

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Doreen Ritchie

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May she rest in peace!

### Funeral at St Thomas'

Brother Brendan O'Neill's funeral will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11am

### Anniversaries:

Annie Horton, John O'Halloran, Rita Willcocks, Patrick Murphy, Elizabeth Perks, Sister Rufina Nealon, Sister Carmel Ronayne, Agnes Ramsden, Seamus Hanley, Rita Roudette, Michael Power, Leonard Harris, John Martin, Violet Mulligan.

### Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for Home Mission Day.

### 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

## Sundays tea and coffee after mass

We are looking for few volunteers to join the rota to help serve tea and coffee after 10am and 11.30am masses. For more information please get in touch with Sheila on [sheliapryor@hotmail.com](mailto:sheliapryor@hotmail.com)

### St Thomas Badminton Club

Come and play at Trinity School, Mornington Road Thursday evenings 8-10pm. £5pn For details phone Ray on 07770 797250

### Beavers

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader [paulineelkin616@gmail.com](mailto:paulineelkin616@gmail.com)

### Housekeeper/PA

Dr Paul Doherty and family would like to appoint a housekeeper/PA (hours and pay negotiable) at their address in Leytonstone. Interested applicants should apply to Mrs Sally Parry: [SParry@tchs.uk.net](mailto:SParry@tchs.uk.net)



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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Served by the Franciscans

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 15th September 2019 (Home Mission Day)

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

Today Jesus tells us three stories of things lost to their rightful owners: a lost sheep, a lost coin, a lost son. And so he invites us to return to our rightful master, our heavenly Father.



### First Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

In his mercy the Lord relents and does not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Nobody should doubt that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

### Gospel Luke 15:1-32

There is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.

### Responsorial Psalm

I will leave this place and go to my father

### Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Communion preparation

I hope that all you parents who enrolled your child in this programme will come to the meeting this Wednesday in Becket at 7 pm. It is really vital that you join us for this inaugural meeting.

### Bro Brendan O'Neill

A genial 92 year old Franciscan brother died last week having long been cared for by the Franciscan Sisters in Littlehampton. His body will be brought to St Thomas at 6 pm today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of vespers. His funeral mass will be tomorrow **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am** followed by burial in St Pat's cemetery Leytonstone. May he enjoy everlasting life.

### Feast of St Francis Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

This year his feast comes in a busy weekend. The celebration begins with a moving re-enactment of his death scene. It is called the Transitus – or passing – of St Francis. We friars take on the roles of his then companions. It will be at 7 pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This done we will repair to the Becket for refreshments. Then...

### Fr Dominic Howarth

will speak to us, starting about 8pm on: What can we be doing for our youth. This has been and is one major preoccupation of Council and parish. Fr Dominic runs the Abbotswick Youth Centre which bristles with fun and busy activity. Young people across the Diocese are already enjoying the benefit of his skills and leadership. Please do come, both for the Transitus re-enactment the drink and the inter-active talk.

### Certificates of Practice

Please note that Fr Quentin will be available to sign certificates of practice for school applications on **October 7th** 3-4pm, **October 8th** 7-8pm & **October 15th** 3-4pm.

## Parish activities

- **Wednesday 18th September 8pm**  
Baptism Course, William Scott Room
- **Wednesday 18th September 7pm**  
**Holy Communion Parents Meeting**
- **Wednesday 18th September 7pm**  
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room

### Mass On-line

6pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

### 29th September 3pm

#### Mass for the sick & housebound

A mass for the Sick and Housebound (including those living in care homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St Thomas' on Sunday 29th September at 3pm, followed by tea and coffee in the Becket Centre. If you require transport to/from the mass please contact the parish office.

### Catholic Fellowship

This organization helps families who have children with special learning needs. They will celebrate Mass in St Thomas on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30. Note well: Information has been circulated that the mass is the previous week. Not so. It will be on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### Trinity Open Evening

An Open Evening for prospective entrants to Trinity Catholic High School will be held on Wednesday **25th September 2019**. The School will provide two opportunities for parents to visit at 4pm and 5.30pm. Both visits will commence with an address from Dr P C Doherty OBE and will be followed by organised tours of the School. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

## Parish Office Vacancy

The Parish Office is seeking to recruit a Finance administrator (15 hours per week). If you are interested please send in your CV and covering letter setting out how you meet the person specification to [geraldine@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:geraldine@stthomaswoodford.org). Closing date 23rd September at 12 noon. More information can be found on our website

### 24 Hour Adoration 11th-12th October

There will be 24 hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commencing with Evening Prayer at **6pm on Friday 11th October** and concluding with Mass at 6pm on Saturday 12th October. Please consider if you or a group to which you belong could spend one hour in adoration during this time.

Children & Young persons' Adoration Hour. There will be a young persons' adoration from 11am on Saturday 12th. All children (with parents) are welcome to come for at least some that hour, including children on the holy communion preparation course and also children who attend the childrens' liturgy at 10am Sunday Masses.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – International Food Evening

We will be hosting our third International Food Evening as a Parish Fundraising event on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. We currently have had four people come forward and offer to make a dish, if you are also able to contribute please do email [michellespears@live.co.uk](mailto:michellespears@live.co.uk)

### Planning for the Christmas Fayre 23rd November

There will be a meeting on **24th September** in the Becket Centre at 8pm please come along if you would like to be involved with the arrangements for this Parish event.

## Church Cleaning

**Thursday 19th September 2019 at 9am**  
Agnieszka Tsang, Dorota Marcewicz, Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis, Maureen Chubb and Marta Burek.

The rota for October 2019 to March 2020 is available in the flower room. Please take a copy. If for any reason you cannot make the date allocated to you please let your team members know and/or organise a swap. Thank you.

### Launch of the Parish Fund-raising campaign

On Monday **14<sup>th</sup> October** you are all cordially invited to a party in the Becket Centre. It is to be a social occasion. It is well-known that when a parish has to raise money the need generates much good social engagement. So that will be the main topic of the evening. We will tell where we are in our process of renewing our ageing buildings and some future planning. And we hope you will come brimming with ideas of how we will start paying the bills. This is a major event for St Thomas. Do keep the evening free.

### Journey of faith

Do you want to know more about the faith? Join Journey of Faith Course. It begins this Wednesday at 7pm in Assisi Room. For more information email Alan on [alanmair63@gmail.com](mailto:alanmair63@gmail.com).

### 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)