

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately Dead:

- Ferruccio Pieropan,
- Kathleen Ogle
- Alan Charles Everett
(husband of Eileen Everett also deceased) sadly passed away last week at the age of 91 peacefully in his care home.

We offer our sincere condolence to their families at this sad time

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries: Michael Millar, Danny O'Leary, Sister Maurita O'Leary, Lajos (Louis) Szukics, Mary Sullivan, Sister Mary Halligan, Richard Routledge, Alice Bryant, Vera Butler, Harry Kenyon, Raymond Stokes, Rosa Meriano, Sam Sebutt, Mary Tucker, Francis Jackson, John Paul Walsh, Harold Clisset, Francis Daly, Theodore Carter De Freitas, Kathleen Mary McCarthy, Joan Looney, Bruna Walker, Claude Charles Barnes, Maria O'Grady, Arthur Smith



Pray the Rosary to unite in prayer for the pandemic to end

Keep in touch

There are many ways to keep in touch during this difficult time. For example, the parish website, the newsletter by email, mass online, the Parish News mailing list, the parish Facebook page and, of course, the parish office. Please share this information with others and if any help is needed with any of these resources please contact the parish office. For any technical details please mail

Communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Online Mass

As for the foreseeable future there will be no mass celebrations open for parishioners to attend it is our intention to record a mass weekly for online viewing. To watch mass online please visit our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/> and click Mass Online on our homepage. This will bring up another link Watch Mass Online. Clicking on this link will take you to our You Tube channel from where you can view mass. You will see masses listed in date order. Click on any mass to view it. If you wish to receive an email notification when mass is uploaded each week you will need to subscribe on You Tube. (You will see a large red Subscribe button on the mass page on You Tube)



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Served by the Franciscans

Palm Sunday - Sunday 5th April Cycle A

Today is the only day in the liturgy in which we hear two Gospels in one Mass: the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem; and the passion of the Lord, his death and his placing in the tomb.



First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The first of four enigmatic songs in Isaiah about the anonymous Servant of the Lord. These give a wonderful backdrop to the passion and death of Jesus.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Paul quotes what is thought to have been a song sung in the early Christian communities: powerful words echoed in the Gospel acclamation.

Gospel Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Matthew's is the longest of the Gospel passion narratives. It includes features not found in other versions, including Pontius Pilate washing his hands, Pilate's wife, the earthquake and more.

Responsorial psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



The friars

Thank you to so many who enquire of our well-being in the Friary. In fact we are all well and overwhelmed by offers of practical help. They are too many for us to accept, so please do not think it is lack of appreciation on our part.

We are more fortunate than most. Being isolated means that we have a regular framework of the monastic day to give shape to our lives. In normal times many of us would be fitting in the prayers around pastoral duties. Now we are all together. Streaming of mass is not yet perfect. Paul and Mike have done marvels with imperfect equipment. We are still experimenting.

Holy Week

Paul and Mike are still struggling with less than perfect technologies and showing great initiative and inventiveness. We hope to offer you the following menu for the Holy Week services.

- **Palm Sunday:** Procession of palms and mass at 10 am
- **Maundy Thursday:** 8pm Mass of the Last Supper with washing of feet
- **Good Friday:** Way of the Cross at 3 pm
- **Holy Saturday:** Easter vigil at 8 pm

If your reception seems dim on Holy Saturday do not adjust your sets. We start in the (semi) dark. God is dead. So we go back to basics: hearing the story of First Creation and that of the Jews led out of Egypt to freedom through the Red Sea. The Easter candle proclaims: Jesus is alive! We have light and hope for a better future. Water is blessed as the medium of real life.

- **Easter Sunday:** Mass at 10 am

The silver lining

There is one valuable benefit that the shutdown has produced: Our air is purer: the practices warming our environment have been drastically cut back. Will we manage to maintain this when normal life resumes? It will require a massive change of heart and a totally different approach to politics, commerce, banking and social life. The austerity forced on us has given a glimpse of what we can do. It is a time to go back to Pope Francis'

Laudato Si

"A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system... This warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and by an increase of extreme weather events. Most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases released mainly as a result of human activity. Concentrated in the atmosphere these gases do not allow the warmth of the sun's rays reflected by the earth to be dispersed in space.

Humanity is called to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it... The problem is aggravated by a model of development based on the intensive use of fossil fuels which is at the heart of the worldwide energy system.

Para 23 Laudato Si



A prayer for Palm Sunday

Loving God, Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna, Welcoming Jesus our King with palms, celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.

Then, as the journey of Jesus turns towards Good Friday, help us know that you are with us when celebration turns to sadness. Give us the faith we need to follow you on the way of the cross, which leads to life. Amen

Mass Intentions

We shall continue to offer masses as you requested. The principal intention for this week are:

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

John Andrews RIP
Frank Fitzpatrick RIP
People of the parish

Monday 6th April

Marie Joseph funeral
Fr Isidore

Tuesday 7th April

Kay Stokes funeral
Pam RIP

Wednesday 8th April

Kathleen Cheenery RIP
Mary Slyth RIP

Thursday 9th April

Community & benefactors
Ferruccio Pieropan Funeral

Friday 10th April

No Mass

Saturday 11th April

Renzo Bechelli RIP

Sunday 12th April

People of the parish
Stubbings family - thanksgiving

Parish News

Our Communications Team has set up a new email group (Parish News) to enable improved Parish Communication, especially important during these difficult times. This group will be used by the Parish Office to communicate information directly to all Parishioners. Anyone who has not yet joined may do so by mailing communications@stthomaswoodford.org Please note that Parish News is set up only to send information. Any email correspondence should be addressed, as normal to parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

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- Teacher of Computing
- Teacher of Computing P/T
- Business & Economics

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