

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Anniversaries:

Raymond Finney, Martin Grant, Damien J Copping, Colette Collins, Harold McMahon, Eugenie Nadlu, Matthew Rooney, Alfred Dayton, Mary Fletcher, Thomas Anderson, Mary Armond, Robert Fields, Myrtle Goad.

### St Thomas' Opening times

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Private prayer 10 to 12 noon

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am

**Thursday** Private prayer 2 to 4pm

**Friday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Saturday** Mass at 10am  
Private prayer  
11 to 12 noon

**Sunday** Closed

### Parish Website

To view our parish website go to  
[www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org).

### Live Mass

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### Recorded Mass

To watch a mass or other service which has previously been recorded go to <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-the-mass> Then click 'Watch Mass Online to view Sunday, Easter or Christmas masses Or click 'Special Services' to see other masses, prayer services or events.

### Parish Newsletter

To sign up to receive the parish newsletter online go to <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/>

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### Parish News

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## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 26th July 2020

What is our dearest wish? To what lengths would we go to make it come true? These are questions upon which we reflect in our Mass today. Let our deepest desire be for God and for the treasure of God's love.

### First Reading

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Solomon did not pray for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

### Second Reading

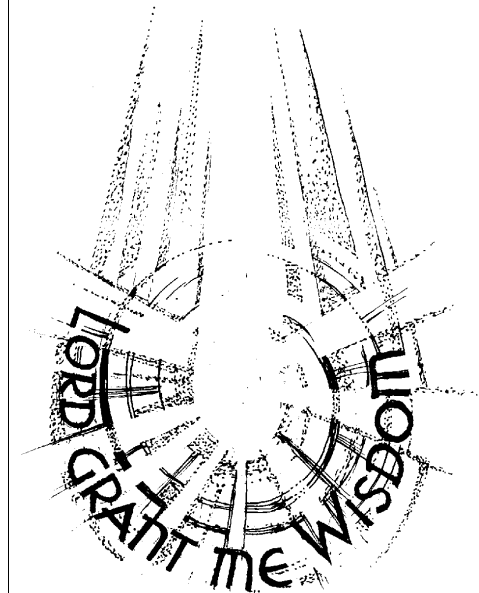
Romans 8:28-30

God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love him.

### Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

The greatest treasure in life is God's friendship. Those who realise this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.



## First Communions

Thanks to prodigious skills and work on the art of Nicola, Teresa and the office staff arrangements are in place to celebrate the first communions of all the children who worked to prepare through last year. At 16 masses through August and a little into September 85 families have agreed to the slot offered them. It is sad that the number of guests has to be restricted, but that is in your interest: to keep you safe. Please do make sure that only those invited come at each celebration. Also that we have a full list of the names and contact number of each participant beforehand.

## Your immediate preparation

Children do not always remember all the details. So I ask each family to do a little refreshment of all they learned in the Saturday morning lessons. *St Thomas Broadcasting Corporation* (aka the lead catechists and organising staff) are preparing a short video to explain exactly what will happen when you come for the celebration. It will not be available till just before the first of the celebrations happens on 6<sup>th</sup> August. We will tell you when it is ready and send you the contact details.

Please remember: we are taking all these measures to keep you and everyone absolutely safe.

## After the lockdown

Repeatedly we hear: The world is going to be very different when the lockdown comes to an end. Yes. But how? An immediate consideration is the balance of our Catholic life. At the moment we are concentrating much on ourselves. Access to church, to mass, to the sacraments; streaming of services into your homes. The future church has to look outwards and put much more emphasis on this. Already individuals are taking this outreach seriously. Telco is quietly at work. Shortly they take part in a very serious encounter with Jacob Rees Mogg. It will present what we know as the Catholic Social Teaching, putting pressure on our government to do justice to immigrants, homeless and others.

Thank God our SVP and Trinity school are aware of the needs within the parish and active in their regard. Care Homes are gradually opening to visitors and you will be able to pick up your care for those within. Individuals are doing much. But as a parish? Are we looking outward to the needs of the real world? That will be our challenge



We will **NOT** be having a live streamed Mass for this Sunday however we will be recording the 10am Mass on Saturday which you can then view on Sunday

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday 26th July**

People of the parish  
Fiona Green RI  
Mary McKay

### **Monday 27th July**

Peter Hayes  
Gary Wood b'day

### **Tuesday 28th July**

Funeral Dorothy Butler  
Matthew Pears RIP  
Thanks for parents Bastiampillai

### **Wednesday 29th July**

Sr Lynn Walker  
Juliane Roedl anniv

### **Thursday 30th July**

Funeral Ronald Luxton  
Mrs Shirley Dobson RIP  
Int Eileen Mulvey

### **Friday 31st July**

Astrid Turner RIP  
Mary McKay

### **Saturday 1st August**

Maurice O'Sullivan recovery  
Peggy Chan RIP

### **Sunday 2nd August**

People of parish  
Julia Moore RIP

## Your church needs you

At each Mass that takes place we need to have a Reader, a Minister of Communion and Stewards. We have a lovely team already helping. If you would like to join us please contact the parish office—don't be shy

We have a number of masses which we will be holding in August for First communion children. Please help us if you can.



## Forthcoming changes to opening times

### To take effect from 3rd August

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am

**Friday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Saturday** Mass at 10am

**Sunday** Closed

*Please note that will review the arrangements for September in due course*