

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Anne Wartnaby, Elizabeth O'Brien.

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*May they rest in peace*

### Funeral at St Thomas'

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

### Anniversaries:

Harold McMahon, Matthew Rooney, Eugenie Nadlu, Myrtle Goad, Robert Fields, Alfred Dayton, Thomas Anderson, Mary Armond, Mary Fletcher, Colette Collins, Cecilia Hucks, Thomas Keating, Bernard Holford, Catherine Dunbar, Margaret O'Donnell.

### 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

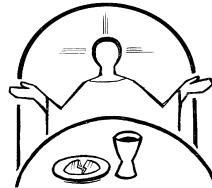
#### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays

Of the month

## Holy Communion Preparation 2019

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.



### Loyola School vacancy

The school is looking for a School Brusar who will also be a key member of the school's Senior Leadership Team. Please telephone the school office 0208 504 7372 email [finance@loyola.essex.sch](mailto:finance@loyola.essex.sch) for an application form.

### Parish Partnership

Please visit [tinyurl.com/STOCSteward](http://tinyurl.com/STOCSteward) for latest update.



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 28th July 2019

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

Why is prayer so important? Today Jesus teaches us how to pray and reminds us of the Father to whom we pray.



### First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with God on behalf of the innocent.

### Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

God has brought us to life and forgiven our sins.

### Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray and reminds us that we pray to a Father who gives his best to his children.

### Responsorial Psalm

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

### Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Parish Council

The Council you elected two weeks ago is not allowing grass to grow under its feet. Planning is afoot for a short awayday which we will spend considering all the aspects of our task and how we will address them. Our manner of working needs to be reshaped. We have been reminded that it is a Pastoral Council. Its task is not simply with the material goods of the parish. As schools have discovered their increasing need to add pastoral care to the teaching, so a Parish Council needs to take account of the total needs of all members, of all ages and conditions.

In doing this we will also be developing our part in the future planning of the Diocese. A parish is a group of self-regulating people motivated by its faith and commitment to God and church. The function of its leadership is to co-ordinate the many activities, services, contributions of all its members and constitutive groups. No one should be a mere passenger. There are those who look to be totally needy and unable to make any practical contribution. They in reality give what is most important: their prayer and patient acceptance of God's will. We are blessed to have many such and I thank them.

## SVP

The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous donations to our collection last weekend, you raised over £1000, which will be put to good use locally helping those in need. If know of anyone who needs assistance from the SVP please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence via the parish office. We truly appreciate your support for our conference, thank you.

## Parish activities

### Mass On-line

Will be recorded on 27th of July at 6pm.

### Forthcoming Events

11/12th Oct      24 hour Adoration

23rd Nov          Christmas Fayre

### Baptism Course

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

### 24 Hour Adoration

There will be 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commencing with Evening Prayer at 6pm on Friday 11th October and concluding with Mass at 6pm on Saturday 12th October. Further details will be announced in the newsletter, on our parish website and on social media. Please consider if you or a group to which you belong could spend one hour in adoration during this time.

### Ushers/Stewards at 10am Sunday Mass

We are looking for families to help out at 10am mass. The commitment is once every 6 weeks welcoming people, handing out service sheets, conducting the Offertory collection, etc. A really good way of meeting new people and getting the children involved in the mass. Guidance given. Please contact David Underwood at [davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com)

## Safeguarding

In holiday time things become more relaxed. So it is good to remind ourselves of the vigilance everybody needs to maintain. Nolan: "It is principally in the parish... that awareness needs to be at its highest". So a reminder

- In regard to children there are 4 main kinds of abuse about which we must be alert: to Sexual, Physical, Emotional and Neglect.
- In regard to adults who may be vulnerable there are 6 potential forms of abuse: Physical, Domestic violence, Sexual, Psychological, Financial, Modern slavery, Organisational, Neglect, Self-neglect.

Not a pretty menu for your meditation I regret, but there is a need for us all to be alert to what may be happening in our modern world. A reminder therefore that we do have a safeguarding policy and help can also be obtained by emailing: [safeguardingST@outlook.com](mailto:safeguardingST@outlook.com)

### Raffle Prizes

There are some raffle prizes to be collected from the Parish Office. If you have received a phone call about winning, please do come and pick it up.

### Free heart test 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](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk). Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at [forissyscreening@gmail.com](mailto:forissyscreening@gmail.com) for more information.

## Church Cleaning

### Thursday 1st August at 9am

Agnieska Tsang, Dorota Marcewicz, Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis, Maureen Chubb and Marta Burek.

We are still looking for two more helpers to join the rota for Friday 9am - commitment will be no more than once a month at the most.

### St Thomas Football Team

We are looking for under 7s upwards to under 14s both boys and girls to join our teams. Running for just over 20 years and still one of the most respected clubs in our league. We try to do things correctly all the time so no room for ego's. For further details or just a chat contact [chairman@stcyfc.com](mailto:chairman@stcyfc.com) or 07855170256

### The Association Of Whipps Cross Hospital Nurses

will hold their annual Reunion on October 5th at our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. Further details can be obtained from [therese.mcleary@btinternet.com](mailto:therese.mcleary@btinternet.com).

## Baptisms



We welcome into the parish community Jake Tyler, Amelie Davies, Oliver Welfare, Eloise Wilson, Sophia Virciglio, Luca Virciglio and Oscar Aldridge who were recently baptised.

### Soup Run

The next Soup Run is on the **11th of September**. Thanks to all parishioners who generously donate food and clothes for the homeless.