

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Patricia Raley** would like to thank everybody who has contacted her following her stroke

**Lately dead:** Doris Harriss

### Anniversaries:

Richard Bachman, Alexander Bedell, George Mace, James Cavanagh, Adelina Gill, Carmen Cilia, Henry Taylor, Thomas Diamond, Veronica Seecharan, Patricia Biggs, Anna-Maria Brinckenhoff, Reece Doyley, Sarah Wilkie, Sarah Saunders, Joseph Dalli, Chu Chin Ooi, Mary Wilkinson.

### Mary Ryder

The family of Mary Ryder would like to thank the parish for the support, kind words and messages of condolences they have received since the death of their mother on 12 March. A mass will be said for all of your intentions

## Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are: **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording in the future (no technical knowledge is required) then please send a mail to [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org) To view mass online - go to our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

### Newsletter by email

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org) Your email address will be held securely. **NB** –If you experience any difficulties with receiving the newsletter please let us know.

### The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – ‘Click to Pray’ prayer app – available on Android and iOS. Or visit [www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org)

### Parish Partnership

The diocesan Vision Document and other relevant items are available on our website.

### 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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Served by the Franciscans

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Cycle C

14th April 2019

Today we follow Jesus on his journey into Jerusalem riding on a colt. We sing our joyful praises to the king who has freed us from sin and death through his passion, cross, death and resurrection. As we enter into his suffering during Holy Week, we look towards Easter with joy.

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

### Gospel

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

St Luke reveals the compassionate promise of Jesus to the good thief: “today you will be with me in paradise”.



### Responsorial Psalm

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

## Holy Week

This is the time for your annual retreat. If we are not ostriches (who reputedly keep their heads in the sand) we each need regularly to face up to some basic questions: Where am I? Where is my life going? What is really important for me? What is real? To do this we journey with Jesus. We start the retreat today. Jesus is acclaimed with some hysterical enthusiasm. It is short-lived. The hostility simmers and grows each day. It intensifies from Thursday evening. So do the gifts which are Jesus' answer to hate. We accompany him. He washes our feet: doing the most menial tasks for our well-being. He gives himself. Totally. In communion. Then by dying in excruciating agony. "No greater love than that one gives his life for his friends" There is opportunity to share with Jesus his agony in the garden of Gethsemane on Thursday; in Stations of the cross at 10.30 and 8 pm and the 3pm liturgy on Friday. When we have plumbed the depths, praying with him, there follows the sudden outburst of joy on Saturday night. Come, and be changed by it.

## Mass intentions

We are much blessed that you ask us frequently to offer mass for your intentions. At present we receive more requests than we can immediately honour. I assure you every request is carefully recorded, and then later audited to insure none is overlooked. Currently we have only 4 priests saying daily mass at SToC. So we send some of your intentions to our brethren in Stratford to be offered there. In that way you can be sure the mass you request is always duly honoured without too much delay.

## Thank you

Your generosity for the recent African flood relief appeal raised over £1300

## Parish activities

- Monday **15th April** at 7.30pm  
**Service of Reconciliation**
- Tuesday, **16th April** 12.15pm  
The final 2019 Lenten Lunch £3.00
- **Good Friday 3pm**  
The front benches will be reserved for those with walking difficulties
- Saturday **20th April at 11am**  
Food Blessing service followed by refreshments. All welcome
- Holy Saturday – **Please note that the normal 6pm Saturday evening Mass is replaced by the Easter Vigil @ 9:00pm**

## Mass for Migrants

Monday 6th May, Procession gathering 9am, Procession at 10am. Mass begins at 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral,

## Coming events

"The year of Luke" Once Easter has been celebrated we resume reading Luke's Gospel each Sunday. Fr Adrian Graffi is a specialist Scripture scholar. He has agreed to come to give us two lectures to help us really take in the depth of Luke. He will come on two Wednesday evening: **May 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30.** I hope you will come to both.

## Forthcoming Events

- **13th May** Parish Council
- **2nd June** Outdoor Mass
- **29th June** Summer Fete
- **14th July** Annual Meeting
- **23rd November** Christmas Fayre

## Easter Triduum - Rotas

Many thanks to everyone who offered their services; the rotas for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday, are displayed at the back of the church (on the left as you leave the church) Please ensure that you check the rotas before you leave Mass today.

## Maundy Thursday Washing of the Feet

We still need another two volunteers, if you would like to be part of this very moving re-enactment of Our Lord's "mandatum" please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Would all those who volunteered to participate in the "Washing of the feet", please ensure that you arrive by 7:50pm and report to the back of the church.

## Holy Places Collection

St Francis' friars have been in the Holy Land since 1320. Their practice has always been to establish and maintain a Christian worshipping community in each of the places where Jesus worked and taught. Today these small communities are much under threat. The collection on Good Friday is to provide support for them. Unless they receive considerable help there may soon be no Christians left

## Franciscan Vocation

Interested in the Franciscan way of life? Perhaps God may be inviting you to know more about the Franciscan vocation of a Franciscan Friar, Sister, Lay member?  
If so, contact: [vocations@friar.org](mailto:vocations@friar.org)

## Church Cleaning

**The BIG Easter Clean will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 10.30am all help will be appreciated**

## Recycle jeans project

I am a member of this parish with an eco-sustainable brand called José Hendo, and I am looking for second-hand jeans for an upcycling project in conjunction with the R3 Campaign I started in 2014 to encourage people to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Please contact Jose on 07967585412.

## Chigwell Convent Vacancy

Cleaner wanted in Chigwell Convent 3 days per week for a total of 12 hours. Please contact Chigwell Convent on 02085060329 or email: [chigwellconvent@sacredheartsjm.org](mailto:chigwellconvent@sacredheartsjm.org)

## Trinity School Vacancies

- Teacher of Science,
  - Teacher of Geography
  - Teacher of Computing Science
  - Teacher of Religious Studies
- Please visit the schools website for more details. The deadline for application is application is the 28th of April.

## Advance warning

Replacement of roofs is scheduled to begin on **29<sup>th</sup> April**. While it goes on there will be some restrictions on use of the parish carpark. On some days it may be closed altogether: on others the space available will be limited. We will do our best to give you good notice of how the work and its inconvenience progresses