas of Canterbury YFC

We are looking for new players to join our friendly club. Players of all ages, boys and girls welcome, we train at Ashton Playing Fields, Chigwell Road every Tuesday. If interested please contact Matt Tallon 07855170256 or chairman@stcyfc.com

Cook

The Friars are looking for a Part-time cook for 6/7 weeks commencing on 15th July 2019. Working Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 2pm. For further information please contact the Parish Office Manager by email parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Chigwell Convent Vacancy

Cleaner is needed in Chigwell Convent 3 days per week for a total of 12 hours. Please contact Chigwell Convent on 02085060329 or mail: chigwellconvent@sacredheartsjm.org