

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately Dead:** Mary Rees

### Anniversaries:

John Gregory Smith-Pryor, Gerald Jones, Virgil Gillings, Winnifred Nethercott, Kathleen Bacon, Irmgard Bass, Eileen Beerli, Henry Gosling, Hema Perera, Oona Douglas, Christina Morris, Dennis Robinson, Agnes Sandy, John Joseph, Joan Morgan.

### Bereavement Support Group

In the current circumstances we are sorry that we are still unable to resume our usual monthly meetings. We are, however, able to offer sympathetic listening on the phone. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like someone to talk to is welcome to phone **Angela Barnes** the group coordinator on **020 8505 0356**. She will be able to put you in touch with someone sympathetic to your needs.

### Prayer of spiritual communion *(St Alphonsus Liguori)*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



### Safeguarding of children and vulnerable

The need of vigilance never lessens; in these times of stress it has proved even more necessary than before. The national Independent Investigation of Dr Jay is still on course to publish its findings of the extent of sexual abuse in our national institutions, notably our churches, sometime in the late summer. Meantime our bishops have commissioned Ian Elliott, a man of long and wide experience of the management of the problem to review our church's practice. His interim report is not flattering.

### St Thomas' Safeguarding Reps

You are aware that Clare Nairne and Emma Smith have been bearing this responsibility for some time. Now Clare's increased responsibility as Head Teacher makes it impossible for her to give the necessary time to the considerable amount of work involved. I am most grateful to you Clare and thank you for what you and Emma have done so generously and diligently. I am glad to report that Nicky Crowther will take on the responsibility. Unfortunately it is not possible during lockdown to provide her with the necessary training but she is starting to get acquainted with the routines and work to be done.



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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Cycle A Sunday 14th June 2020

Today we thank God for giving us the great gift of the Eucharist. Do we appreciate its riches and let its teaching influence our lives?

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Remember the Lord led you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Through the cup and the one loaf we have communion with Christ.

### Gospel

John 6:51-58

If we eat Jesus' flesh and blood we will receive eternal life.



When we friars handed our Nottingham parish back to the Diocese we retained the premises and site of its Greyfriars Club. The Diocese had no interest in it. We knew its value; not least, it was giving employment to a goodly number, now sadly sacked. I heard this week that despite current problems the steward with a single assistant, both furloughed, is feeding a hot meal to 80 people every day. Nottingham Council is funding it, having asked if he could manage 100 per week. In addition local support has raised £10,000 for those who have lost their jobs and the many needy of the locality. They are even supplying 2 foodbanks. The spirit of Francis is definitely alive there.

Closer to home, Gloria Gottschalk writes of her experience volunteering to work with the local Hope Family Trust in Barking. "I started" she wrote "in their large warehouse in Dagenham sorting hundreds upon hundreds of cans of baked beans into date order. Over the following weeks more & more volunteers appeared mainly young girls in their late 20s and early 30s who had been furloughed: teachers, a dentist, a physiotherapist. One a student from Woodford County High. Another from Trinity. We became one happy family. Donations to the food bank declined as more people moved on to online delivery. The need increased from 12 referrals per day before Covid to 60 per day. The food bank also accepts clothing and provides 100 hot meals per day in Barking."

Recently Pope Francis quoted the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius: "The person will make progress in the spiritual life to the degree that they go out of self-love, self-will and self-interest". He is looking towards the much-changed church that will emerge eventually from Covid. Its preoccupation lies in service of the poor and marginalised. Not in its internal business.

### Church opening

Things are nearly always more complicated than expected. We asked for open churches – though not all deemed it wise. From Monday we can open for individual visits. But Oh - the complications.

There are stringent conditions to be obeyed. Chief among them is that at least 2 stewards must be in attendance at all times access is permitted. And after each open period the areas accessed by the public must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised. The Office are well ahead in their preparation of the church, provisions of signage, hand sanitisers and notices.

We cannot start until we have volunteers, themselves not vulnerable, ready and willing to spend an hour or more ensuring all regulations are carefully observed.

I think we cannot complain. We want everyone to be completely safe and no threat to others. I believe the same requirements are made of any shop or venture that will open to public use this week.

Many catholic churches are not opening. I find that any parish I have consulted is only opening its church for shortish designated periods in the week.

All is provisional. We have decided to **open for 3 periods of 2 hours duration: On**

**Tuesday 10am —12 noon**

**Thursday 2pm - 4pm**

**Saturday 10am to 12 noon**

We will review it after this week

And pray for the day when we can return "rejoicing into the house of God" to celebrate mass together.

**The Office will reopen for visitors on Monday**



### Join us for Mass on-line live this Sunday at 10am

To view Live Mass go to [www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live). If you have any queries about the streaming of mass or, indeed you would like to assist please contact [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 14th June

People of parish  
John Gregory Smith-Pryor anniv  
Dympna Mullin RIP

#### Monday 15th June

Stella Ware RIP

#### Tuesday 16th June

Sr Bernadette int

#### Wednesday 17th June

Mrs Jean Dinsdale RIP  
Trinity intentions

#### Thursday 18th June

Henna Nandanie Perera anniv  
Ros Macpherson 90 b'day  
Pat Murphy anniv

#### Friday 19th June

C.W.L  
Paolo Canova RIP

#### Saturday 20th June

Gaetano Catania anniv

#### Sunday 21st June

People of the parish  
Mrs Rose Cracknell RIP  
Stubbings family thanksgiving

### On-line donations

Thank you to those parishioners who have used the Diocese of Brentwood on-line donation website. It is very thoughtful of you to think of your Church in these challenging times. For those who maybe interested the site can be found at

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=woodford%20green>

### Trinity Catholic High School Vacancies

- Teacher of Mathematics
  - P/T Teacher of Science,
  - Teacher of Science,
  - Teacher of English,
- Please visit the school website for more information.

### Tuition

Dan Craft has some spaces for Primary school aged children for "Zoom tuition" in Maths and English. £30 per hour. Headteacher between jobs, DBS checked. 07976290564 Chingford based.

### Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you worship at St Thomas' and require a Certificate of Practice for a mid-year school application, please email the [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org) with your family photo, your address, child's name and child's date of birth.