

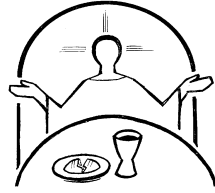
PRAY FOR THE SICK

We will be removing all names from the sick list. If you would like a name to be included for September 2019 onwards please email—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Anniversaries:

Cynthia Kenyon, Ruby Hall, John Hutton, Nellie Martin, Jane Nolan, Anabelle Hill, Joan Walsh, Sister Mildred O'Connor, Barnaby Browne, Patrick Maloney, Felix Fox, John Inglis, Sister Perpetua O'Brien, Laurence Nelson, William Titmarsh, Anne Luggeri, Isabel Dunleavy, Teresa Thambynayagam, John Cunningham, Margaret Griffin, Clement Dodge, Oona Lindeman, Grace Kenny, Liam Lynch, Michael Godber.

Holy Communion Preparation



Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 6th September at 10am. Application will **Not** be accepted after this date.

Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.

Funerals at St Thomas'

David Driscoll's funeral will take place at 10am on 19th of August.

Gerard Houlihan's funeral will take place at 10am on 20th of August.

Josseline Heal's funeral will take place at 10am on 21st of August.

Denis Curran's funeral will take place at 10am on 30th of August.

May they 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.

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



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Served by the Franciscans

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 18th August 2019

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



Jesus came to set the earth ablaze with the purifying fire of God's Holy Spirit, and in today's Mass we glimpse his vision of a world transformed. We, too, like the saints who have gone before us, are called to be a stirring, sometimes disquieting, presence in the world in which we live.

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

People resisted the uncomfortable truths spoken by Jeremiah and threw him into an empty well. He was rescued, not by someone of his own faith, but by a man, like him, who was prepared to speak out for what was right.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

Inspired by the saints who have gone before us, and especially by the sacrifice of Jesus, we persevere in the living out of our faith, however much people may oppose us.

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Before he could baptise the world with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, Jesus knew he must undergo the ordeal of crucifixion. In people's responses to him, many a household will be divided.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord come to my aid!

Newsletter

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

St Francis' prayer

As you move around Italy you can come to a great number of places where Francis sought the solitude necessary for prayer. Some are famous, like La Verna where he received the stigmata, and Greccio where he made the first crib. Common to all is that they are well off the beaten track. He would spend 40 days at a time alone – a group of friars nearby would check that he was alright and leave food and water. They are all places of natural beauty. Francis found God in the beauty of the world God had made; and there is plenty of it in Italy. He needed the time and separation from distractions. He was deeply into God. We are going to try to catch just a little of that when we make our 24 hours of prayer in October. The night hours are wonderful. Give it a try.

Baby-changing facility

Someone alerted us to the fact that nowadays fathers as well as mothers take their share of changing babies' nappies. No sooner mentioned than our very efficient parish office provided the needed equipment. Babies can now be changed at both ends of the lavatorial premises. How well we are served.

Parish Council awayday

In two weeks' time our Councillors will rise early of a Saturday morning and gather at Chigwell. There we will reflect on our task and how we can better serve you all. You can play a part by praying for the success of these few hours. The role of a Parish Pastoral Council is growing. We are unclear about many things. We do know the Holy Spirit is actively guiding us. Pray that we let him in.

Parish Activities

- **Sunday 25th August 2pm**

Parish Consultative Council

Mass On-line

6pm on August 17th, 24th and 31st

Forthcoming Events

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 11th, 18th & 25th September. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

29th September 3pm Mass for the sick & housebound

A mass for the Sick and Housebound (including those living in care homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St Thomas' on Sunday 29th September at 3pm, followed by tea and coffee in the Becket Centre. If you require transport to/ from the mass please contact the parish office.

11/12th October

24 hour Adoration

23rd November

Christmas Fayre

Found last weekend

- A black purse
- A child's ring

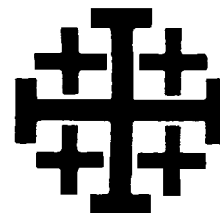
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The Salvation Army

as part of their baby bank they are raising money to help local families afford the new school shoes and uniform for children starting school in September. Visit ilfordsalvationarmy.nationbuilder.com/school_uniform_appeal_2019?recruiter_id=1060 for more information and to donate.

Franciscan vocation

Interested in the Franciscan way of life? Perhaps God may be inviting you to know more about the Franciscan vocation of a Franciscan Friar, Sister, Lay member? If so, contact: vocations@friar.org



Church Cleaning Saturday 24th August at 10.30am

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

Please let team members know if you cannot make your session or organise a swap. Many thanks.



Heart Test Free for anyone aged 14 - 35 12th & 13th October

At St Anthony's School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green IG8 0TX. In order to book visit www.testmyheart.org.uk. Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at forissyscreening@gmail.com for more information.