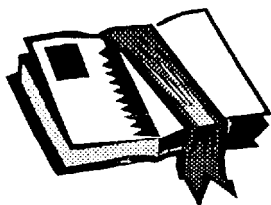


**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



Anniversaries:

Teresa Camp, Mary James, Betty Neilson, Gladys Ratnayake, Mary Roberts, Kathleen Stokes, Cecelia Chaplin, Annie Connolly, Harry Deamer, Sister Cyril Donnelly, Brendan O'Loughlin, Dorothy Knight, Rory Maguire, Joseph Neary, Oscar Reyk, Henry White, Josie Butt, Sarah Clark, Kathleen Flowers, Martin Kivineen, Lubica Moody, Alice Connell, Margaret Anning, Bryan Arkell, Joanna Furlong, Nell Farrelly.

Trinity Vacancies

Teacher of English,
Teacher of Theology and Philosophy

Please visit the school website for more information

RE Teacher starting Trinity

Is seeking Monday - Friday accommodation. Term time room to rent from January 2024 Priest reference available Contact John 07708188108

Parish Golf Day

Due to poor weather conditions this has been postponed. Plans will be to hold this in the spring. More information will be available in due course.

Mass Timetable

The masses on Saturday evening and Sunday at St Thomas' are live streamed

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on Saturday's when mass takes place at 10am

St Thomas' Prayer Group

Saturday mornings
10.30 to 11.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am
and
5.15 to 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

Retiring collections

CAFOD thank parishioners for their recent donation of over £1500.

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for **Youth Sunday**



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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
19th November 2023**

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

Today's readings are all about the graces that God offers us every day. Each moment God is at work in us and in the world. Our task is to be aware of the opportunities offered and to respond.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

The praises given to the woman here echo the praises given elsewhere in the scriptures to God. She reflects God's image and likeness.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

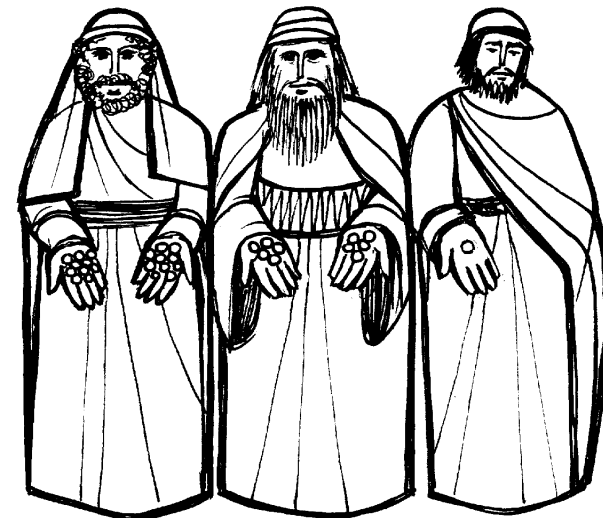
Standing ready for God may refer to our death and judgement but also to openness to the ways in which God comes to us every day.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents shows God as the generous giver of graces, but one who asks that we take seriously the gifts we have and use them with confidence.

Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those
who fear the Lord.



Report on Recent Synod in Rome

The synodality the Pope has initiated is a process, in my understanding, of a church in constant conversation about its relevance for today and planning for the future. Our Church often uses language we have not come across before. The recent Synod in Rome was a case in point. I offer a couple of paragraphs from the final report to prove my point.

“Synodality is a first step.

It is a term that the participants in the Synod themselves admit is “a term unfamiliar to many members of the People of God, causing some people confusion and concern” including fears of a departure from tradition, a debasement of the hierarchical nature of the Church a loss of power or, on the contrary, immobility and a lack of courage for change. “Synodal” and “synodality” are instead terms that “speak of a mode of being Church that integrates communion, mission, and participation”. So they indicate a way of living the Church, valuing differences and developing the active involvement of all. This begins with deacons, priests, and bishops: “A synodal Church cannot do without their voices,” we read. “We need an understanding of the reasons for resistance to synodality by some of them”.

The document continues explaining that synodality goes hand in hand with mission. Hence, it is necessary that “Christian communities are to enter into solidarity with those of other religions, convictions and cultures, thus avoiding, on the one hand, the risk of self-referentiality and self-preservation, and on the other hand the risk of loss of identity”. In this new “pastoral style”, it would seem important to many to make “liturgical language more accessible to the faithful and more embodied in the diversity of cultures.

Holy Communion Programme

• **First confessions**

Parents are invited to book a slot for their child's first confession. The timetable of times will be available at the back of church from Monday. When you attend the meeting please bring along your “I belong” book.

• **Parents & Child meeting**

Saturday 2nd December at 10am
OR
Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm

Sound system

Contractors start work on a complete replacement of our sound system this week, with the new system expected to be in place for 2nd December.

Parish Council

"Surgeries" after mass have elicited a very interesting and wide ranging number of comments and questions. These, and responses to them, will be published on our web site www.stthomaswoodford.org under 'about us' and 'PPC'
A further set of surgeries are planned to take place this weekend, so don't be shy!

Advent/Christmas

There is a leaflet with details of our planned services at the back of the Church



Mass Intentions

Sunday 19th November

8.30 Noreen Ryan RIP
10 Patrick Horgan RIP
11.30 Kay Stokes anniversary

Monday 20th November

Mike & Michael Lobo
Michael Campbell RIP

Tuesday 21st November

Gerard Brunning anniversary
Chigwell
Paige Ewen O'Doherty intentions

Wednesday 22nd November

Tony Carrigan RIP
Deceased of Murphy & Costello families

Thursday 23rd November

Padraig Joyce get well
Phil Pestell intention

Friday 24th November

Sara Tambling RIP
James Francis McGiven anniversary

Saturday 25th November

10 Eileen Whelton RIP
6 Berni Enesden RIP

Sunday 26th November

8.30 Theresa Fitzpatrick RIP
10 Joe Konrath RIP
11.30 Alice de Souza anniversary

Church Cleaning
Saturday 25th November at 10.30am
Rosie O'Connor & Charmaine Turrell

Christmas Fayre
Trinity School, Lower site
25th November 12 noon to 4pm

Donations still needed

- Brownies would be most grateful for any Sweet Treats to boost their popular Tombola stall. Donations can be left at the Parish Office.
- St Thomas under 5's will be running the cake stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November 2023. Donations of cake are very welcome. Please bring along on the day
- CWL would also welcome cake donations for the refreshments stall. Please bring along on the day.
- Unopened good quality gifts
Donations can be left at the Parish Office or in the Church Porch

Please come along and join us for this fun parish event.

