PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Ron Munday, Janet Swanton

Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Courtney, Rose McGranaghan, Catherine Nelson, Jeffrey Carlie, Marian Proscinski, Luigi Beschizza, Kathleen Bradley, Paz Mingay, Kathleen Douglas, Robert Davidson, Terence Murphy, Gerald Thackway, Ronald Murphy, Eileen O'Connell, Sister Bernadette Cain, Peter Martin, Daniel Kilvington, Juliet Woodleigh, Christopher Wright.

Funeral at St Thomas

George Dadswell funeral will take place on 17th May at 11am

May he rest in peace

Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are:

6pm Saturday 18th/25th May

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording then please send a mail to communications@stthomaswoodford.org To view mass online - go to website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click Mass Online

E-Newsletter

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

Facebook

We have a growing Facebook community - at present 237! If you would like to join us go to Facebook and look up @STOCWoodford.

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app - available on Android and iOS. Or visit www.clicktopray.org

Parish Partnership

The diocesan Vision Document and other associated items are available on our website.

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

THOMAS OF CANTERBURY Woodford Green A FAIRTRADE PARISH

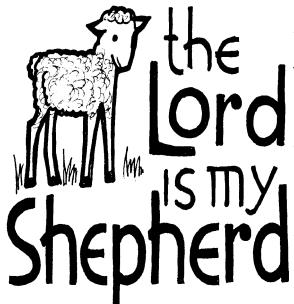


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4th Sunday of Easter Cvcle C

12th May 2019

Today, often known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", reminds us that Jesus came to serve and to teach us how to serve.



First Reading

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Paul and Barnabas are rejected by their own people and respond by reaching out to the pagans.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17 Heaven awaits the countless number of people who remain faithful in spite of persecution. There they serve God, and the Lamb will be their shepherd.

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus promises that once we become his sheep we are protected by the Father and can never be lost.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Migrants Mass

As usual our parish was represented by our Telco members at this annual mass this time in Westminster Cathedral, reassuring migrants of our welcome. Two or three years ago Pope Francis asked "that every parish, every religious community, every sanctuary of Europe will take in one family". His words provided the theme for last Monday's mass. Catholic parishes up and down the country are engaging in Community Sponsorship, taking responsibility for supporting an immigrant family for its first two years. Our Telco group has been quietly working for this and there are hopes that a family will soon arrive housed within the parish with our support.

Sunday June 2nd

Pray that the sun will shine on us. There will be no mass in St Thomas that day. Instead we will gather for 11.30 to celebrate all together instead of at separate mass times. Ideally Sunday mass draws together everyone of the parish. We come to mass not as isolated individuals but to express the fact that our baptism makes us one family. We will show that on June 2nd. Following the mass we hope you will provide a picnic. and share it as much as possible. First-rate music is guaranteed for the music group has been practising its new repertoire very thoroughly. Last year it stirred you to burst into dance! See if you can do it better this year. Do come and enjoy mass and picnic.

Parish partnership

The meeting of representatives of Wanstead. South Woodford and ourselves this week revealed widely different understandings of the model of church we are trying to build. Some envisaged a structured single organisation comprising the 3 parishes. We on the other hand saw the 3 communities each continuing to develop their present strengths, organised democratically. The current priority is to strengthen all the groups services and lay ministries under the leadership of each PPC. Priests and deacons then would maintain their specific tasks: the priests to preach and pray, the deacons to serve. And what is preaching? Please tell me. I will give my suggestions next week.

Parish activities

- Monday, 13th May at 8pm
 Parish Council, Assisi Room
- Tuesday, 14th May at 2pm
 Tuesday Club. It is a planning meeting, Henrietta Suite
- Wednesday, 15th May at 7.30pm
 Fr Adrian Graffy Year of Luke1, All welcome.
 - The members of the Journey of Faith group will be attending the Talk.
- Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.15pm Confirmation programme

The Year of Luke

Fr Adrian Graffy (my apologies for misspelling his name) will give us the first of his two talks this coming Wednesday in Becket at 7.30 pm. His talk will help us greatly as we pray the mass each Sunday reading Luke's account of Jesus.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection after all masses this weekend for the promotion of vocations.

St Anne Line, Invitation

The Parish are arranging an afternoon event in the St Anne Line Parish Centre on Saturday **18th May** between 2 and 4pm to say farewell to Clare Brown, who is moving from the area. Clare has been running the First Communion Course and Children's Liturgy and has been an integral part of Parish life at St Anne Line.

AGM Catholic Fellowship

on Thursday **16th of May** at 8pm in St Anne Line Church Hall (E18 2JR). All welcome. Refreshments served after the AGM.

Servers - can you help?

Servers needed for the confirmation mass on 9th June at 3pm. Please contact the parish office if you can assist?

Franciscan Missions

The latest issue of The Troubadour is available at the back of church. Please take a copy as you leave Mass.

Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18th May 2019 from 2-6pm Led By Fr.Shyju Naduvathaniyil and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry in St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, London, N13 5TY. Convention includes; Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a separate session for children (www.sehion.net). Free parking available.

Baptisms



We welcome into the parish community Henry & Otis Marie, Annabel Sinniah, Matilda Wilson, Anya & Eliana Lee, James Davighi, Daisy Henshaw,

Allegra Da Moura Semedo, Saoirse Weatherley, Zuri Naa-Lamiley, Nicholas Miskin, Reggie & Douglas Francis, Delilah Dennis and Luca Pellicci who were recently baptised.

Eucharistic service

There will be a Eucharistic service on Thursday, **16th of May** in St Thomas of Canterbury at **10am**.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 18th May at 10.30am Charmaine Turnell, Deborah Butterworth, Rachel Woolf, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara & Cathy Daley



Sunday teas

We are looking for an extra person to help make tea after 10am Mass. you would be on a rota so you would

only be needed once in 9 weeks. Please phone Pat Bell on 02085044577 or email mmrcbell@btinternet.com for more info, or pop in after mass to see what is involved.

Trinity Vacancy

- Teacher of Physics/Science
- P/T Teacher of English
- P/T Teacher of Food & Textiles,
 Maternity cover (TLR available for suitably qualified candidate)
- P/T Teacher of Art, Maternity cover Please visit the schools website for more details.

St Antony's Vacancies

- Deputy Head
- Senco

Please visit the schools website for more details.

Children Liturgy

For the moment the limit of children for whom we can provide this special liturgy at Sunday 10am Mass continues. But I am very grateful that a number of ladies have volunteered to provide the help needed. They must first be cleared to comply with Safeguarding regulations. I welcome the notices asking for volunteers for other activities of the parish. All need new volunteers. You will find it enriches your life to join in actively.