

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Emma Mulhern, William Jones, Charles Wilkinson, Alfred Nash, William Curran, Jean Newman, Pauline White, Bryan Rooney, Irene Stephens, Bruno Celaschi, Iris Witchell, Eilish Whitaker, Murial Pells, Patrick Donovan, Brenda O' Rourke, Mary Pearson, Jonathan Wingate-Whyte, Eileen Smith, Anastasia Barfoot, Annie Greene, Mary McKeenna, Elish Whitaker.

Thanks

Kath Griffin, niece of Helen Taylor, would like to thank those who attended the funeral service, she was very touched by your kind words and support.

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.

Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are:

**8.30am Sunday 3rd March,
6pm Saturday 9th March**

To view mass online - go to our parish website . From this Saturday we will be trialling live streaming again to see if we can now do so with improved quality. We will also upload the mass for viewing online - visit parish website

www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Newsletter by email

Sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or by mailing parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org Your email address will be held securely. **NB** -If you experience any difficulties please let us know.

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app – available on Android and iOS.

Steward of the Gospel

The Vision Document is available on our website.



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C

24th February 2019

In the world we fear and hate our enemies. In the kingdom of heaven we are taught to love enemies and to learn the meaning of mercy.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

David shows mercy to Saul and so proves his uprightness of spirit.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

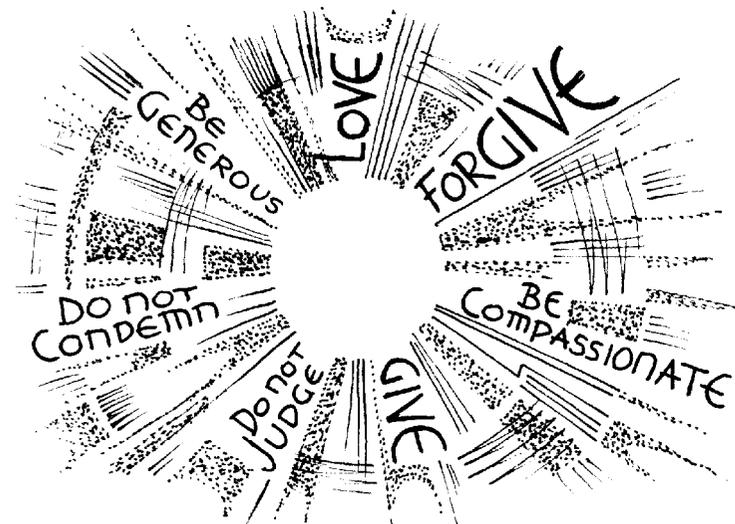
Paul explains how we earthly creatures can become heavenly through Christ Jesus.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus shows us how love is a power, not a weakness.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love



Lent looms

Welcome back – to a reminder that Lent begins in 10 days' time. It will be a slightly strange Lent because the school Easter holidays begin two weeks before Easter. As to how we should practice Lent I think we can learn from the Muslim attitude to Ramadan. It is a time they anticipate eagerly. Their fast is severe – especially when it falls in summer time. Yet they make it a time of joy because it is a time of making and celebrating community. Our parish is starting to face up to the need for necessary building repairs. It will be well if we can concentrate in the coming weeks on the fact that God calls us to himself not as isolated individuals, but in a community. The community of our parish.

Clergy meeting

Bishop Alan called all priests to a meeting last week. As always he was positive and affirming of all the good things that we enjoy and all the dedication evident among people and priests. The restructuring of the Diocese is not an imposition of a pre-set pattern. Bishop Alan stressed that different solutions are needed in the differing local situations and encouraged initiatives and diversity. This was an important communication of fundamentals. It chimes well with what we have begun in our meetings of the parishes of Wanstead, S Woodford and ourselves.

Care of minors and vulnerable

Bishop Alan also spoke of the excellent provisions the Diocese has built up with regard to Safeguarding. We are all under the scrutiny of the National Inquiry into abuse of minors which reminds us forcibly of the need not to relax our vigilance. He spoke of how fortunate we are to have Simon Moules as our SG Coordinator. Locally we know how blessed we are to have his watchful, wise and gentle vigilance. If you are interested to know what the much trumpeted Vatican Conference is doing in these days you might log on to www.pbc2019.org/home.

Parish activities

- Tuesday, 26th February 2 –4pm
Tuesday Club—Board Games
- Wednesday, 27th February 7pm
Journey of Faith in the William Scott Room
- Wednesday, 27th February
SOUP RUN
- Thursday, 28th February 7.30pm
Scripture Prayer Group in the Francis Room
- Saturday, 2nd March 10am
First Holy Communion Group A
- Saturday, 2nd March 10am
Saturday School in William Scott Room

Certificates of Practice Date for your diary

Fr Quentin will be signing certificates of catholic practice on 18th March at 7pm

TELCO

All are invited to the Citizens UK 2019 AGM on **Wednesday 27th February 5.30pm to 8pm** at Amnesty International, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA.

At the meeting we will hear inspirational stories of the great range of work happening across Citizens UK in 'Our Story in a Life'. Then at 7pm we will enjoy a delicious Lebanese meal and have the chance to meet and talk.

Sacred Heart Companions

Will be meeting on Monday, the 4th of March 2019 at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent. All are welcome.



Baptisms St. Thomas of Canterbury

We welcome into the parish community **Nadia Nubile, Sean Taylor, Henry Taylor, Edward Smith, Arlo Branch, Michael Potter, Ellis Martin, Sienna Weatherley & Evelyn Keightley** who were baptised at February 2019.

Sunday teas

We need a couple of people to help serve tea after 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be on a rota so you will only be needed once in 9 weeks. You would be in a team of 3 so you won't be alone. Please contact Pat Bell 02085044577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com Thank you.



Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 25 February – 10 March

For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid.

£1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. A typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on around 74p a day. For the women the situation is even worse. They may plant and harvest on the farm, look after children, carry water, collect wood, cook and clean for the family, and transport the cocoa beans to market but often with fewer rights than men.

One of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa whenever you can.

Church Cleaning

Friday 1st March at 9am.

Marie-Clare Fawcett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle & Breda Murphy.

Altar linen

Thank you to the ladies who have returned laundered cloths to the sacristy. We did purchase a considerable stock of these cloths not so long ago, but most have disappeared. Could you look again at your laundry baskets to see if any are lurking there?

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School is on every Saturday at 10am in William Scott Room. Primary school children welcome and we have space for new members! If you are interested please just come along. Feel free to drop your children off and collect them again at 11am. You will find us upstairs in the Beckett Centre.

Free heart test for anyone aged 14-35

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March in St Antony's Primary School. In order to book please visit www.testmyheart.org.uk. Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at forissyscreening@gmail.com for more information.

New Soulful Yoga

Breathe > Move > Stretch > Relax
Wednesday 6-7pm Vinyassa Yoga
Thursday 8-9pm Gentle yoga
Friday 1.30-2.30pm Hatha yoga
Contact Claudia on 07973 122 322.

Jumble Sale

We are planning to hold our next jumble sale on 13th April 2019. Further information will be published nearer the time.