

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Walter Pert, Kathleen Ivens, John Mulligan, Derek Faulkner, Mary James, Betty Neilson, Mary Roberts, Gladys Ratnayake, Teresa Camp, Harry Deamer, Sister Cyril Donnelly, Brendan O'Loughlin, Annie Connolly, Cecelia Chaplin, Oscar Van Reyk, Henry White, Joseph Neary, Dorothy Knight, Josie Butt, Sarah Maud Clark, Lubica Moody, Kathleen Flowers, Martin Kivineen.

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

Certificate of Practice

Please note that Fr Quentin will be available to sign certificates of practice for school and nursery applications on
25th November 3-4pm
29 November 7-8pm

Franciscan Missions

We have received a total of £4,452 from the recent appeal for the Franciscan Missions. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you missed the original appeal and would like to make an offering some envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Can we ask the parishioner(s) who donate using Gift Aid Envelopes **number 81 and 62** to provide the parish office with the Declaration form, as currently we are not able to claim tax from HMRC on these donations. Thank you.

Repository

Advent is only 2 weeks away. Candles and calendars are now available together with all the usual stock you would expect for Christmas 2019. Come and have a look after mass.



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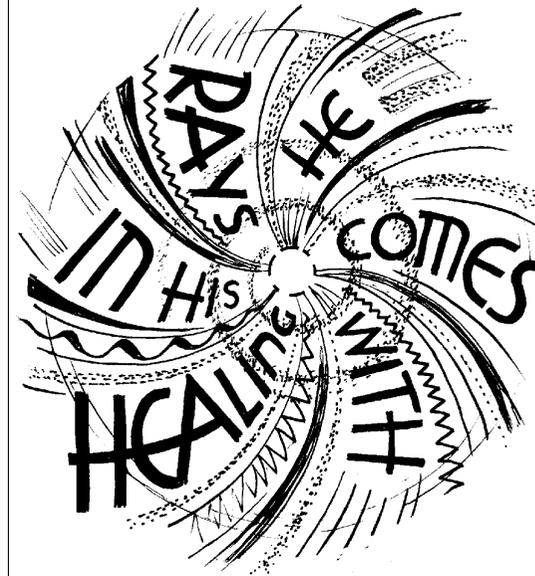
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 17th November 2019

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

Jesus will at the last conquer and destroy all evil. His faithful people, even if they may suffer, will never be abandoned by the one who will come in glory and infinite majesty.



First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

Harsh words for the wicked who will be left with nothing, but great consolation for those who remain faithful to God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A warning to those who will not contribute in any way to the community but who offer constant criticism to all and sundry instead.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Nothing can compare with the glory of the Son of Man, in this world or the next. Things in heaven and earth may pass away, but the Son of Man coming in glory will gather his own to himself in the end.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

Newsletter

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

Day for the Poor

Pope Francis has asked us all to dedicate today November 17th as a special Day for the Poor. It happens as you know that we had arranged a retiring collection for the poor of our parish, through the care of the SVP society. They need your money. The Pope is nudging us to take care of them. But then it goes deeper than that for our personal development. We are not true Christians if we do not align ourselves with the poor. St Francis did this in a radical way and so met Jesus more profoundly than almost any other saint. Pray for those who are poor. Think how you can live more simply – in order simply to discover what we are and the place of all creatures. It all hangs together as the principal focus of being Catholic today.

Assisi Lunches

Each month, for almost 50 years, a banquet has been provided for senior members of our parish and others. For the past 20 of these years Dolly Anderson has been the over-seeing organiser. She now wishes to retire from the task. We are most grateful to you Dolly for all you have done. Each month you managed to gather a very proficient team to give royal treatment to our guests. Thank you. I am delighted that Clare Hobbs has offered to take over from Dolly, so the good tradition continues. The next such lunch is on 29th November.

Modern Art

Last Thursday Pia Zanelli set up a most interesting exhibition in the Becket Centre with generous refreshments. Through clusters of day-to-day artefacts she conjured associations with the Pieta, the crown of thorns, sheep and power – and left each of us to work out our own understandings and reactions. I found it inspiring. It was I think an innovation widening the range of interests for which the Centre makes provision. A large number came through the evening, from different quarters and including many of Pia's students. Thank you Pia and do come again.

Parish Activities

- **Monday 18th November at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- **Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm**
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room
- **Wednesday 20th November at 8pm**
Baptism Course in the William Scott Room
- **Saturday 23 November at 10am**
Saturday School upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools

The Christmas Fayre

Is especially important this year as we try to raise money for the Friends of St Thomas – the fund to pay for the imminent restoration work. I hope everyone will come, not least for the social benefit of meeting many we rarely meet with time for chat. And of course the organisers need help with setting up on Friday evening and Saturday morning, and then clearing all away and leaving the school spotless in the afternoon. That is the hard bit! But working together is fun. Try it.

Sunday Teas

Volunteers are sought to assist on a rota basis with the after mass teas on a Sunday morning. Please contact Sheila on 020 85804 3839.

Assisi Lunch - Message from Dolly

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the parish for all your support as always and being involved with the lunches this year and over the past 20 years, chefs, teams, shoppers, drivers. I am standing down as organiser and am very pleased to say Clare Hobbs will take on the role and I know it will continue to be a success in 2020. The Assisi lunches are a great way for older people in our community to meet, chat, eat and enjoy company, if you know someone who may enjoy it please call the office for more information.



Christmas Fayre

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One week to go
23rd November
12 to 4pm

Donations of jewellery, bottles

and unused toiletries should be left in the parish office. Donations of good quality toys, teddies, and unwanted gifts can be left in the porch at the back of church. Any donations of cakes for the CWL stall can be dropped off on the day. And most importantly please come along and support us on the day, there will be lots of activities for children, a visit from Fr Christmas and many stalls for you to visit.

St Thomas's under 5

We would value your donations of fairy cakes for the Christmas Fayre. Please drop off at Sydney Road on morning of 23rd of November. Any queries please call Sheila 07826378519.

Home made produce

Donation of jams chutney, marmalade, large breads and cakes, please bring in the morning of Christmas Fayre

Tombola sweet stall

The Brownies would welcome any donations the ever popular tombola stall. Please bring to the parish office by Friday 22nd November.

Christmas wreath making

We would like to invite volunteers to come to make wreaths for the Christmas Fayre on **Friday 22 November from 5.30pm at Trinity Lower Site cafeteria**. Instruction will be given and core materials provided. Please bring plenty of foliage and any appropriate decorations and your own secateurs or scissors. Any questions please contact Natasha on 07470 493680.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 23rd November at 10.30am

Charmaine Turnell, Deborah Butterworth, Rachel Woolf, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara, Cathy Daley, Kathleen Mahoney

Catholic newspapers

More than ever before we need to be informed of how our Church is faring in the contemporary world. At present there are 4 publishers: The Tablet, The Universe, The Catholic Herald and The Catholic Times. Each presents some coverage of the church at home and abroad, the Pope and Vatican. Each week you see a copious supply of these in the church porch and at Chigwell. You have had the option of purchasing one or leaving them and the parish has incurred no cost. Sadly that situation is about to change. The publishers will no longer charge us on a *Sale or Return* basis. That means that the parish must pay for each copy supplied. We need to know what interest there will be to investing in a regular subscription to one of these publications.

Upcoming Elections

All candidates for the Chingford and Woodford Green parliamentary constituency have been invited to a hustings at Woodford Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 25th November. Members of all faith communities are welcome to attend. Tickets available from Woodford Memorial Hall, 209 High Road E18 2PA - apply by 18th November, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.