

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Don Dourado.

Don Dourado's funeral will take place on
27th February at 10am here at St
Thomas'

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Teresa Glock, Michael O'Donovan, Lelia
Ryan, Gordon Bowler, Mary Hallard,
Leanne Mackenzie, Sister Josephine
O'Dowd, Bastian Thambynayagam,
Robert Browne, Sister Pilkington, Daphne
Taylor, Margaret Wilson, Tina Woolf,
Michael Fitzgerald, Sr Francis Regis
Lehane, Mary Benn, Casse Du, Andrew
Lamarque, Ernest Verney, Timothy
Harrington.

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

Thank you

The family of Rob Rose would like to
express their thanks for the outpouring
of grief & support following his passing
last week.

A celebration of his life will be held on
**Wednesday 26th February at The
City Of London Crematorium South
Chapel 12.30pm** (friends & family),
Followed **at 2pm at The Woodford
Wells Club**, where everyone who
knew him is welcome to raise a glass.

Mass Online

Saturday vigil mass will be recorded
and available to view online. To view
mass online visit our parish website
www.stthomaswoodford.org Click
Mass Online, then click the link to
Online Mass.

E-newsletter

We are now approaching 550
subscribers to the electronic newsletter.
If you have signed up and experience
any problems receiving the newsletter
by email please let us know at
Communications@stthomaswoodford.org



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6th Sunday Cycle A

Sunday 16th February 2020

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

Today we hear about God's Law, that it is primarily about genuine love of God
and love of others.

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

We are taught to keep the commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our
power.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul warns believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of
God's wisdom.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: love
of God and of neighbour. Our lives should reflect this love.



Responsorial Psalm

They are happy who follow God's law!

Newsletter

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

Ninety not out

As February approached I tried hard to suppress any mention of a birthday celebrated last week. Everybody has a birthday and not much fuss is made about it. However you thought that a 90th was something remarkable. I was quite overwhelmed by all your lovely greetings and the gifts you gave me. So many that I am struggling to acknowledge many of them. I do thank you. You were right to ignore an old curmudgeon's reluctance and I am glad you did so and showed me so much love. I hope you all get as much when you reach 90.

Restoration Fund

Over the past two Sundays you have heard about the large maintenance costs our parish buildings and facilities are facing. Some surprise has been expressed about the scale of the cost. When you are 90 you begin to appreciate that things wear out, and that goes for buildings as well as ourselves. Your response to the news has been astonishing. Andrew and his team are operating a good strategy whereby you are making very large donations but spread over 5 years. We will hear a little more today, and then we will leave the Fund to grow quietly, like a good oak, as far as appeals are concerned.

But it is good to spread the load widely over the whole parish. It is good that various groups, societies and ventures of the parish are beavering away to raise money through means with which we are familiar. One such is the Race Night on March 7th. A sponsored walk is in prospect – perhaps when the great floods have receded. This weekend the new venture of Movies at Becket will be drawing in more. It is good to have a project!

Parish Activities

Wednesday 19th February

- *Journey of Faith* at 7.30pm in Assisi Room
- *Baptism Course* at 8pm in William Scott Room

Friday 21st February

Jumble Sale Preparation. Please bring your donations to the Becket Centre.

Saturday 22nd February

Jumble Sale 1pm-4pm. Everyone is welcome, admission 50p per person.

Sunday 23rd February

- *Join us for refreshments after 10am & 11.30 Masses*

Restoration Appeal

Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeals over the last two weeks. We will be available after all Masses this weekend with the necessary forms to complete the Standing Order and Gift Aid process. All you need to bring are your bank details.

Lenten Talks

**Parents and others interested
keep Wednesday March 4th
evening free**

We have been lucky to get Kiran Nijabat the Director of Family Wellness to talk to us about the processes of growing in our contemporary frenetic culture. More anon.

Sponsored Walk

13 children who will be making their Holy Communion shortly will be doing a 5k walk after 10am mass on **1st March**, they are looking for sponsors to raise funds for the restoration appeal. Forms are available at the back of church.

Mass Streaming

Good comments come in appreciation of the streaming of the Saturday 6 pm Mass. I thank Michael Eggleton and his colleagues for their perseverance and the time they give. There was one unexpected spin-off last Sunday. A WhatsApp text ran thus: "As the weather was so bad Sheila much appreciated hearing your mass at home. She noticed you consulting your watch as the mass drew to its conclusion. Were you checking to see that the pubs were still open?" Actually: no. But I will try to be more discreet in future.

Upcycling garments

Many thanks to the Church community for donating your used denim to me last February. I used it for upcycling garments for my 'Signs Of The Now' installation for the Connecting Afro Futures Exhibition in the Kunstgewerbemuseum in Berlin running for three months ending in December last year. The message in my work was a call to action for every man woman and child to help save the environment and fight against climate change by reducing reusing and recycling (#R3 Campaign). Jose Hendo

There will be a Cake sale for Wings of Hope after each Mass this weekend.

Church Cleaning Friday 21st February at 9am

Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin, Liz Atkinson, Josie Kieron

Volunteers Please

We would like 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.

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.

Drawing Lesson for children aged 5+

For Half term taster session on Wednesday 19th February, please contact Aiko 07941629835 or creativewoodford@gmail.com

Lost Property

Items which have been left in the Church are in the porch this weekend and hopefully will be returned to their owners, if not collected, we will dispose of all items left. We also have a wedding ring that we would like to return to its owner.