

## Important Message

We recognise how important it is that we pray for those who are sick or in need in our Parish and that it also offers an opportunity for us individually to offer support at a time of need. We do of course, include in our bidding prayers reflection time for the sick of the parish.

The new data protection rules has caused us to review how we share this information in the future as there is likely to be a need for the person to consent to their name being published, as a consequence next week will be the last week when the current names will appear.

We are working with the Diocese to find a way to include the individual's name and will of course, keep you posted.

## FUNERAL AT ST THOMAS'

Padraig will be received into St Thomas' on 3rd July at 5pm with his funeral to take place here on Wednesday 4th July at 10am. Burial thereafter at 12 noon at Barkingside Cemetery. All welcome. Family Flowers only. Donations to the Alzheimer's Society very much appreciated.

### 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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Sam Barter, Miss Terry Bennett, Catherine Bissmire, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Peggy Carrig, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Chris Fitzgerald, Ian Fitzgerald, Trish Gardner, matija Glavas, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Roseanne O'Connor, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Carmen Riggon, Isabel Rodney, Jean -Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

**Lately dead:** Padraig Gorman & Ted Unstead.

**Anniversaries:** Josie Gorman, Richard Day, Philomena Archer, Mary Tobin, Agnes Scully and Sam Chandradasa.



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## The Nativity of St John the Baptist Cycle B

**24th June 2018**

Today we celebrate a birthday, that of John the Baptist. The gift he gives us is to reveal how we can come closer to Christ.

### First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

The servant of the Lord speaks of his role to be a light to the nations.



### Second Reading

Acts 13:22-26

Paul explains how in Jesus God has raised up one of David's descendants.

### Gospel

Luke 1:57-66. 80

The Family and friends of John the Baptist celebrate his birth and wonder what he will become.

### Responsorial Psalm

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

### **Sts Peter and Paul**

Their feast falls on Friday of this week. It is a holy-day so there will be mass of the vigil on Thursday at 7.30 pm and at 10am and 8 pm on Friday. Both the evening masses will be celebrated in the Becket Centre because the church is needed for choir rehearsal. As you found out a couple of Sundays ago sometimes Mass in a different setting can be helpful. St Antony's school will have mass in church at 1.45 pm. Mass at Chigwell will be at 9.30am.

### **Summer Anniversary Concert**

Each year our musicians have outdone their previous year's success and this year's performance will be no different. Please do come on Saturday to hear the outstanding programme Kathy has prepared, rendered by expert musicians. Please buy your ticket today. There are refreshments – as at all great concert halls – in the interval and the caterers need to know for how many they should provide.

### **The Parish Annual General Meeting**

Will take place in the Becket Centre starting about 12.30, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Next weekend the annual report and state of finances will be published. Most important: we need three willing volunteers to offer themselves for election to the Council. Any one ready should seek a nomination form from the parish office. The nomination needs to be supported by two members of the parish, and signed by all three. All nominations must be handed to the office by 1<sup>st</sup> July. So you have very little time. Forms are available at the back of church or from the office.

The Parish Council grows in importance as the clergy age and decrease in number. We are still learning how to galvanise a parish into best practice. It is a process of much interest and can give much satisfaction. Do think if you can contribute to our work by being part of the Council.

### **TUESDAY CLUB 26TH JUNE**

We're having a games afternoon on the 26th! Relax—"BOARD GAMES" - and breathe again. All welcome for amusement and refreshments. 2pm Becket Centre.

### **NEXT SOUP RUN**

To London is on Wednesday 27th June. Please leave your donations in the Becket Centre before 7pm on the day.

### **ASSISI LUNCH 29th JUNE**

A Reminder that the next Assisi lunch will be in the Becket Centre on 29th June at 12.30noon

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

FRIDAY 9am 29th JUNE

Lisa McDonnell, Janet Walker, Carole Burns, Marie-Clare Fawcett and Michelle Liddle

We just need 2 people to help with cleaning now, both on a Thursday. Please ring Pat on 0208 504 4577 or email on mrmcbell@btinternet.com

### **PARISH GALA CONCERT JUNE 30TH**

Thank you to the parish for your excellent support - there are only a few tickets still available from the parish office. You must bring your tickets with you on the night as there will be a seating plan for those numbered up to No. 123

### **Scripture Sharing Group**

Readers and any interested parishioners are welcome to attend. We will meet on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre, for approx 1 hour. You are invited to share & reflect on the readings of the following Sunday's Liturgy. It is not a discussion group, but a means to explore and deepen our understanding of the Word of God. All are welcome.

### **Woodford Green Bereavement Support Group - 8th July**

We will be holding our annual bereavement tea in the Becket Centre on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 3pm to 5pm. We welcome all who have been bereaved to join us for a simple tea and a chat. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative. You may know someone who might be interested in attending, so do feel free to pass on the details or to ring **Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356.**

If you have been with us before, you will receive an invitation but if you have not then please ring **Angela** and she will send you an invitation with the details.

### **ST THOMAS ' SUMMER FETE 14th July 2018**

The plans for this years all new summer fete are well in hand but help is needed with regards to the following:

**Drinks Roulette** - we need bottles of drink of all varieties, spirits, wine, soft drinks, please drop in to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

**St Thomas Bake Off** –Please email the parish office for an application form.

**“Pets got Talent” & “Tug of War”** - application forms for these competitions are available from [ainewood4@gmail.com](mailto:ainewood4@gmail.com)

**Children's Face painter**— If you can spare an hour on the day please email [ainewood4@gmail.com](mailto:ainewood4@gmail.com)

### **TEA AFTER 10am MASS**

We need 2 more people once every 7 weeks. If you think you could help contact Pat on 0208 504 4577 or pop into the Becket Centre after the 10am mass and have a word , I am there most Sundays

### **St Josephs Convent School Open Morning – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 Starting at 9.30am**

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2018 – girls born between 1/9/14 – 31/8/15 and Reception Class birthdays between 1/9/13 – 31/8/14. There are also places available across the remainder of the school. Please contact our Admissions Secretary for further information and to arrange a visit to view the school. Please telephone 0208-989 4 7 0 0 or e - mail [enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk)

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Would you like to have the parish newsletter delivered by email and receive it before you go to mass? Would you like to have it readily available on your phone or other device? If so then sign up today by going online to our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/> or by sending a mail to [parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org)

### **St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp at Aldham Essex**

This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. For an application form please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Please call the parish office if you need financial help for your children to attend .

### **Trinity School**

The following posts are available:-  
**Temporary - Higher Level Teaching Assistant - ASAP**  
**Teacher of Science-** September 2018  
**P/T Teacher of Spanish,** plus TLR- September 2018 MPS/UPS  
Visit the school's website for more details.