

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ros Macpherson would like to thank everyone for the Masses prayers and cards while she was ill. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Lately dead: Anthony Gaughan, Nancy Ayley, Pauline Walsh

Nancy's funeral will take place at St Joseph's Church, 3 Windhill, Bishop's Stortford at 11.00 on Thursday 10th October 2019

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Bertram Douglas, Mary Ryecroft, Jacqueline Walsh. Sr. Mary Mason, Mark Fletcher, Fr. John Dockery, Alice Day, Sister Alberic O'Conner, Marion Page, Patricia Connolly, Ruth Vaz, Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, James O'Shea, Bernadette Mace, Phillis Friend, Brian Howes, Giovanna Clifford, John Morrill.

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

Certificates of Practice

Quentin will be available on the dates below to certify for those who engage regularly in our parish activities that they do so. Please note the careful phrasing!

MONDAY October 7th 3-4pm,
TUESDAY October 8th 7-8pm
TUESDAY October 15th 3-4pm.

Altar Servers

Bishop Alan will be celebrating mass on **9th November at 2.30 pm** in the Cathedral. Please see notice in the Sacristy for more information

Chigwell Convent

Support a great cause – Come along to our Coffee Morning at Chigwell Convent after 10.00am Mass on **Sunday 13th October** to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please bring your cake donations along to the convent on Saturday 12th or before the 10.00am Mass on Sunday the 13th.

St Joseph's Convent School for Girls, Wanstead, E11 2PR

would like to invite prospective parents to visit the school at our Open Morning on 10th October 2019 – 9.30am to 11.30am. Please call /email 089894700 enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk to reserve a place.



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 6th October 2019

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church



When we think that we can save ourselves through good works our faith tells us that God is our loving creator, the giver of all our gifts and our only saviour.

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
The upright will live by faithfulness.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Fan into a flame the gift that God gave you.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10
We have done no more than our duty.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts"

Newsletter

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

Mass and Sacrament for the Sick

Some 80 people went home very happy last Sunday afternoon. The Mass, sacrament and tea & cakes afterwards were, more than usually, a joyful and moving experience. About half were the suffering members of our parish, most unable to come to church. It was a peak experience for them. The rest found their joy in serving these who serve us with their patience and prayer. All 80 of us felt keenly the truth that it is better to serve than be served. Thank you to all who helped.

Catholic Fellowship

Next Sunday we will welcome the families who have a child or young person with special needs. **At 3 pm on 13th October** we will follow much the same pattern: First a short mass specially adapted to the needs of the children. Then tea and cakes in the Becket. This regular practice is a great help to all as they cope with their special problems – which incidentally lead to special delights.

Parish Council

The Council will meet tomorrow at 8pm to plan how we will implement what we learned and proposed at our Awayday in September. One item high on the agenda will be recruitment. Nearly all the rotas and lists of volunteers to perform the tasks of a parish are short of members. Remember the letter of St James: “anyone who listens to the Word and takes no action is like someone who looks at his own features in a mirror, goes off and immediately forgets it.”

Grand Launch of the St Thomas Restoration Fund

It will happen on **Monday 14th – Monday week at 7.30pm** in the Becket Centre. Wine and nibbles provided. Already word has got out and I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for the project so far.

Parish Activities

- **Monday 7th October 7.45pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- **Tuesday 8th October 2-4pm**
Tuesday Club favourite authors. We would like to thank St Antony's Inspire choir for their terrific performance and the younger choir from last term.
- **Wednesday 9th October 7pm**
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room
- **Wednesday 9th October** by 7pm
SOUP RUN, leave donations in B/C Hall please do not leave donations before Wednesday
- **Thursday 10th October 7-9pm**
Bereavement Support Group in the Becket Centre
- **Saturday 12th October 10am**
Holy Communion preparation Group A
- **Saturday 12th October 10am**
Classes for children attending non Catholic Schools in Assisi Room

24 hours Adoration

An anxious enquirer said to me: “Do we have to be there for the whole 24 hours?” You know the answer. Do come for an appreciable space of time. Sit comfortably with the Lord. Perhaps bring a passage from the bible – or other helpful spiritual reading. Use it sparingly. Jesus waits for a conversation in which listening is even more important than talking. It will help if you can indicate on the lists provided when you intend coming.

Mass On-line

we need volunteers to help provide this important link to our church to those who are housebound. Contact the Parish Office

Christmas Fayre 23rd November 2019

Confirmation Programme 2020



Confirmation will take place at or near Pentecost May 2020. Application forms are available from the back of the church, the parish office or the website. The closing date for applications is 28th October 2019 at 1.30pm

Tickets on Sale International Food Evening 16th November at 7:30pm.

We will be serving many different dishes from all over the world, it promises to be a very good evening. Please do come along and enjoy the fun. Ticket are on sale from the Parish office alternatively if you are unable to get to the office please email michellespears@live.co.uk to reserve your ticket. Adults £8 and Children £5

Fairtrade's 25th birthday in UK

This October Fairtrade kicks off its 25th birthday celebrations with a long weekend of activities and events from Friday 4th - Monday 7th October 2019, which will see the public show their ongoing support for the 1.6 million farmers and workers behind the UK's most visible ethical label. Show your support by buying Fairtrade products when you go shopping. To find out more go to <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

Trinity

Trinity has a number of vacancies. Contact the school for more information please send an email to sixthform@tchs.uk.net

Reminder

Please do not leave any items of jumble in the church porch or Becket center lobby as we have no means to pass items on.

Church Cleaning Saturday 12th October 10.30am

Charmaine Turnell, Deborah Butterworth, Rachel Woolf, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNarmara & Cathy Daley

Please note that at this falls within the 24 hour adoration period you will need to make alternative arrangements for the Church cleaning this week. Apologies.

Heart Test Free for anyone aged 14 - 35 12th & 13th October

Places are still available at St Anthony's School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green IG8 0TX. In order to book visit www.testmyheart.org.uk. Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at forissyscreening@gmail.com for more information.

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 13th, 20th & 27th November. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Defibrillator Training

The defibrillator will be installed in November. The training for those interested will be taking place on **25th November 7 to 9 pm**. If you are interested in attending please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible.

Quiz

In aid of Across Jumbulance helping those who cannot travel any other way to go to Lourdes. On **Sat 19th October in the Beckett Centre. Time 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.** Tables up to 10 or can make up. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Cost £5. To book ring Sheila on 0208 504 3939