

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Mary McGrath, Pauline Coomber, Maria Golaszewska.

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Annie Croke, Michael Higgins, Beryl Mahoney, Mary McClean, Kenneth McDonnell, James McHugh, Dennis McCardle, William Maher, Mark Thompson, Maggie Little, Doreen Ritchie, Sister Patricia Collins, John Maher, David Millar, Mary O'Sullivan, Joan Spalding

### St Thomas' Mass Times

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Closed

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am  
followed by the rosary

**Thursday** Closed

**Friday** Mass at 10am

**Saturday** Mass at 10am & 6pm a  
booking for the evening mass must be  
made

**Sunday** Mass at 9am & 11am  
Bookings MUST be made

Information about booking to attend a  
mass can be found on our website or  
speak to the parish office.

## Be Watchful

Recently a scam mail has been sent out purportedly from a member of our Parish asking for money who's Email account had been hacked.

Please note that no member or group in the Parish (This includes Friars, Fundraising, Franciscan Missions, The Holy Land and SVP) will email you individually asking for money.

Any appeals of this sort will always be part of a general appeal in the Newsletter or as part of the general Fundraising scheme. Before parting with any money for any reason, especially relating to Charitable activities please ensure that those asking for money are bone fide and not part of a scam.

Useful Website:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

### Website Update

Our parish Communications team have created a page on our website entitled Keep Yourself Safe - Fraud Prevention and Security.

[www.stthomaswoodford.org/security](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org/security)

This contains various tips and articles to enable you to identify fraudulent activity and also action to take if you have been the victim of fraud. The key point is Be Suspicious! Just because a phone call or an email appears to be from a priest, a church group or a trusted parishioner do not assume that is the case. Do not give away any personal information! Check independently whether this is genuine or not. Do not be pressured into making an immediate decision.



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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 6th September 2020

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

In today's Gospel Christ assures us that wherever two or three gather in his name, he is with them. So we can know that he is here with us today.

### First Reading ( Ezekiel 33:7-9)

Like a true sentinel, Ezekiel warns against those who threaten the well-being of the community by their wrongdoing.

### Second Reading ( Romans 13:8-10)

All the commandments are summarized in one: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

### Gospel ( Matthew 18:15-20)

To correct a brother or sister, it may in the end be necessary to involve the community, but Christ himself is with that community in their deliberations.

### Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.



## Come to the banquet

This weekend – 24 weeks since the church doors abruptly slammed shut in protection against the virus – we open them to welcome you to celebrate mass with us physically once more in one of four opportunities. Restrictions still prevail. Your health and ours must scrupulously be sheltered. Masks and social distancing, limitation of movement and time, extreme avoidance of any touch that might allow the virus to spread are to be rigorously respected for some time yet. But you and your family can now come back regularly to heed Jesus instruction: *“My flesh is real food... anyone who does eat my flesh has eternal life... if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man you have no life in you”*. Parents: please note well. “No life” Jesus says. Your family’s physical life is under threat from the virus. Your family’s spiritual and eternal life is under threat from neglect. Do bring all to Mass at each weekend. You are the priority.

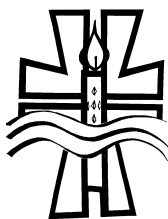
## Heroic steward-cleaners

There will be mass for you each Monday at 7pm, Wednesday and Friday at 10am. Why not more frequent? Because the needed precautions put a heavy strain on our stewards who care for you and scrupulously clean each time the church is used. Through 5 weeks they have given their time and service most generously for first communions, funerals, baptisms and a wedding. Without them we cannot open our doors. I thank them for their generosity. And I look for more to share the load. Can you offer?

## The sacrament of reconciliation

Call it penance, confession, reconciliation: none of the names does it justice. But one good thing is the growing number who are now phoning for an appointment to sit with a priest to receive this channel of God’s love. For the essence of the sacrament lies in two friends who sit in mutual trust, quietly probing and exploring depths of personal life that are not shared with anybody else. The purpose? *“Lord make me know you that I may know myself. Make me know myself that I may know you.”*

## Baptisms Congratulations



The following children were recently baptised at St Thomas’. We welcome them into our community  
Chloe Cheong-See,  
Henrietta Jolly, James Donaghy, Maya Belle Wightman, Hayden Friel & Dara Allender

## Holy Communion preparation 2021

Applications are now open, the application form can be found on the website. The closing date is 18th September 2020.

## ICHTUS

This is now available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the reading at the Sunday masses during September.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 6th September

People of the parish  
Sr Margaret Dobbin  
Eileen Downes RIP

### Monday 7th September

Clarinda O’Gorman int  
Angela Barrett RIP

### Tuesday 8th September

Mrs Mary Griffin RIP  
Nancy Moran RIP  
Sr Nora Hogan

### Wednesday 9th September

Holy Souls  
Matt Lennon RIP

### Thursday 10th September

Jim Keating RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 11th September

Doreen Ritchie anniv  
CWL

### Saturday 12th September

Donald Dourado RIP  
Peter Stubbings thanks

### Sunday 13th September

People of the parish  
Kitty Tuohy anniv  
Kathy Wilson int

## Mass streaming



The 11am Sunday Mass will be streamed until further notice

## Church cleaning

We have a new weekly rota for church cleaning which is particularly important in these covid times. Without this support and the sterling work of the Mass Stewards we would not be able to hold any masses or life ceremonies. If you can assist please let the parish office know.

### Each Tuesday at 10.30am

Sheila Charles & Geraldine Mansbridge

### Each Thursday 10.30 am

Sue Mansbridge & Jackie John

### Each Saturday at 10.45am

Church Stewards, Kathleen Mahoney, Michelle Liddle & Christine Acons

## Redbridge Food Bank

The Foodbank collection box is now in the Church porch. There is a list of suggested non-perishable items at the back of the Church and these are collected weekly and taken to the Redbridge Foodbank for distribution. Please give generously! **NO** jumble/clothes etc. to be left.

## Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Vanessa Albert & Michael Coles who were married last weekend at St Thomas’.

## Certificates of practice

We are aware that the secondary school application process has commenced. Please let us have a family photo with details of the masses you would normally attend, covid permitting. We will then advise you of the signing process.