

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Slim Callaghan

Anniversaries: Desmond Hand, Johanna (Judy) & John Gilmartin, Reginald Allen, Alicia Grover, Eleanor O'Sullivan, Charles Kairis, Sr. Marie Murphy, Gemma McManus, Henry Hughes, Doris L'Estrange, Victoria Thompson, Margaret Allcorn, Arthur Bailey, Rosalinda Burton, Kenny Charles, May Tudisca, Augustinho de Freitas.

Funeral at St Thomas'

Joan Hayes' funeral will take place on **17th of December 2018 at 10am.**

May she rest in peace

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:

Saturday 22nd/29th at 6pm
Monday 24th at 7.30pm

Masses should be available online within 2-3 hours of recording. To view please visit parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online** and then click the link to **Online Mass.**

Newsletter by email

Please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or email 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.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
Woodford Green
A FAIRTRADE PARISH



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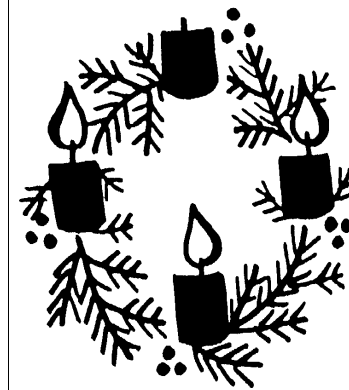
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3rd Sunday of Advent Cycle C

16th December 2018

John the Baptist calls us to repent and to prepare for the coming of Christ by examining how we use our money and possessions.



First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

The prophet tells the people of Israel to rejoice for the Lord will save them and be in their midst.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Paul tells his congregation to rejoice always for the Lord is at hand.

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

In the face of the coming judgement, John the Baptist explains how his questioners must behave.

Responsorial Psalm

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the holy one of Israel

Saturday school Volunteers needed

For several years Fiona and Nancy have each Saturday morning faithfully taught the children who are not in catholic schools. Their circumstances have changed and they can continue no longer. That means that the school can only continue if someone will volunteer to join Sean Moriarty who is left on his own. The children love it. See their artwork in the display corner of the church. It is a wonderful service and we are much indebted to them for their service.

I want to thank Fiona and Nancy for their great generosity in providing catholic education as they have done steadily till now. We know well that there are not a few families who care much for the catholic education of their children, but do not enjoy the benefit of a place in our catholic schools. As a parish we must go out of our way to care for them and give them special attention.



The Christmas Fayre

Despite the flurry of Christmas preparations we have not forgotten the Fayre. It had the warmth of a true parish-being-a-family which needs expression from time to time. We are hugely indebted to many who contributed in various ways. I saw Simon and his team giving a great deal of time. Thank you all, and may God bless you specially with a good rest "when the hurly-burly's done".

Franciscan Vocation Talks

For Single Catholic men, 18-43 years of age, interested in the Franciscan Life. Talks will take place on **Friday 4 and Saturday 5 January 2019** at St Thomas of Canterbury church

If interested in attending these talks and you are seriously considering a Religious Vocation, then please contact now and by 28 December;
Br. Donal OFM (Vocation Director), Email only - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

SVP—Thank you

We had an amazing collection last weekend, collecting just over £1000, most of which has already been distributed to needy families in time for Christmas. A huge thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations, which will make a difference to many families this Christmas.

Parish Office Hours over Christmas

The office will close on Fri 21st Dec at 1.30pm and reopen on Wednesday 2nd at 9.30am.

Unwanted items

We appreciate your kind intention to donate unwanted items, but we have no storage facilities and have to take them somewhere else. Please do not leave any item in the church porch or in the Becket Centre Foyer.

Reviewing the sick list

As we approach the end of 2018 we will be removing all names from the above sick list. If you would like a name to be included for January 2019 please email - parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Christmas Masses at St Thomas'

Many thanks to all who have generously offered their services, however we still need more help. Across all the Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day we still need; 2 Readers; 10 Ministers of Communion; 5 Sacristans and 14 Ushers. Please see the list at the back of the church for details of what we still require. If you can help, please add your name to the list



Baptisms St. Thomas'

We welcome into the parish community Nia and Sadie Dowling who were baptised at St Thomas' recently.

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday each month. First time parents will need to attend a course. Forms can be found on the website or are available by contacting the Parish Office—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org.

Property needed urgently!

Our parish TELCO group is looking for 2,3 or 4 bedroom flat or house in Redbridge for a refugee family. They will be entitled to local housing rate but a top up can be negotiated. We have a whole team of volunteers who will be supporting the family and helping them start their new lives here. Please contact us on gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com.

Parish Diaries 2019

There are still a few diaries available at the back of church. Please leave your donation in the basket provided.

Church Cleaning

Wednesday 19th December at 10.30am.

Kath Mahoney, Jac Edwards, Emily Hannon, Sheila Charles and Iwona Moreno.

Christmas Church Cleaning

A reminder that we will be doing the big clean on Wednesday **19th December at 10.30am**. Please put a note in your diary. We are all very busy at this time of year but if we get a good crowd it will take no time at all. Please try to spare half an hour of your time. Thank you.

Trinity Vacancy

- *Attendance Officer*
Required as soon as possible
36 hours per week - 44.2 weeks per year
Salary Scale 5, Point 22-25. £22,956-£25,000
- *Higher Level Teaching Assistant*
36 hours per week - 43.2 weeks per year
Salary Scale 5, Point 22-25. £22,956-£25,000 (full time equivalent, dependent upon experience).
- *SEN Teaching Assistant*
Required January 2019
19 hours per week - 43.2 weeks per year
Salary Scale 3, Point 14-17. £20,007-£20,473 (full time equivalent)
- *Exam Invigilators*
Seasonal, £9.94 per hour.
Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Closing date: Sunday, 6th January 2019. Candidates visit the schools website for more details <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies.shtml> and email applications to recruitment@fc.tchs.uk.net.