

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: **John Potter**

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Bernadine Deberry, Leonard Archer, Patricia Coffey, Frederick Talbot, Giovanna Clifford, Bernadette Mace, John Morrill, Phyllis Friend, Brian Howes, Alice Day, Mark Fletcher, Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, Patricia Connolly, Fr John Dockery, Sister Alberic O'Conner, Marion Page, Ruth Vaz.

St Thomas' Mass Times

Monday Evening Mass at 7pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday Mass at 10am
followed by the Rosary

Thursday Closed

Friday Mass at 10am

Saturday Mass at 10am &
6pm a booking for the evening mass
must be made

Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am
Bookings must be made

Redbridge Food Bank

The Foodbank collection box is now in the Church porch. Please give generously!
NO jumble/clothes etc.

Parish Council (PPC)

To contact the parish council please use
ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io

ICHTUS

This is now available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the reading at the Sunday masses during September.

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.

Bible Prayer Meeting

Welcome to our regular meeting -in the Becket Centre -(under Covid guidelines)
— Henrietta suite----on **Tuesday 6th**

October at 2:15pm.

You will be invited to listen & share, if you so wish, on the Gospel of the following Sunday's reading.
Looking forward to meeting YOU there.

To book to attend a Mass

Visit the Parish Office which is open
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Phone the office on 020 8504 1686
(answering machine available)

Email parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

We will need the names of those attending in your household/bubble and a contact number.

Bookings MUST be made by Thursday each week



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
Woodford Green

A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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Served by the Franciscans

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 27th September 2020

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

Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection set the pattern which we are called to live out in our daily lives.



First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When sinners renounce their sin, then they will live.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

The incarnate Son empties himself of his majesty to become human.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

The tax collectors and sinners respond, but not the chief priests and elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercy, Lord

Journey of Faith

The new season of this Journey began ten days ago. We welcomed 4 new travellers to join one who had started late in last year's programme. We were well spaced-out in the Henrietta Suite and hope we will continue our search each week. More friends are always welcome.

Feast of St Francis: Transitus Saturday 7.30 pm

Since it falls this coming Sunday, the masses of that day will be of his feast rather than the 26th Sunday. We begin the celebration at the time he died, on the preceding evening, with a moving re-enactment of Francis' gradual approach to death. We friars will act it out with recorded songs and music, and I hope plenty of visuals as we hear accounts of the key episodes of his life. It will be done in church **at 7.30pm this coming Saturday** and we welcome you to join us in church if you would care to. It will also be streamed and you can find it on the same address as the streamed Sunday masses:
www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-the-mass

Confirmation

I congratulate our 62 young parishioners who received the sacrament of confirmation this past week. The masses were celebrated with minimum fuss but full respect for covid caution. I thank the wonderful team who with Fr Michael O'Kane first carried out an excellent programme of preparation. It took the young people deep into understanding how a true catholic lives their life today. They looked at the contemporary scene, raw and often forbidding, and resolved to make their serious contribution to mending it through their faith-practice.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9th/10th October 2020

Plans are underway for an 18 hour period in our church that will offer a time for private and group prayer. This will commence at 6pm on Friday 9th October and conclude at 12 noon on 10th October.

Join us for a time for healing, hope and fraternity

To book a slot
please contact the parish office on
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Family Fast day

Next Sunday CAFOD are due for one of their normal 2 annual collections. They have provided the customary envelopes available as you leave the church today. Perhaps you can bring them back next Sunday, filled with the product of the self-denial you have chosen and put them in a basket separate from the main church collection. This will help our search to find valid ways to help many in all sorts of need.

Retiring collections

You are familiar in a normal year with an announcement at the end of Mass: "As you leave there is a retiring collection for..." In this way a wide range of charities, serving catholic and humane causes raise the money they need. Our parish Finance Committee gave thought to them. How can we help to make up for their loss of revenue? Very many of you give much in all sorts of directions. Can we do anything to help those losing their collections at church door?

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th September

People of the parish
William Macpherson RIP
John Potter RIP

Monday 28th September

David Wilson RIP
Sr Margaret Doherty RIP

Tuesday 29th September

Margaret Stack very ill
Sr Nora Hogan 90

Wednesday 30th September

Brian Howes anniv
Sr Clara Phiri int

Thursday 1st October

Patrick Hendry RIP
Seamus Hanley anniv

Friday 2nd October

CWL
Funeral John Potter

Saturday 3rd October

10am Ven. Frederick Ozanam
6pm Pauline & Seamus Walsh anniv
Chigwell Sisters 150 years in England
Tania & Roma wedding anniv

Sunday 4th October

People of the parish
Community & benefactors
Kay Stokes RIP

Mass streaming



A technical hitch prevented last Sunday's mass reaching your screens live, though it was subsequently added to the recorded transmissions. Please persevere with us. We hope to continue streaming each **Sunday at 11am.**

Church cleaning

If you can assist please let the parish office know or even if you attend a mass and can help the stewards at the end to clean the church it would be greatly appreciated

All help, however little, helps in these strange times

Each **Thursday 9.30 am**
Sue Mansbridge & Jackie John

Each **Saturday at 10.45am**
Church Stewards, Kathleen Mahoney,
Michelle Liddle & Christine Acons.

Heating replacement

Amid the coronavirus gloom there is one piece of good news. Almost a year ago we told you of our project to renew the heating of our entire plant at St Thomas. The cost looked impossible. Then Covid19 struck and shut down several good ventures to raise some money as well as any progress towards heating. But now the contractors are making their bids, and a start is possibly only a few months away. You responded with your customary generosity, and already have produced nearly 20% of the parish liability. That is huge. Much credit to Andrew Dodd and his two principal colleagues who have shouldered the unwelcome task of fund-raising. He is still quietly nudging to find the rest of the money and can be found at doddandrew21@gmail.com. There is some way to go for the remaining 80%. Thank you to all who have given so much.