

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries: Andrea Battistini, Antonio Canello, Gerald Duggan, Charles Green, Anne Alfano, Walter Pert, Derek Faulkner, Kathleen Ivens, John Mulligan, Teresa Camp, Mary James, Betty Neilson, Gladys Ratnayake, Mary Roberts, Cecelia Chaplin, Annie Connolly, Harry Deamer, Sister Cyril Donnelly, Brendan O'Loughlin, Dorothy Knight, Joseph Neary, Oscar Reyk, Henry White, Josie Butt, Sarah Clark, Kathleen Flowers, Martin Kivineen, Lubica Moody, Alice Connell, Joanna Furlong, Lily Causley, Barbara Cox, Letitia Featherstone, Clare Jones, Inge Prince, Mary Copping, Ernestine Grabowski, Mrs Taker, Gladys Ratnayake, Susan Faulkner

The Parish Council

Are due to meet in December, if you have any questions or issues to raise please email

ParishCouncil@stocparish.groups.io

Certificates of practice

Please let us have a family photo with details of the masses you would normally attend. Provide the full name of you child, his/her date of birth, and your current address. This can be emailed to parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org.

Church lockdown arrangements

The Church is closed to the public

However, join us daily via

<https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live>

For Mass every day at 10 am

And at 6pm for evening prayer with exposition of the blessed sacrament

We will also record the 10am Mass on Sunday

Confessions can take place by appointment



Prayer of spiritual
communion
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 22nd November 2020
Week 23rd November—Week 34 Year 2

In today's feast of Christ the King, we think about Jesus as the shepherd-king whose flock includes all people throughout the world: this image reflects God's love and care for every human being.

First Reading
Ezekiel
34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord is exasperated that those who were appointed to look after God's people have used their position for their own advantage and neglected their responsibilities: the Lord will take care of the flock from now on.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians
15:20-26. 28

Paul looks forward to the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time.

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

The trial scene, set at the end of time, reveals God's judgement on how we have responded to the needs of our fellow human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want



When Covid is no more..

What happens? It will have changed us. The many societies groups and teams that constitute St Thomas' parish need to get ready with a review, and fresh blood. We will look at some of these in the coming weeks.

Church Fabric Committee

While the church is closed Rob and his colleagues have been busy with small repairs to our ancient building. The Beckett Centre gets hard use in normal times. That is what it is for. It is all part of family life. Similarly there are many things needed to keep the church in good order. I thank you for what you are doing using this opportunity of an empty church.

Communion preparation

We hope it will soon be possible to bring the children back to weekly mass. For the moment though it is good to use the streaming service we enjoy. You can also take your children for a visit to Jesus – on the parish website. Just a brief visit as often as possible to focus your family prayers on Jesus really there in church. If you log on between 6 and 6.30pm you see him exposed on the altar. We are in chapter 5 still this month. Chapter 6 is for December and it is about Listening.

Prayer for relief of the pandemic

All Christians are invited to join each evening at 6 pm for common prayer till the end of the lockdown. Our evening prayer is streamed each evening at that time.

Cardinal Nichols has asked for a day of prayer next Saturday, for an end to the plague.

Telco

First a look outwards because things have happened this week. We are a Telco parish. We have been much involved in this UK Citizens movement to remedy evils that people on our doorstep are suffering. Last week the newsletter reported significant progress in getting the living wage for carers. What the leaders in the parish were too modest to say was that they have worked for years, canvassing, attending meetings, pushing employers Whitehall included, chivvying them to pay the minimum wage that Law now demands. Many are still not doing it. Last week our bishops turned out in force to sign up to this campaign to get the living wage really paid to all carers. The prompt came from here. Well done.

Affordable housing

Progress on this too. Property developers buy up land. They often hold it, only building when the market is most favourable. Their interest is maximum profit. Years ago 60 of our parish paid £1 each to belong to the Community Land Trust. This is an organisation that fights developers to include a proportion of affordable houses or flats in every building project. So we have clout in the tortuous planning meetings. Again it was the Telco members – you - who have pressured a large development in the borough to include a number of truly affordable houses in the Loxley Lane development. It is a relentless battle to meet the needs of families for a roof, fighting against the builders seeking maximum profit. Telco needs you!

And of course they are weekly taking care of the large Syrian family they have brought to Woodford. I thank all you members of St Thomas Telco group. You give us respectability in this area of catholic concern.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 22nd November

People of the parish
Mary Zeppa RIP
Cissy & Jack Adair RIP

Monday 23rd November

Funeral Gerard Brunning
Int Fr Isidore
Int Bro Raymond

Tuesday 24th November

Martin Kivineen anniversary
Anne Dawkins RIP

Wednesday 25th November

Mary Zeppa RIP
Deceased Staff & pupils Card Wiseman school

Thursday 26th November

Alice de Souza
Trinity intentions

Friday 27th November

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Rita Walsh RIP

Saturday 28th November

Kathleen Gallagher RIP
Sally & Norman Picton
- 60th wedding anniversary

Sunday 29th November

People of the parish
Gerard Brunning
Joseph Jay Doyle RIP

Lectio Divina

Do you want to prepare for Advent by joining a Lectio Divina meeting ?
Sharing the Word of God:
Next meeting via Zoom on
Tuesday 24th November at 2:30pm
For more information email
tetiana.khorvat@gmail.com

Available from the Parish Office

- **Advent Day by Day.** The booklet has daily readings for contemplation throughout Advent. The price is £1.
- **Christmas cards and advent calendars**
- **Parish Diaries** for 2021
- **Mass Cards**
- **Brentwood Diocese Directory 2021**

Advent Zoom workshops for 18-35 years of age

Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to Covid-19. Join us to reflect on some of the characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. How is God speaking to us through these stories today?

Each Friday we will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will also include a sharing of a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion.

Fridays at 7pm (one hour)
27th Nov, 4th, 11th, 18th Dec

Zoom link: email us on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com

Confirmation Candidates

We are pleased to welcome 58 candidates to our 2021 confirmation programme.