

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Funeral at St Thomas'

Bernadette Craft's funeral will be held on 30th of October at 11am.

Please note that there will be NO Mass at 10am on 30th October

Anniversaries:

George Oriss, Katherine McMahon, John Murphy, Franjo Sekolec, Cornelius O'Callaghan, James Woskett, Ellen Dye, Witold Korkiewicz, Theresa Zechmeister, Mrs. Gillian Doherty, Harold Poynter, Clara Farley, Kathleen Smith, Teresa Tyner, Marjorie Byrne, Sister Rose Maguire, Rosa Wheeler, Peter Marsh, Angela Carroll, Margaret Hancock, Annette Ensom, Jacqueline Reilly, Mary Sears, Cornelius Neenan, Patricia Josephine O'Connell, Eugene Vas.

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.

Altar Servers

Bishop Alan will be celebrating mass on **9th November at 2.30 pm** in the Cathedral. Please put your name down on the sheet in the Sacristy if you would like to attend.

Woodford Musical Circle

Please come to our concerts at St. James's URC Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill on 19th of October 2019, 16th November 2019, 15th of February 2020 and 18th April 2020 at 7.30pm. Admission is £3 per concert including refreshments. Please contact Eric on 02085277053 for more information.

Che Vita

Conceptual art exhibition, Private View Thursday 7th November, 6.00pm - 9.00pm in the Becket Centre.

Parish Partnership Landings Programme

Please note that the Landings presentation has been postponed to November 16th, 10am



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 27th October 2019

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

Jesus reveals to us the love of the Father. To follow him is to submit to him and to each other in humility.



First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
The Lord is quick to answer the prayers of those who serve him wholeheartedly.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Paul is confident that his eternal reward is to come soon.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14
The humility of the tax collector is held up by Jesus as an example of true prayer.

Responsorial Psalm

This poor man called; the Lord heard him..

Newsletter

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

Franciscan Missionary Union

Last year a friar from South Africa visited us and made an appeal on behalf of South Africa Missions. Unfortunately, nobody has come this year. However we are having the usual appeal through this newsletter in the hope that you will still be willing to support the missions as you have done in the past. As you leave the Mass today will you please take a mission envelope and bring it back next week with your offering. Thank you for your support.

“Pray continuously and never lose heart”

For three Sundays in the row, the Gospel reading has featured our prayer: a prayer of thanks, of petition, of humility. You made a beautiful display with your labels on the screen and the children's two displays from our 24-hour prayer. Thank you. Please keep it up for prayer is the principal and most essential task of our parish.

Friends' of St Thomas Parish

Such as now the title of our restoration fund. You have responded promptly and magnificently. 38 have already expressed a wish to discuss setting up a banker order with gift aid. This week the committee members will be meeting these personally. Meantime the families with children preparing Holy Communion are considering activities to help them reach the stiff target they have set themselves.



Parish Activities

- **Monday 28th October, 8pm**
Keep fit in the Becket Centre
- **Wednesday 30th October 7.30pm**
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room
- **Thursday 31st October, 7.30pm**
Vigil Mass
- **Friday 1st November All Saints Holy Day of Obligation**

Vigil Mass Thursday 31st October 7.30pm in St Thomas'
Mass on Friday 1st November will be at 10am & 8pm at St Thomas and 10am at Chigwell Convent

The Parish Office will be closed on this day as determined by the Diocese.

- **Saturday 2nd November, 10am**
Holy Communion preparation Group A
- **Saturday 2nd November, 10am**
Classes for children attending non Catholic Schools in Assisi Room

November Dead List

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

Halloween

One or two concerned parents have been asking what observance of this so-named day is appropriate. The world of course means Vigil of the feast of All Saints. So the best observance would be joining the vigil mass at 7.30pm on Thursday. Not the most popular suggestion with children, no doubt. Masses on Friday, Feast of All Saints 10am at Chigwell and St Thomas, and 8pm at St Thomas.

Confirmation Programme 2020 Final Days to register for a place



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 still available 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. Limited number of tickets are available from the Parish office. Adults £8 and Children £5. If you want to offer help in cooking please email michellespears@live.co.uk

Christmas Fayre 23rd November 2019

This year will include a **Teddy Tombola** and we are asking for donations of new or very good condition teddies to be left at the back of the Church in the box provided over the weekend of 2/3 November.

If you have any unwanted gift boxes, hampers, wicker/weaved baskets or anything suitable for gift wrap ping. Please contact Lisa on 07944464757 or email Lisa-mchugh@live.com.

More information to follow in due course as we get nearer to this important parish event.

Church Cleaning

Friday 1st November at 9am
Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell,
Jackie John, Michelle Liddle, Breda Murphy

Baptism Course

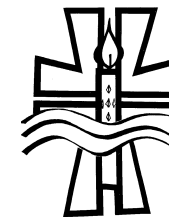
The next baptism course will take place on 13th, 20th & 27th November. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Friary Tennis Club Quiz Night

Saturday 2nd November in the Becket Centre, 7pm for a 7:30 start. Licensed bar. Tickets £7.50. Optional hot supper at cost. Please contact bernard.hunter@outlook.com

Baptisms Congratulations

We welcome into the parish community



Ariella Arango, Alexander Berry, Rafferty Wood, Juliette Wood, Ezra Brown, Reuben Brown, Florence McDonagh, Matilda Hassett, Sienna Woodfine, Sara Clifford

who were baptised at St Thomas' during October.

Mass Online

We are currently looking for 1-2 volunteers to assist with mass online. No technical knowledge is required. If you can spare 5-10 minutes of your time, ideally at the Saturday vigil mass then please contact communications@stthomaswoodford.org