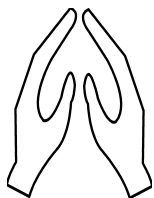


PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: Ed Haliburn

Anniversaries: Bernard Caster, Adolf Dourado, Thomas Mathews, Jacob Sullivan, Henricus Hustun, Gerald Cobb, Edward Foley, Terence O'Brian, Gertrude McCarthy, Mary Cunningham, Thomas Feeney, Robert Heath, Margaret Arthur, Eileen Bell, Jacob Black, Joan Steadman, Charles Vychodil, Syrus Morley, Anka Stuttard, Keith Newman, Margaret Clarke, Barbara Gois, Adela Musson, Gerard Seeberan Conrad Roudette, Shane Corrigan, Frances Piller.

Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are:

6pm **Saturday 19th/26th** **January**
8.30am **Sunday 3rd** **February**

Mass will usually be uploaded for viewing online within about 3 hours of the finishing time - go to our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Newsletter by email

Sign up on our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or by mailing 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.

Used Stamps

The Chigwell Sisters would like to thank all who save their stamps for the missions and put them in the box in the church porch. Your help is very much appreciated.

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



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The Baptism of the Lord Cycle C

13th January 2019



On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord we renew the promises we made at our own baptism: that we will be the Lord's loyal followers and be generous with our lives in the way that he has shown us.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The glory of the Lord will be revealed for all of us to see it.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has saved us through the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit

Gospel Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

Responsorial Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are!

Parishes in Partnership

The Parish Council had a constructive lively meeting last Monday. Concern about how to provide better for our young people was high on the agenda. We also prepared for the meeting of January 22nd. Then the Councils of Wanstead, South Woodford and ourselves will meet. Our objective: to build mutual cooperation in the future pattern of our Diocese. Precisely how we go about it is vague. So watch for comments after this inaugural meeting.

Ministers of Holy Communion

We have not met for some time. I propose we should gather to spend a half-hour of adoration and then a discussion of our ministry and any adjustments needed. Ours is a ministry that demands personal commitment. We need to share this understanding and keep it fresh, and help each other to bring the commitment that our privilege deserves. So I invite you to come to church either **Tuesday 29th** or **Wednesday 30th January**, both sessions at **7.30 pm**.

Weddings

If you are thinking of marrying this year it will be well to let us know without delay. It is useful to start the preparations we offer well in advance and generally at least 6 months before the wedding.

Saturday School

You have seen the flyers drawing attention to this service for children who do not enjoy the good fortune of a catholic school. Sean Moriarty finds himself alone now as he conducts the lesson each Saturday at 10 am. We much need someone to replace Nancy and Fiona who have taught the children for 4 years, but are no longer free to continue. I thank them heartily for their generous service.

Parish activities

- **12th January 10 to 11am**
Saturday School
Assisi Room
- * 15th January 7pm
Fr Quentin will be signing
Certificates of Catholic practice
- * 17th January 7.30pm
Scripture Prayer Group
All are welcome to explore the depth of Scripture.
Francis Room
- * 19th January 10 to 12 noon
First Holy Communion
“Group B”
Becket Centre

Steward of the Gospel

The Vision Document for our diocese is available online. To view go to tinyurl.com/STOC-vision Part of this vision is that our Parish is in Partnership with Our Lady of Lourdes and St Anne Line. An exploration meeting of the Parish Partnership is scheduled for Jan 22. Further details on Steward's webpage. The Vision Document is available on our website. To view go to https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/2c0a5a_4e7c1210d5da4396bd84e26313258794.pdf

Retiring collection on 20th January for Peace Sunday

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available at the back of church which you should return next week.

Saturday School Returns on 12th January at 10am

We will commence again this Saturday for those children who do not attend catholic schools. We start at 10am and will finish at 11am. Whilst we are still seeking more volunteers to assist us we will ask that parents stay during the one hour period in an adjoining room.

If you are interested in supporting this important part of our young peoples catholic education please contact the parish office for more information. Without additional assistance we may not be able to continue.

Service for Christian Unity 2019

The service will take place on Sunday, **January 20th at 6.30pm** at the Woodford Green United Reform Church, High Elms (the church with the neon cross, next to Woodford Green Primary School). There will be light refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on **Saturday 19th January** from 2 pm to 6 pm in St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, London, N13 5TY. More information on www.sehionuk.org.

Franciscan Missions

The total sum contributed by the parish to the missions in 2018 amounted to £11,613. That included £2,200 obtained from reclaiming Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue. Thank you to you all. The latest issue of The Troubadour is now available. Please take one, plus a 2019 calendar, as you leave church today.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 17th January at 9am.
Agnieszka Tsang, Dorota Marcewicz, Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis & Maureen Chubb.

Sacristy Laundry Rota

A new rota is available for collection in the desk in the sacristy or from the Parish office.

St Thomas Badminton Club

We are a friendly club that play Thursday night at Trinity School Mornington Road between 8-10pm £5 per night for details please phone Liz 007759 410304 or just turn up. All standards welcome.

Beavers

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader paulineelkin616@gmail.com

New Soulful Yoga

Breathe > Move > Stretch > Relax
Wednesday 6-7pm Vinyassa Yoga
Thursday 8-9pm Gentle yoga
Friday 1.30-2.30pm Hatha yoga
Contact Claudia on 07973 122 322.

Trinity Vacancies

Cleaner
20 hours per week - 50.14 weeks per year
Salary Scale 1c, Point 9. £19,755 – Fixed Point (full time equivalent, dependent upon experience)
Please review the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> for more details.
Closing date: Sunday, 27th January 2019