

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: George Dadswell

Anniversaries:

Carlton Hayes, Julia Harris, Sister Conrad McCarthy, Helena James, Colin Taylor, Hannah Dowdell, Gerhard Michna, Alice Tucker, Thelma Fogg, Rosina Marshall, Anne Newton, Peggy Hall, Sister Margaret O'Brien, Harry Kelley, Sister Madeleine Carey, Lourdes Fernandez, Anna Ayles, John Gilligan, Margaret Murphy, James Brown, Hazel Wilding, Oluwarotimi Olateju, Sandra Sifflet, Helen O'Donovan, Kathleen Mallott.

Funeral at Chigwell

Letteria DeCesare Funeral service will take place at 10am on 24th April 2019

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

CONFESIONS
St. Thomas'
10.30am - 11.30am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Chigwell Convent
After 10am Mass
BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

The Prayer App

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

Steward of the Gospel

Latest news on Parish Partnership visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward

Lenten lunches

Has so far raised £1830 which will be sent to Mary's Meals. We specify that it should go towards feeding schoolchildren in Haiti.

Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way: the soup-makers, the kitchen helpers, the money collectors, those who prepared the tables, and, last but not least, those of you who came in record numbers to enjoy the soup and the company. Thank you so much for your generosity and a Happy Easter to you.

Masses at Chigwell next week

Please note for next week that masses will be at 10am each day at Chigwell Convent



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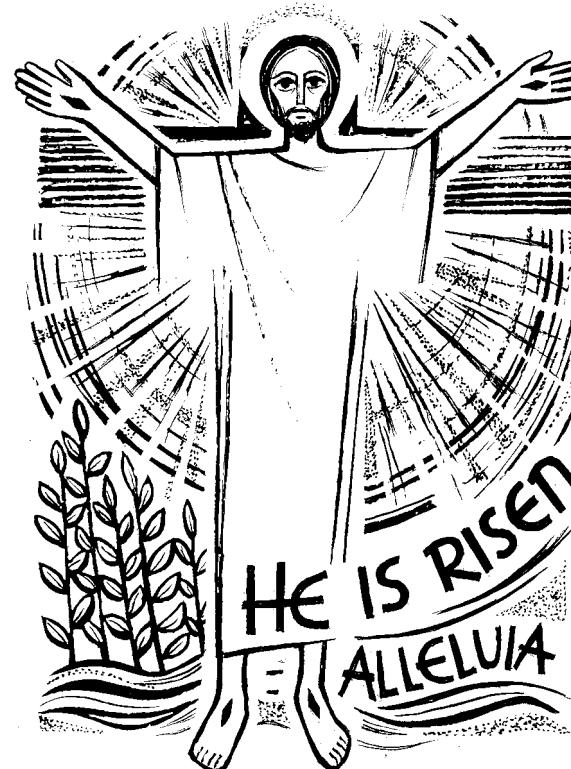
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21st April 2019

Easter Sunday

Cycle C

Everything in the world grows old. Yet on this day a new life began that will never grow old: the life of the risen Christ, an eternal freshness, not just of the Spirit but of all material things.



First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Cornelius has heard of the new life, but now he is called to live it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

To think on heavenly things is not to ignore this life, it is to understand what this life is for.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

No one understands the Christian faith, if they do not understand Christ's resurrection. We cannot explain anything in this world unless we know that resurrection is our destiny

Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

Happy Easter

We wish you all a happy Easter – and a good rest after all the prayer and liturgy of the past week. You deserve it. With the school holiday falling before the feast we thought there would be a noticeable drop in numbers. But all masses last Sunday were well attended. They were devotional. You sang well in the Palm procession, managing to sustain the musical round to the beat of the drum. Now that you have found confidence we will try to include another line or two next year. - The rest is short-lived, with schools resuming on Tuesday.

