

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Fr Boniface Kruger OFM

Anniversaries:

Gerard Gillham, Fr Benedict O'Halloran OFM, Agnes Simmons, Billy Yip, Leslie Harris, Sister Sheila O'Rourke, Mary Butler, Sister Pricilla Sheehan, Sister Brigid Nugent, Nancy Glynn, Mary Lee, Winnie Wilcox Laura Telford, Sister Lucille Gicquel, Elsie Gerrett, Annie Bartley, Eileen Went, Stanley Western, Pauline Walker, Nancy Cunningham, George Hoyes, Margaretta Olivos, Yvonne Pfeiffer, Stanley Desborough, Frank Fuscoe, Irene Boyle, Carmel Cork, Isabella Kingswood, Patrick Mahoney, Georgia Perera, Olivia Begley, Eileen Godber, John Golden.

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 masses that we intend to record are:

Saturday 10th/17th/24th/31st March, 6pm

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording in the future (training provided) then please email communications@stthomaswoodford.org
To view mass online - go to our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org

Newsletter

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

Funerals at St Thomas's

Fr Boniface's funeral will take place on 13th March 2019 at 11am

Gordon Bowler's funeral will take place on 14th March 2019 at 10am

Josephine Burke's funeral will take place on 15th March 2019 at 10am

May they rest in peace

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



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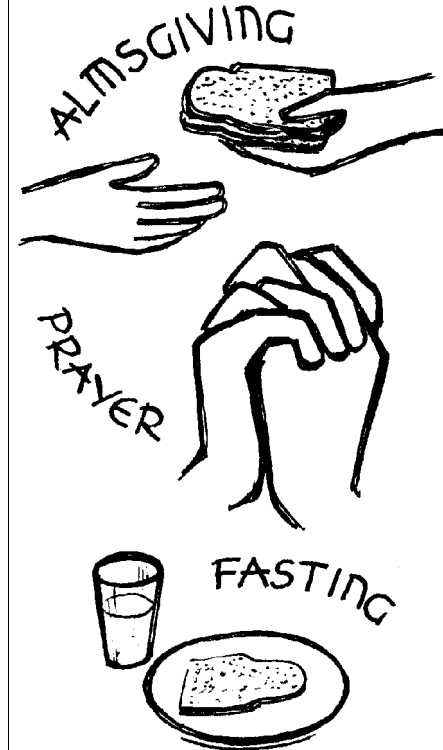


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**1st Sunday in Lent
Cycle C**

10th March 2019

Jesus calls us to be brave and to step out into the wilderness during this Lenten season, assured of his constant support.



First Reading

Deuteronomy 20:4-10

Moses instructs the people to give an account of their heritage as they bring their offering to God.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Confession of faith in Christ brings the assurance of salvation.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Tempted by the devil, Jesus stands firm in his trust in God.

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Fr Boniface

Came to our country in 1938 as a child-refugee from the growing Nazi menace. He was much looking forward to his 90th birthday and 70th year of Franciscan profession this year. Last Monday God called him to heaven for a much richer celebration of these milestones than we could have given him. Boniface served church and Franciscans well. He was teacher, librarian, protocol manager of the central Franciscan admin in Rome and pastoral priest. He was also a valued brother, sometimes a little "eccentric"? but much loved.

Boniface' funeral

We will receive him into church at 5pm on Tuesday and together pray the evening prayer of the day for the dead. There will be no mass at 10am on Wednesday. His funeral mass will be at 11am and then he will be buried with many others friars in St Patrick's cemetery in Stratford. Refreshments will be provided in Becket, liberally as always, by our parish CWL.

Fasting and alms-deeds

This Friday is Family Fast Day. Talk with your family. Why fast? What is real giving up? Do something that involves self-discipline. Then next Sunday bring the money you saved by your action for the collection for CAFOD. We have hesitations about some organisations professing to help the poor. Cafod generally has good organisation and reputation.

Sister Patricia

Will be leaving Chigwell this week for a new assignment in Glasgow. For several years she has been a most faithful member of our team visiting housebound and those in care-homes. Her visits brought joy and light to many whose days and nights are long. We wish her well in her new and demanding task in Drumchapel and we will keep her in our prayers. Her departure leaves another gap in our pastoral outreach.

Parish activities

- Sunday, **10th March** 2pm
Parish Consultation Group
- Tuesday, **12th March** 12.15pm
Lenten Lunches £3.00
- Tuesday, **12th March** at 2pm
Tuesday Club. BILL will tell us all about DORIS DAY (as much as she's let him know)
- Wednesday, **13th March** 7pm
Journey of Faith - William Scott Room
- Wednesday, **13th March**
SOUP RUN
- Wednesday, **13th March** 8pm
Catholic Woman League - Assisi
- Thursday, **14th March** at 7.30pm
Bereavement Group
- Thursday, **14th March** at 7.30pm
Scripture Prayer Group-Francis Room
- Saturday, **16th March** at 10am
First Holy Communion, Group A

Forthcoming Events

- **13th April** - Jumble Sale
- **2nd June** - Outdoor Mass
- **29th June** - Summer Fete
- **23rd November** - Christmas Fayre

Bereavement Support Group

Our meeting will be held in in the big room downstairs, (Henrietta Suite) on **Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30pm.** Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our friendly, supportive group is welcome. Just come along or phone me, **Angela Barnes 020 8505 0356**, if you want more details.

Lent 2019

The special features of our days during Lent are that we devote more time to prayer, make it a time of fasting from something (in addition to the normal Friday fasting) and giving to charity (almsgiving) what we save from such fasting.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Evening prayer and Exposition. Monday to Friday 6 to 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent: after the 10am mass and in the evening at 8pm. It is an excellent exercise of prayer and also tuition on how to pray. We gaze simply at each of the 14 pictures. We look at what is real there. Then we ask what it means – to Jesus; to God our father; to the people taking part in the journey and its horrific terminus; to me and my life; to the members of Jesus' body now going through their agony. And then: what am I going to do?

Lenten Lunches

In the Becket centre on Tuesday's in lent starting on **Tuesday 12th March and each Tuesday thereafter until 16th April 2019 12.15pm to 1.30pm** . Monies raised will go to support Marys' Meals in (Haiti).

Family Fast Day - Friday 15th March

Drought, and floods storms are having a devastating impact on people. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. This Friday, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can. The envelopes should be returned on Sunday 17th March.

Church Cleaning

Friday 15th March at 9am.

Jennifer Sorrell, Josie Kieron, Liz Atkinson, Francesca Cushion.

New Rota

The cleaning rota for the period April to September 2019 is available in the Flower Room. Please collect a copy.

Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 16th March from 2 pm to 6 pm Led By Archbishop Kevin McDonald in St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY. Convention includes; Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration.

Across Jumbulance Quiz

Sat 30th March in the Beckett Centre 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.
Entry £5.00 Tables of 8 to 10
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
To book Ring Sheila on 0208 504 3839

Childcare

I am looking for someone to look after my three year old child two days a week before and after school. My number is 07815074208 Rosie

Vacancy

Trinity School is looking for **P/T & F/T Cover Supervisor**. Please review the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> for more details

SVP

A very grateful thanks for the donations last week which will go to help families locally.