

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead:

Marie Petter's funeral will take place on **14th June at 11am** at St Thomas'.

Betty Halliday's funeral will take place on **24th June at 11am** at St Thomas'.

John Thomas formerly of this parish. Funeral will take place on **11th June at 12noon**, St Henry Morse Catholic Church, Diss IP22 4DX.

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries: Gerald Jones, Friar Cuthbert McNulty, John Gregory (Jnr) Smith-Pryor, Maximillian Ptaszniak, Sister Maurice Cleere, Sister Marie Mulhearn, Roy Ketteridge, Rosemarie Lawrence, Sister Camellus Shanahan, Yvonne Daly, Patricia Pearce, Mary Woskett, Edward Unstead, Pdraig Gorman, Charles McGranaghan.

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

Parish Summer Fete Saturday, 29th 11 to 4pm

Come and be part of the organisation:

St Thomas' "Got Talent": should there be any **budding performers** who wish to grace the stage at the Fete, please get in touch with the Parish Office, as we would love to see as many performers as possible from year 3 and above. Limited slots and first come first served basis.

We need an **Electrician**

Calling all **Dads**, you can help as well with the set up and dismantling

We are still in need of **raffle prizes**

Could your business **sponsor** something?

Please contact Aine at

ainewood4@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Parish Annual Sponsored Walk

A reminder that this year's sponsored walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 22nd June. 2019 is 35th year BCCS has worked for children and families in the diocese. It's also the 10th year we have raised funds for BCCS through a sponsored walk, so good reasons to make this year's walk even more special. Please see David Underwood as you leave mass at St Thomas' if you would like to take part or sponsor the walk this year.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Pentecost Sunday 9th June 2019

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

Pentecost Sunday, Whit Sunday, is traditionally known as the birthday of the Church; a very happy birthday to you all.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-17

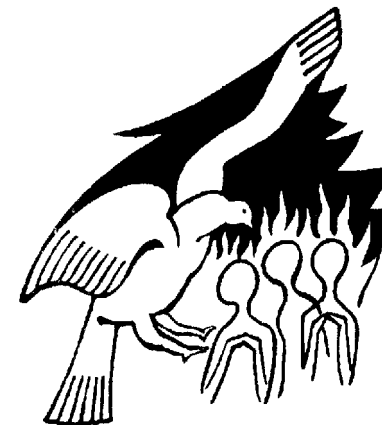
Moved by the Spirit we become children of God and heirs as well. We can even be familiar with God, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Gospel John 14:15-16. 23-26

At the Last Supper Jesus promises the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach us everything

Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your spirit, O Lord.



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The Mass-on-the-Grass

was just as splendid as that of last year. God gave us the sun with a little breeze. The music group performed at mass and picnic entertainment superbly, prompting an enthusiastic dancing display. You brought and shared your picnics making it a genuine social event. The organisers beavered from early morning. One, equipped with a pedometer, recorded 7 and a half miles walked in the day. Thank you all for your work. It was a little disappointing that the attendance was only about half that of last year. I do hope the cause was the clash with school half-term holiday, rather than lack of interest.

Parish partnership

The open-air mass, the coming Fete, the many weekly events show we are a solidly functioning community. We have the motivation of strong faith expressed in the practical events making your individual families and the family of the parish. Out of such building blocks will the new Diocese be built.

Children's Liturgy

Thanks to generous offers of regular help the Children's Liturgy at 10 am mass each Sunday will again be available for all children of school age. That is for those in Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you wish younger siblings to join them they need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. This has always been a requirement stemming from our need and concern to ensure total safety for all.

A weekly social opportunity?

Many parishes arrange an opportunity for those attending daily mass to meet for tea, coffee and a chat. So we are hoping to test whether there is interest in arranging this in Becket. On Monday 17th June Agnieszka will host tea, coffee and a welcome in the Becket hall. Come and give it a try. This is just a pilot event. We hope it will develop into a weekly happening.

Parish activities

- Monday, **10th June at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- Monday, **10th June at 8pm**
Parish Council in Assisi Room
- Tuesday, **11th June at 2pm**
Tuesday Club—Its Quiz time!
- Wednesday, **12th June at 8pm**
Baptism Course in William Scott
- Wednesday, **12th June at 7pm**
SOUP RUN. Please leave all donations in the Becket Centre by 7pm
- Thursday, **13th June at 7.130m**
Bereavement Group in the Becket Centre
- Thursday, **13th June at 7.30pm**
Scripture Prayer Group in Francis Room
- Saturday, **15th June at 2pm**
Country Dancing rehearsal in the Becket Centre

Mass on-Line

The next mass that we intend to record is:
6pm Saturday June 15th

Forthcoming Events

- **19th June** **Journey of Faith**
contact alanmair63@gmail.com for more information
- **22nd June** **Sponsored Walk**
See overleaf for more information
- **29th June** **Summer Fete**
See overleaf for how you can get involved
- **30th June** **Afternoon Tea** with
the Bereavement Group
- **14th July** **Annual Meeting**

Parish Office Update

Lucy McGuire will be leaving the Parish Office in June after 13 years. We would like to record our heartfelt thanks to her for the loyal and caring support she has provided to Friars and Parishioners in that time and wish her well for the future. She will be missed by her colleagues in the Office.

Parish Council Vacancies

We will have some vacancies for the Parish Council. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church or from the website or parish office. These must be completed and returned by 27th June 2019 at 10am.

Woodford Green Bereavement Support Group

We will be holding our annual bereavement tea in the Becket Centre, St Thomas of Canterbury on Sunday 30th June 2019 from 3pm to 5pm. We welcome all who have been bereaved to join us for tea, cake and a chat. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative. You may know someone who might be interested in attending, so do feel free to pass on the details or to ring **Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356** and she will send you an invitation with more information.

Roofing & Heating Works

There are copies of the Parish Council letter which was published last weekend at the back of Church for those who did not receive a copy.

SVP Collection

There will be a SVP collection after all masses this weekend.

10am Music Group

Are taking a well earned rest and will be back in a few weeks.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 13th June at 9am

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

Free heart test for anyone aged 14-35

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June in Colebrook Royals Football Club, The Pavilion, Grange Farm Lane, IG7 6DP. 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.

Help Needed

We are happy that our community sponsorship application as part of a multi-faith collaboration in Redbridge has resulted in the arrival of a family from Syria expected at the end of June to start a new life in Woodford Green. There is a list of items which we need at the back of church and we would be grateful if you can assist. We are also looking for help with cleaning and gardening on the weekend of the 22/23 June. Please email gembabourdillon3@hotmail.com if you can help. Many thanks.

The Time is NOW!

It's time to confront this climate and environmental crisis and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home. As people of faith, we're determined to speak up for our common home, and on **Wednesday 26 June CAFOD** is joining together with over 100 like-minded organisations to ask the government to protect the earth, our common home, and we would love for you to join us.