The Year of Luke

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each throw a different light on Jesus, his work and teaching. Last Sunday we heard Luke's account of Jesus' passion and death. He is the only one who told us of Simon helping carry the cross; of Jesus' prayer for forgiveness for those nailing him to the wood; his promise of immediate Paradise to the good thief. On two Wednesdays: May 15th and 22nd, Fr Adrian Graffi is coming to give us two lectures on Luke's contribution to the bible. His deep knowledge of the bible and biblical studies will give us a new understanding of the Gospels we will hear each Sunday for the rest of the year. Do plan to come.

Major restoration work

Is scheduled to begin on Monday 29th April. It will affect use of the carpark as they bring in large consignments of scaffolding. We may need to limit access to the Parish Office during certain times and we will seek to give you advance notice of this. The parish office will remain contactable by email and phone.

Parish activities

- **Wednesday 24th April**
SOUP RUN
- **Wednesday 24th April 7.15pm**
Workshop for Ushers, sacristans etc
- **Thursday 25th April 7.15pm**
Confirmation Candidates meeting
- **Friday 26th April**
Assisi Lunch

Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker

Celebrating the diversity of London, Kent, Middlesex Hertfordshire and Essex
Monday 6th May, Procession gathering 9am, Procession at 10am. Mass begins at 10:30am Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London, SW1P 1LT. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell

Forthcoming Events

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| • 13th May | Parish Council |
| • 15th May | Lecture |
| • 22nd May | Lecture |
| • 2nd June | Outdoor Mass |
| • 29th June | Summer Fete |
| • 14th July | Annual Meeting |
| • 23rd November | Christmas Fayre |

Jumble Sale—Thanks

The Chigwell Sisters would like to thank all the Parishioners who donated to last weekends jumble sale and to everyone who helped, You raised over £700 for their missions in Zambia, El Salvador and the Phillipines. A Holy Mass will be offered for all benefactors.

Welcome New to the Parish or an occasional visitor

If so, a very warm welcome to you this Eastertide. We invite you to keep in touch with us. Here are some ways you can do so in a quite informal way

Parish Website

<https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/>
 Find details here of all that goes on in the church and various articles on faith that are easy to read. In addition, we now have mass online whereby we record one of the Sunday masses for online viewing on our website. (Go to our website and click the Mass Online link).

Newsletter

Subscribe to receive our weekly parish newsletter by email. Simply sign up via our website or send an email to stocparishnews@stthomaswoodford.org. Your email address will be held securely for use only by the parish news group. It will not be passed to anyone else even within the church. You will receive only the weekly newsletter and occasional important announcements (e.g. Christmas/Easter mass times etc.). You can unsubscribe at any time.

Social media

Find us on Facebook and Twitter – our account on both is @STOCWoodford. Here we give information on what is happening in the church, social activities etc.

Introduce yourself to one of the welcoming team or priests and/or come again to one of our services. We would love to see you again.

Church Cleaning

A warm Thank you to the 9 persons who came on Wednesday to give us a lovely clean church for the festive season. I thank particularly the 5 young men who came and beavered with Dysons and dusters. They show us that the next generation really does care. Well done

Thursday 25th April at 9am.

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

Offertory Envelopes

As far as we know parishioners registered for offertory envelopes will by now have received them. If you have not received yours please contact the parish office to rectify the matter.

The Easter Egg hunt

What a splendid event this turned out to be. Till the weekend there seemed to be little interest. But on Sunday many dozen came. I thank and congratulate Michelle and her family. Their imagination and breadth of activities was clever and fun. A series of ingenious clues led the hunters round the garden and then into the church. When the children unravelled the riddles (with a little help) the message came through: *Jesus loves you!* Tea and cakes followed, with drawing and handicraft activities. It was a good social meeting of parents, delight for the smaller children and a profit of £127 for the Brownies. Win-win all round. So thank you to Michelle and family who gave much time and ingenuity to the preparation.

Loyola Preparatory School

Are seeking to appoint a Key Stage 2 Teacher and an Early Years Teacher for September 2019. Further information please contact the school office on 020 8504 7372