

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Leonard Harris, Sister Rufina Nealon, Michael Power, Agnes Ramsden, Elizabeth Perks, Thomas Crusz, Marie Pillay, Mary Todd, John Burgess, Hannah Hayday, Derek Pyner, James McDonnell.

St Thomas' Mass Times

Monday Evening Mass at 7pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday Mass at 10am
followed by the Rosary

Thursday Closed

Friday Mass at 10am

Saturday Mass at 10am &
6pm a booking for the evening mass must
be made

Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am
Bookings MUST be made

School Vacancies

Teaching Assistant – St Joachim's
Primary School, Custom House,
London

Headteacher – St Thomas of
Canterbury Primary School, Grays

Deputy Headteacher – Sacred Heart
Primary School, Southend-On-Sea

Deputy Headteacher – St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School, Stanford-Le-
Hope

Headteacher – Holy Family Primary
School, Benfleet

**More information can be found on
the Diocese website**

To book to attend a Mass

Visit the Parish Office which is open
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

OR **Phone** the office on 020 8504 1686
(answering machine available)

Or **email** us at
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

We will need the names of those
attending in your household/bubble and
a contact number

**Bookings MUST be made by
Thursday each week**



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 20th September 2020

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

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect that the Lord, who came down from heaven for our sake and for our salvation, calls everyone to work in his vineyard and so enter the kingdom of heaven.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah preaches to the people, urging them to return to the Lord who is rich in forgiving.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

The apostle calls us to avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Even at the eleventh hour the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him.



Mass in the pandemic

We are used to having many opportunities to join in a mass, and so to choose one at a time convenient. That is no longer the case. In present conditions our aim has to be: to engage in a mass on any day of the week when it is possible. Currently we offer 7 masses: Monday 7 pm Wednesday Friday and Saturday at 10 am. Saturday evening at 6 and Sunday at 9 and 11. We could have accommodated more people than came last weekend. It will take a little more time to learn how best to use the opportunities. Why only 7 masses? Because each time the church is used we need several stewards and cleaners. These have served us heroically in recent weeks, particularly for the many extra masses providing first communion. The happy band needs reinforcements. We hope to find need for more masses. In part it is up to you to provide the stewards and then the cleaners after use.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

Last Pentecost in the month of May 62 of our young people were ready and eager to receive the Holy Spirit. They had engaged with much interest in a very good preparation programme. The programme was completed last week. Between masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week they will receive the sacrament of confirmation. Each of the candidates will be accompanied only by their parents and one sponsor. But the great thing is that the 2020 programme will have been completed. I congratulate all: participants, families, and the leaders who have helped them all to look hard at their personal faith and belief. It is now for all of us to pray for them: that they join us in all the prayer and tasks of making St Thomas' parish.



18 Hours Adoration

We will start with evening prayer on Friday 9th October. The church will be open all night. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed till noon the following day. We are going to pray for an end of the pandemic. We do this unusual exercise because the night time is such a good time for real prayer. Do plan to join us.

Feast of St Francis



His feast occurs on Sunday week, October 4th when it will take over from the usual Sunday mass readings. On the previous evening we friars will enact a small dramatic ceremony of Francis' last hours. It is a moving ceremony and we invite you to join us. I hope it will also be streamed at 7.30 pm on October 3rd. Do join us that evening, either in church or on the stream.

ICHTUS

Is available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the readings at the Sunday masses



Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th September

Jim Gaffney RIP
People of the parish
Dennis Enwright sympathy

Monday 21st September

Elizabeth & Michael Bergin anniv
Maureen McGiven's mum
Chigwell sisters

Tuesday 22nd September

Sr Teresa Quinn
Sheila Larkin RIP

Wednesday 23rd September

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
John Kingham RIP
Sisters of Marian House

Thursday 24th September

Andrew Murphy RIP
Sr Mary M Whelan RIP
Sisters of Pield House

Friday 25th September

Patrick Hendry RIP
Trinity intentions
Sr Margaret Doherty

Saturday 26th September

Joseph Motha
David Wilson RIP

Sunday 27th September

William Macpherson RIP
People of the parish



Mass streaming

The 11am Sunday Mass will be streamed until further notice

Helping us stay open Church cleaning

If you can assist please let the parish office know or if you attend a mass and can help the stewards at the end to clean the church it would be greatly appreciated

All help however little, helps in these strange times

Redbridge Food Bank

The Foodbank collection box is in the Church porch. Please give generously! **NO** jumble/clothes etc.

Trinity School Sixth Form Vacancies

Please contact Mrs Hughes on 0208 506 5534 for more details. Alternatively, you can email sixthformadmissions@tchs.uk.net