

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Ann Alfano

Ann's funeral will take place on 6th December at St Thomas' at 10am

We extend our sympathy to Ann's family

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries: Joseph Insole, Alice Theresa Connell, Joanna Furlong, Barbara Ethel Cox, Lily Causley, Clare Jones, Inge Grete Prince, Letitia Featherstone, Ernestine Grabowski, Mary Copping, William Nolan, Angela Brincat, Henri Van Haydonsk, John (Sean) Dunne

St Joseph's Convent School for girls, Wanstead, E11 2PR

An Independent Catholic School for Girls 3-11 years. Next Open Morning on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 9.30am. Contact us on 02089894700 & enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk to reserve a place.

Retiring collection

For the youth of the Diocese after all masses this weekend **National Youth Sunday – Feast of Christ the King.**

We celebrate the young people in our Church and all who accompany them. Within our Diocese the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Today a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

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

Woodford Green

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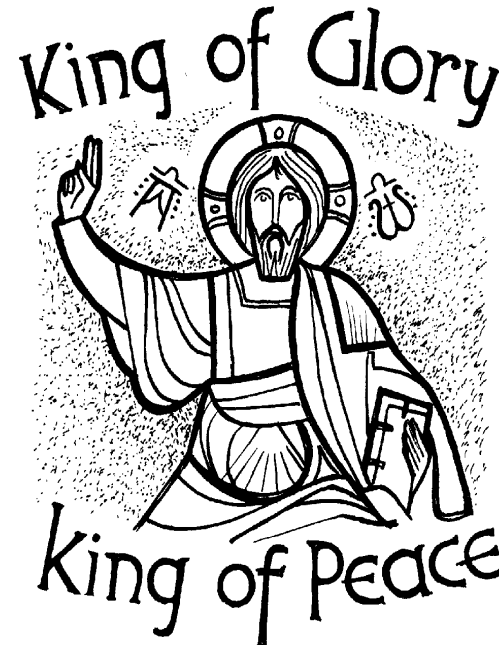


Served by the Franciscans

Christ the King (Cycle C) 24th November 2019 Youth Sunday

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

As we come to this last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the universal kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns in the hearts of all who place their trust in him.



First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The Israelites anoint David as their king and shepherd. He had led them to victory; he was their own flesh and blood; more importantly, God had chosen him.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

Jesus was first-born of creation and first-born from the dead. Through him and for him all things were created and reconciled. In him all things come to unity and perfection.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The crucified Jesus would not save himself; he saved, instead, the criminal at his side who made confession of his sins. Jesus assured him of a place in his heavenly kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"

Newsletter

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

Youth

Christ is King – yes. But he needs the growing young generation to make his kingdom. Our 3-parish partnership is working on a proposal to employ a professional to assist our young people. In St Thomas' you do very well for the junior end. You have excellent primary and secondary schools and preparation for the sacraments. We saw provision for rainbows, beavers, brownies, cubs, guides and scouts on parade at Mass a couple of Sundays ago. We are looking now to provide for those just beyond school age and into the 20s. To know how, from the springboard of their faith as expressed in our parish, we can help them address the real world with its opportunities and challenges. They are not to be simply clones of us middle-aged and beyond. We salute your idealism vitality and joy. And pray for you.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Two Sundays ago you gave our Foreign Missions £4500. Last Sunday you added more than £1000 to the purse of the parish' SVP. Their funds were below £50, and what you have given will soon be converted into groceries and the basic needs of our families that are struggling. The dedicated members who go out to find and meet the needs have asked me to thank you for such generosity, and I thank you too. Feeding, clothing, sheltering homeless, visiting sick and imprisoned – these are the tell-tale indicators of whether we are truly followers of Jesus, or just interested in ourselves. We are hearing much about re-structuring and amalgamations of parishes. There is no substitute for being close to the families and people who are in need.

Parish Activities

Monday 25th November at 3-4pm
Fr Quentin will sign certificates of Practice in the Becket Centre

Monday 25th November at 8pm
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre

Tuesday 26th November at 2pm
Tuesday Club (Loughton Ladies' Choir)

Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room

Wednesday 27th November at 8pm
Baptism Course in the William Scott

Wednesday 27th November by 7pm
SOUP RUN please leave donations in the Becket Centre

Friday 29th November
Assisi Christmas Lunch in the Becket Centre

Friday 29th November 7pm to 8pm
Fr Quentin will sign certificates of Practice in the William Scott Room

Saturday 30th November at 10am
Saturday School upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools

Saturday 30th November at 10am
10 to 2 noon Holy Communion preparation Group B

Mass Online

Saturday vigil mass will be recorded and available to view online. To view mass online visit our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Parish Office

The Office will be closed on 27th & 28th November for staff training

Items found

We have had handed in a watch, a bracelet and a blue purse. Please contact the parish office if you think they belong to you.

Becket Centre users

May I remind all users/hirers that they must sign in and out of the centre when you use it.

Advent Talks

Brother Chris OFM will be delivering three Advent talks with discussion. The first of these will take place on **28th November on St Irenaeus on growing up as a Christian**. This will begin at 7.30pm in the Assisi Room, upstairs in the Becket Centre. All are most welcome. Two more talks will take place on 12th December and 19th December.



Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

The Woodford Fellowship of Christian Churches is holding an Advent Carol Service at St Thomas's on **8 December** at 4.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for the work of The Redbridge Cold Weather Centre and Mary's Meals.

Church Cleaning Friday 29th November at 9am

Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kieron

Sunday Teas



Don't forget to join the community for refreshments after the 10am and 11.30am masses on Sundays. It is a great way to

meet new people and support each other. You may also like to volunteer on a rota basis with the after mass teas. If so, please contact Sheila on 020 85804 3839

Pray with the Pope

Daily prayers from Pope Francis. On our website click 'Let Us Pray' or download the app - available on Android and iOS.

Gospel Reflections

Weekly reflections by Fr Adrian Graffy. On our website click 'Sunday Gospels'.

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We have a growing Facebook community. If you would like to join us go to Facebook and look up @STOCWoodford.

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