

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We will be reviewing the sick list during March, if you wish to remain on the list please contact the parish office.

Anniversaries:

Dennis Bryan, Eric Cooper, Gerald Mooney, Sister Teresita Mullins, Josephine Burke, Bryan Rooney, Bruno Celaschi, Jean Newman, Iris Witchell, William Curran, Irene Stephens, Eilish Whitaker, Charles Wilkinson, William Jones, Emma Mulhern, Alfred Nash, Pauline White, Timothy Harrington

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020: 24 February 8 March

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade seeks to address the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It seeks to enable them to improve their position and have more control over their lives. With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can help to get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their future and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. Find out more at: www.fairtrade.org.uk

Volunteers social event

Two videos are now uploaded. They can be viewed on the website by going to Mass Online and then once on our You Tube Channel go to the playlist Special Services. They can also be seen by following the video links below:
<https://youtu.be/H2YP5BexAHO>
<https://youtu.be/xHNZ9KJAAOK>

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'

St Thomas' postcode is IG8 0RB
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

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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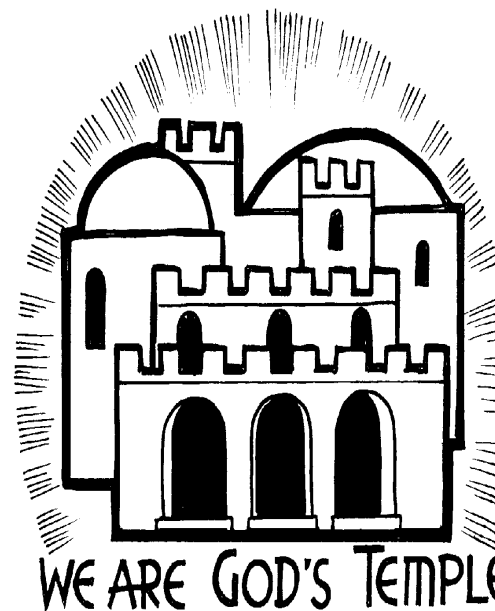
Served by the Franciscans

7th Sunday Cycle A

Sunday 23rd February 2020

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

We are called to be holy, just as God is holy. We are to love one another, not just those who are close to us but those from afar and those we might even consider to be enemies.



First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

We are to be holy as God is holy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The Spirit of God Lives among us for we are God's temple

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

We are to be perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love

Newsletter

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

Preparation for Easter

Ash Wednesday starts a period of preparation for Easter. We have 9 eager travellers on the Journey of Faith who now intensify their preparation to join our parish family on Easter night.

For all of us it is a time for positive action:

- Listen to God. He speaks to you through bible, perhaps spiritual reading but much in the details of daily life where you meet him.
- Go out and do some good to those who need you.
- Look to ways in which your personal life has become sloppy.

In other words: prayer, fasting and good deeds.

Major event March 4th

We are looking at mental well-being this Lent. On Wednesday March 4th we are lucky that **Dr Kiran Nijabat** director of the Family Wellness Practice has agreed to come and give us the benefit of her expertise. She is a much sought-after expert especially in the mental well-being of young people. This is a quite exceptional opportunity. It is particularly for you parents who have the care and concern for the development of children and young people. So please do make a special effort to come to Becket at 7.15pm on Wednesday week.

Film Night

Alas the weather and start of half-term holiday played havoc with last Saturday's film night. The Spears family converted the Becket into a modern cinema: all glitter, popcorn and nachos yet they and a couple of friars and one other were the audience. They are resilient and not to be down-hearted. Michelle and family: I do thank you for all the trouble you took.

Monday 24th February

Keep Fit in the Becket Centre at 8pm

Tuesday 25th February

Tuesday Club 2pm
"New Pam Ayres"

Baptism Course 8pm

Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday

7pm SOUP RUN

Journey of Faith 7.30pm

Thursday 27th February Confirmation Session 2—7.15pm

Friday 28th February

Join us in the Becket Centre after 10am Mass for refreshments with a Fairtrade flavour. There is no charge for these - but any donations received will go to the Restoration Fund

During lent Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays after 10am Mass and at 8pm

Saturday 29th February

Holy Communion preparation
Group A 10—12 noon

Saturday School 10am upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

Sunday 1st March

Join us for refreshments after 10am & 11.30 Masses

Ash Wednesday Masses

St Thomas at 10 am and 8 pm.
Chigwell 9.30 am

The whole Mass is a call to "penance". We plunge straight into hearing the Word of God calling us to change. Ashes symbolise decay, death, the absence of life. We used to hear a sombre "*Remember man that thou art dust; and unto dust shall you return*". Much better on Wednesday the priest will say: "*Change your life: believe (that is put into practice) the Gospel*". It is not one of the old so-called "Days of Obligation". But each year you do come, just to start Lent well. It is also technically a "day of fasting and abstinence". It will make much more sense if you do something positive for others, especially if it is inconvenient.



Walk with Me

A booklet of thoughts for each day of Lent is on sale at the back of the Church: £1.

Come and help with Sunday teas?

We are looking for some more volunteers to join our Sunday morning Tea/Coffee rotas after the 10.00am mass and the 11.30am mass. Please if you can, come and speak to me in the Becket Centre after either mass or contact me on 0208 504 3839 or e-mail sheilapryor@hotmail.com.

Church Cleaning Thursday 27th February at 10.30am

Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu, Sue Mansbridge, Louise Deans

Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes From April 2020

GA Envelopes for the next tax year are available from the parish office until the end of February. Then they are going to be placed at the back of the church after each Mass on Sunday. If you attend Buckhurst Hill or Chigwell for Mass and would like your envelope brought to those venues please let the Parish Office know.

Trinity School Vacancies

- ◇ Seasonal, Exam Invigilators
- ◇ Technician & Administrator
- ◇ Teacher in Charge of Spanish
- ◇ Temporary, SEN TA, 19 hours
- ◇ Temporary, SEN TA, 31 hours

Please visit the school website for more details

Fundraising Team

Members of the fundraising team will be available after all Masses this week-end for parishioners to bring back, or get, Standing Order forms.

Sponsored Walk

13 children will be doing a 5k walk after 10am mass on **1st March**, they are looking for sponsors to raise funds for the restoration appeal.