

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately Dead:** Marie Quaine, Dorothy Butler, Ronald Luxton

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Elizabeth O'Brien, Stanley Stringer, Pamela Taylor, Albert Witham, Bernardo Ferrari, Alice Haster, Jackie Jones, Isabelle Tudisca, Doris D'Arcy, William Freeman, Claire Gray, Michael Pearson, Alyce Ridler, James Coyle, Sister Cornelia Martin, Josephine McCorkell, Christopher Quinn, Hugh Slavin, Andrew Keane, Mary McCormack, Eileen Smith, Hannah Sullivan.

### St Thomas' Opening times

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Private prayer 10 to 12 noon

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am

**Thursday** Private prayer 2 to 4pm

**Friday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Saturday** Mass at 10am  
Private prayer 11 to 12 noon

**Sunday** Closed

## Vacancy

St Mary's Chingford  
Learning Support Assistant (LSA )  
Please visit the schools website for  
more information

### Please save unwanted school uniform

As another school year ends and your children continue to grow bigger if you have any unwanted or outgrown items of school uniform could I make a plea for you to please hold on to it until further notice. I'm looking for all items of school uniform - shirts, jumpers, skirts, trousers, blazers, ties etc. Also there's a good chance that you have good quality shoes that have now been outgrown but are in good condition due to lack of use, the same goes for PE shoes and trainers. PLEASE DON'T THROW AWAY!!! I would politely request that you bag up any items for donation and that they be cleaned and washed. Let the Parish office know and I will be in touch at a later date with drop off details but please know it will be put to good use. Thanks in advance. Nicky Crowther.

### Church Donations

- **On-line donations**

Thank you to those parishioners who have used the Diocese of Brentwood on-line donation website. It is very thoughtful of you to think of your Church in these challenging times. For those who maybe interested the site can be found at

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=woodford%20green>

- **By Standing order**

Contact the parish office for details



**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
Woodford Green  
A FAIRTRADE PARISH



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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 19th July 2020

The gift of God's life grows in us, drawing us to faith, hope and love. In order to build God's kingdom we are urged to be hopeful and joyful in our lives, and to be kind and merciful to others.

### First Reading

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

God rules with justice and expects us to be merciful and kind to others.

### Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.

### Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

The kingdom of heaven is likened to good seed being sown in the field, the potential in a tiny mustard seed, and the yeast in the dough.

**IN YOU IS FOUND  
FORGIVENESS**



## Journey of Faith

At Easter 9 travellers of this journey were ready to join our faith and parish. Corona put paid to a celebration that night. But we hope to catch up for each this coming Saturday afternoon. Their enthusiasm is impressive and warming. Four will be baptised, 5 received into full communion and all confirmed and given their first Communion. Please pray for them and welcome them when opportunity presents.

## Streamed Masses

For many weeks Paul has struggled with makeshift equipment to stream our mass each Sunday into your homes. You have experienced the difficulty over the past three weeks. He is not available today but thankfully Mike Eggleton has agreed to come to our aid. He will record the Sunday mass which we will celebrate on Saturday, and, we hope, put it on your screens at the due time on Sunday morning.

## Mass with real people

What a joy it has been to celebrate mass once more with you in person. You have said the same. It is only a week and a half since we resumed mass with you. At first the congregation was small. Wisely you were cautious. That is why we continue with only the streamed mass on each Sunday. We are aware that more than 120 sets have logged on to our transmission on each Sunday. If several people or families are watching the number of individuals increases. - The evening masses during the week have proved less popular than the mornings at 10 am. Please tell us what you think. For the moment we will continue the current practice: Mass at 10am on Wednesday and Saturday; at 7 pm on Monday and Friday. We will change it if you can suggest better.

## Baptism and Holy Communion

The queues are long! Matthew is offering a range of opportunities to the families anxious to baptise their newly-born. Soon the water will be flowing, mainly on a Sunday afternoon. More than 100 children are waiting to receive Jesus for the first time. The masses at which this will happen will have to be very different from those we have known in previous years. What matters is that they can receive Jesus. We are working out the possibilities and hope to provide many masses during August each accommodating a small number of families. Parents and the parish office are busily engaged, as are the catechists and we friars.

## 2021 Holy Communion

We appreciate at this time of year we would normally be inviting applications for next years holy communion programme. However, with Covid 19 we have had to put plans on hold.

Please be reassured that once arrangements can be put in place we will let you know. In the meantime, if you would like us to contact you when the application process for registered parishioners commences please email the parish office with your child's details including date of birth, school attending and school year (from September 2020) email [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Mass Intentions



We will **NOT** be having a live streamed Mass for the next two weeks however we will be recording the 10am Mass on Saturday which you can then view

### **Sunday 19th July**

People of parish  
Olive Priest  
Mary Hughes RIP

### **Monday 20th July**

Funeral Astrid Turner RIP  
Anna Doherty

### **Tuesday 21st July**

Sr Eileen McLoughlin  
Martin & Breda Long

### **Wednesday 22nd July**

Peter & Petrina Stubbings  
Denis Hennessey RIP

### **Thursday 23rd July**

Kerry Bromfield anniv  
Lily Hanna RIP  
Trinity intentions

### **Friday 24th July**

Peter Hayes RIP  
Michael Fox RIP

### **Saturday 25th July**

Frank Fitzpatrick RIP  
Dorothy Butler RIP

### **Sunday 26th July**

People of the parish  
Fiona Green RIP  
Mary McKay

## Safety

Your safety and ours is the great concern. We wish that all coming to the church will wear face covering as is now obligatory in all shops, and will be grateful if you can comply. Whenever the church is open or there is a service, trained stewards are on hand to help you. You may find their directions strange, but there is a reason for every one of them. So please help by following what they ask. It is to ensure your safety, the safety of all to whom you come close, and ours.

