

**PRAY FOR THE
SICK**



Anniversaries:

Thomas Diamond, John Walsh, Francis Daly, James Brown, John (Sean) Gilligan, Michael Millar, Francis French, Adelina Gill, Patrick Lennon, Maria O'Grady, Sandra Sifflet, Oluwarotimi Olateju, James Cavanagh, Sister Conrad McCarthy, Ann Starr

Palm Sunday

10th April 11.30am Mass

Please assemble in the Becket Centre for the Blessing of Palms before processing into the church

Wild camp

at Woodford Wells Club

offers holiday care for children.
For more information please email
info@camp-wild.co.uk

Mass Timetable

*All services at St Thomas of Canterbury are live
streamed*

**Please wear a facemask when
attending Mass**

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)



*Don't forget to join us for
teas/coffees after the
Sunday Masses*

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent

CONFESSIONS

Take place after 10am Mass on
Saturdays

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Stations of the Cross

8pm on Fridays during Lent

The Parish Shop

Due to the decoration works in the Porch
the Parish Shop will **not** be open this
weekend



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Served by the Franciscans

**Fifth Sunday in Lent (C)
3rd April 2022**

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

Isaiah proclaims God's words, "See, I am doing a new deed." So what is so new? Well, it is that God says there is "no need to think about what was done before". Why should we recall the past if God does not? God frees us from sin – let's celebrate that freedom.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

One phrase among many from this magnificent reading jumps out at us when God says, "there is no need to think about what was done before".

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul reflects on what God's forgiveness means for us.

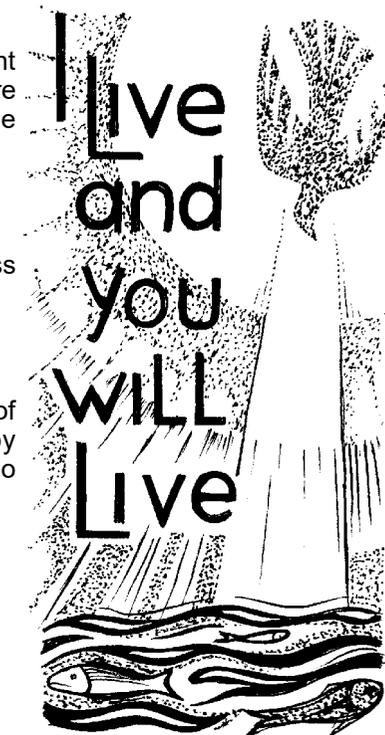
Gospel

John 8:1-11

A woman who has been caught in the act of committing a serious sin is not condemned by Jesus. Instead, she is told to go and sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.



Preach the Gospel - Pope Francis reforms the Curia

“The reform of the Curia must include involvement of lay-men and women also in roles of governance and responsibility. Laymen or women can head a Dicastery”.

The power of governance in the church does not come from ordination but from the canonical mission of every baptised Catholic

This is a huge change announced by the Pope last week. Vatican II made it clear that the People of God are the key issue. Everything that happens must be done to achieve the Common Good.

The reason we have a Pope, bishops and priests is to serve you: the People of God.



We have made a start

It is hugely new for the Civil Service of our church. Primarily the Pope's edict concerns what goes on in the Vatican. But it states a principle that now must be worked out at every stage and level of the church. It is what you asked for in last month's survey of your opinions. But in fact it is less new for us than in Rome. It means that the whole church and all its parts must run like a family. In a good family everyone is equal. All must be listened to and considered in all arrangements; each must pull their weight. In SToC we have been trying to do this, and doing it I think fairly well, for many years. In 1974 the reordering of our dark Victorian church was prompted and led by the Parish Council, not by the priests.

But: Have we done enough?

Are we *trying* or *doing*?

Till the pandemic our groups, societies and services were well equipped. Lists and rotas of servers, readers, ushers, cleaners were long. There were less offering to serve on the Parish Council. Now we are in the first stages of rebuilding. The rotas have more gaps than volunteers. Please listen to the Pope. It has taken him 9 years to start this change at what we call the top. Vatican II said: You are the top. That is great. But it also involves taking responsibility. That is the joy of a family. That is the joy of being a church.

Easter Triduum

Many thanks to all who have already offered their services. We now have sufficient Readers and Ministers of Communion. However, we still need more Ushers and Sacristans. If you will be attending any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday; please add your name to the lists located at the back of the church.

Maundy Thursday Washing of the Feet

We are looking for up to 6 volunteers (male and/or female). If you would like to take part, please add your name to the list at the back of the church

Lenten Lunches



The last of the Lenten lunches will take place on Friday 8th April 12.15pm. Please come and join us. All proceeds will go to Mary's Meals.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th March

8.30 Kay Stokes anniversary
10 Antony Power very ill
11.30 Marian Wallace very ill
People of the parish

Monday 28th March

Stephen Kiley RIP
Sr Sandra birthday
Eileen Mulvey RIP

Tuesday 29th March

Alec Murphy
Bill Noonan anniversary
John Vernon anniversary

Wednesday 30th March

Alessandra Milone in memory
John Mitchener RIP
Maureen Holford RIP

Thursday 31st March

Kathleen Murchan RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 1st April

Clare McCarthy RIP
Augusta Rebello RIP

Saturday 2nd April

10 Elisabeth Lane RIP
6 Filomena Santagada RIP

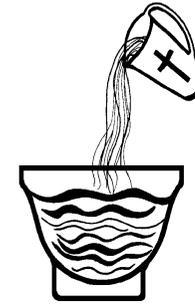
Sunday 3rd April

8.30 Olga Machado RIP
10 Angela Barrett RIP
11.30 Denise Sterns RIP
People of the parish



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Baptisms Congratulations



The Following were baptised in March and we welcome them into our Church community
Ruby Faillace,
Indie Thomas
James Hassett,
Olive Destouni,
Lillie Meshi

Faith talk 7pm 4th April

Fr Austin talk will take place on the 4th of April upstairs in the Becket Centre

The Good News is that there is one man whose death is the culmination of a life in total accord with God – sinless; faithful to his mission – it is accomplished – a human life from birth right through and including death, which results in abundant new life. The Good News, what is in him, will be in us through the gift of his Spirit through whom all this happens. Jesus, an individual, died, humanness now belongs in God; that this is not just individual but universal is what is meant when we say, not Jesus Christ, but Jesus the Christ. Christ is not Jesus' surname! Jesus died and Christ rose – still as Jesus. He died saying into your hands Father, I give my Spirit. It is now yours to give to everyone who shares humanness with, and in him.

House search

A family is looking to buy a house in the area (Woodford, Buckhurst Hill, Loughton etc). If anyone is interested in a private sale please would they contact the family member on 07815074208.