

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Howard Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Tony Daws, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Robert Fernandez, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Dymrna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, & Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Alexander Lobo, Albert Clifford, Iris Witchell, Bruno Celaschi, Elizabeth Browne, Anastasia Barfoot, Joseph Byrne, Pauline White, Mary Spillane & Yvonne Lobo

**Lately Dead:** Glenn Galibardy, Michael McHugh, Willie O'Brien, & John Reardon

## 15TH WOODFORD GUIDES

Can you help? We need two people to come and work with the girls and leaders on Friday night during term time. If you can help please contact Janet Morris on 07803 810666.

### 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

## SAFEGUARDING and THE WEB

In order to uphold safeguarding principles the IT & Communications Team at St Thomas' would urge all those parishioners who have group or ministerial organisation responsibilities to check their individual & group details on the parish website. Please ensure these are accurate & appropriate. If any changes need to be made please email [webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Fairtrade Fortnight

**26 Feb—11 March 2018**

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair, it can make the world a better place. Commit to making your snack today Fairtrade. When you choose Fairtrade you are helping to ensure that the person who grew the banana you are eating, the coffee beans used to make your drink, or the cocoa in your chocolate was paid fairly for their work.

Today children will be invited to the Becket Centre after 10.00am mass to collect a free Fairtrade banana. A cup of Fairtrade tea & coffee supplied by Waitrose, Buckhurst Hill will be available for parents.

## Are you aged between 16-35?

The National Office for Vocations has produced a new app for Catholics aged 16-35 who are discerning their vocation: <http://www.ukvocation.org/?p=2535> has information on accessing the App. Even if this is not for you please share with



**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
Woodford Green

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**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Cycle B**

**4th March 2018**

Today we hear how Jesus cleansed the Temple by clearing out those who were demeaning his Father's house.

### First Reading

Exodus 20: 1-17

The Ten commandments—indicators of where genuine human fulfilment is to be found.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

The Christian paradox: Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### Gospel

John 2: 13-25

In cleansing the Temple, Jesus declares that he, through his death and resurrection, is to replace the Temple.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

In the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

## **HOMEWORK FOR WEDNESDAY'S DISCUSSION**

Living as we do in the midst of such rapid change: What sort of church/parish/family life will be fit for purpose by the year 2025? Ten days ago in our Lent discussion we left off with much in the air: What buildings/administration will we need? What form of mass, prayer, teaching, preaching, caring? What contribution to seasoning secular culture with Christian beliefs? A big question mark hangs over the figure of a bishop, and still more a priest. What should he be?

So please give this question some thought before you come this Wednesday to Becket at 8 pm. It is not to praise or to criticise the priests you have. But simply to work out: What sort of priest will be needed or fit in to the church in 2025? And while you are doing it think also: Every one of us is a priest. Do you believe it? Does it mean anything or is it just pious talk?

## **"CHRISTIAN INITIATION"**

The name sounds like some sort of archaic Druidic process. In fact it means that at the Easter Vigil – only 4 weeks hence – we will welcome with delight 9 new members to our parish family. They have learned, studied, thought, prayed together regularly - some for over a year. Now it is our task and our joy to accompany them more seriously. The business of belonging has started for each of them but is far from complete. First by prayer in these 4 weeks we accompany them. Then we must think of practical ways in which we help them to take up all the practices we enjoy and that enrich our lives and families.

## **Church Heating**

**Once again this week we found radiators that had been switched off. This is serious.**

## **LENTEN LUNCHES**



This year's Lenten lunches continue weekly until 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12.15 to 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup & French bread for only £3!

## **LENT**

During Lent each Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am mass and at 8pm. Also exposition each Saturday for an hour after the morning mass.

## **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES**

Next meeting on Monday 5th March, 7.30pm at Maureen's house.

## **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday 5th March, 2pm at Chigwell convent.

## **CWL**

Will meet at 7.15pm on Wednesday 7th March in the Assisi Room

## **THE SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP**

Will take place in the Francis Room in the Becket Centre next Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm. No need to book, just come along. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## **Fundraising Quiz Night**

On Saturday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. In aid of an inner London school taking children to the theatre. Call Sheila Brown on 020 8504 7485 to book a table of up to 8 people. £5 per person - bring own drink and nibbles

## **Monkhams Play Area on the Green**

Please support our campaign to gain permission for the funding, maintenance & cleansing of a play area on The Green. Petition on [change.org](http://change.org) Email [monkhamspga@gmail.com](mailto:monkhamspga@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

10.30 am, Thursday 8th March  
Jean Burke, Mary Charter,  
Dorothee Gabriel & Florence  
Kiggundu



## **CHRISTMAS MASSES SURVEY**

An extra mass was added to our Christmas Eve programme last year. We would ask you to complete a small survey to give us some feedback on this (look for the Surveys tab on the website homepage). Please give us your opinions: we hope to get a big response which we will analyse & use to help plan for this coming Christmas.

## **Sr. Teresa says goodbye**

Sr Teresa (Holy Family) has been in Woodford for the past 15 years; she will soon be leaving to join the Sisters' Care Home community in Birkenhead. During her time here she has made many friends, through her involvement with sacramental preparation with the children and with the Holy Family Lay Associates. She leaves Woodford with very happy memories, and will carry you in her prayer, asking in turn that you remember her in yours.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Will have their monthly meeting on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Anyone who is bereaved and feels they would like to join our small supportive group is welcome. Just come along or phone me, Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356, if you want more details.

## **ST THOMAS JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

We are now putting together players for year 1/2/3 for next season. Boys & Girls welcome of any ability. Training at Ashton Playing Fields every Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm @ £5. Please wear trainers not boots and bring a drink. Contact Chairman Matt Tallon for further info on 07855 170 256

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The following posts are currently available:  
**Head of Music** temporary maternity cover Sept 2018  
**Chemistry Teacher (Science)** from Sept 2018  
**Teacher of Media** Sept 2018  
Please visit the school website for more details.

## **St Antony's Nursery Applications**

Children whose date of birth is between 01.09.2014 & 31.08.2015 can now apply for the school year 2018/2019. Those children born between 01.09.2015 & 31.12.2015 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the school website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/)

## **Closing date for receipt of applications is**

**Midday on Monday 26th March 2018**

**Fr Quentin will arrange further opportunities for issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice before the closing date for applications - dates to be advised.**

## **LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL**

Is looking to appoint an Early Years Co-Ordinator/Teacher to start in Sept 2018  
Closing date for applications is 5th March 2018. Please visit the school website for full details. [www.loyola.essex.sch.uk](http://www.loyola.essex.sch.uk)

## **PETER SHERLOCK**

Is celebrating 10 years of being legless by walking 10K for Sarcoma Cancer.  
Sponsorship invited at [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com)  
(type in Peter Sherlock)

## **GLASSES AND KEYS**

Left in church & carpark—please contact the Parish Office.

## **SVP**

There is a collection for the work of the SVP after all masses this weekend.