

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Christine Thurston.

Anniversaries: Maura Gilligan, Victor Palmer, Ronald Page, Iris Hodges, Louise Black, Cornelius Sullivan, Edith Playle, Joan Noblett, Mark O'Grady, Patricia Tugby, Maureen Graham, Maura Gilligan, Aida Testro, Robert Gordon, Amy Marriott, Lucy Archer, Catherine Davies, Edward Parry, Mary Barrett, Marie Easby.

Mass Online

Apologies for the lack of online mass last weekend which was due to some technical difficulties. We hope these have now been resolved and expect to be back to normal service for this weekend.

The next Masses that we intend to record are:

Sunday 3rd February 8.30am.
Saturday 10th, 17th, 24th 6pm.

To view please visit our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org. Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Newsletter by email

We have reached a milestone with our online newsletter which has now hit 400 subscribers. To join them sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org. Your email address will be held securely.

Steward of the Gospel

The Vision Document is available on our website.

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app – available on Android and iOS.

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



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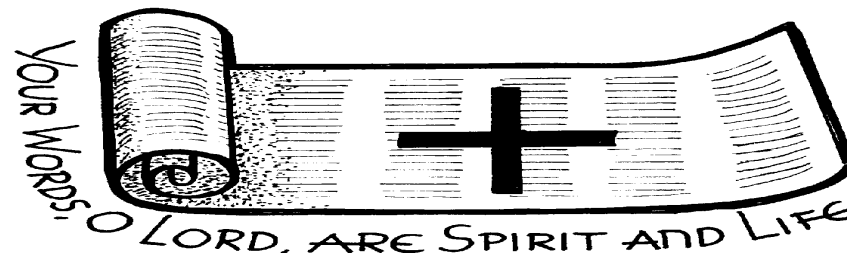
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C

27th January 2019

Today we hear Christ proclaim "good news to the poor" and celebrate the new law that he gave us. It unites us with him, and inspires us to work for God's kingdom of love, peace and justice.



First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra reminds the people of Moses' Law. He tells them to go and eat and drink, taking care that they share what they have with those who have nothing.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

We are all different, but we are also one in Christ's body.

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

We hear Jesus' manifesto for his mission. In the great Jubilee text, Jesus situates his ministry in the ongoing promise and commitment of God to those who are vulnerable.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop Alan brought back from Pope Francis this advice to priests: "Take one day a week for yourselves; give one day a week to God" – and then of course the rest of the week is to get on with our work. Ministers of communion have a similar need of personal prayer. I invite you to come for a half-hour adoration and then a chance to share experience and look for ways we can improve our service to the parish. I offer two opportunities - on Tuesday and Wednesday this week at 7.30 pm Please come to one or other, but not both!

World Youth Day

Thirty young people from our Diocese have gone to Panama to enjoy this life-changing experience, though I think none from this parish. We have however helped some with finance. Now we can add our prayers for the ones currently enjoying this experience, and those still at home. Our Parish Council is looking for means to help young people find the value of belonging actively to our church when they have to live with so much discouragement in the general climate.

First confessions

Some of our children preparing to receive Holy Communion made their first confession yesterday. The rest will do so next Saturday. It is only the start. I remind parents that it is the start of a practice to be repeated at due intervals. Alas, for some it is also likely to be their last confession.

Saturday School

I am most grateful to two volunteers who have offered to teach the children on Saturday mornings. Now we need to make sure the children who are not in catholic schools do come. The teachers are very generous with their time and skills. Please do not neglect them.

Parish activities

- * Monday, 28th January 8pm
Keep fit in Becket Centre.
- * Tuesday, 29th January 7.30pm
Ministers of Holy Communion meeting in the church.
- * Wednesday, 30th January 7.30pm
Ministers of Holy Communion meeting in the church.
- * Wednesday, 30th January 8pm
Baptism Course in the William Scout Room
- * Wednesday, 30th January 7-9pm
Journey of Faith in the Assisi Room
- * Saturday, 2nd February 10 to 11am
Saturday School in the Assisi Room.
- * Saturday, 2nd February 10 to 12am
First Holy Communion Group B.
- * Sunday, 3rd February at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy.

Second Collection

There will be an SVP collection after all Masses this weekend. Thank you all for your generous donations which enable us to help those in need in the local area. If you are interested in joining us in our work please contact us via the Parish Office.

Becket Centre Hire

In the Becket Centre, there are many rooms that can be rented out for different purposes like birthday parties, dance classes, tuitions, etc. They are all reasonably priced. If you would like to rent a Hall or a Room please pop in to the parish office or enquire by email at parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Admissions to St Antony's School Nursery 2019/2020

Children whose Date of Birth is between
1.9.2015 and 31.8.2016

can now apply for the school year September 2019/2020. Those children born between **1.9.2015 and 31.12.2016** may also apply to start in January 2020 if there are vacancies. Application forms are available on the school website

www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk

Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is

Mid-day on Friday 22nd March 2019.

Fr Quentin will publish dates for signing Certificate of Practice in due course.

Sacred Heart Companions

Will be meeting on the 4th of February 2019 at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members welcome.

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

Secretary Wanted

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to take the minutes of the monthly meetings. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 31st January at 9am.

Kathleen Mahoney, Emily Hannon, Sheila Charles and Iwona Moreno.

School Caretaker Vacancy

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Barkingside, wish to appoint a Part-Time Caretaker, 10 hours per week, term time only. Application forms and further details are available from the Infant Office on 0208554 1919.

Closing date is Friday 1st February.

Trinity Vacancies

Have vacancies for

- ◇ Higher Level Teaching Assistant.
- ◇ Teacher of Maths.
- ◇ Teacher of Science.

Candidates visit the schools website for more details fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies.shtml and email applications to recruitment@fc.tchs.uk.net.

Closing date: Sunday, 3rd February 2019.

Lost Property

There are a few Missals and a Remembrance of First Holy Communion book. There is also a coat size 10 which has been left. If you think any of these belong to you please contact the Parish Office.

Quiz night

Raising money for Free Heart Screening for young people in memory of Isabella Tudisca. The quiz will take place in Roding Valley Hall (IG9 5LN) at **6.45pm for 7pm on 23 February 2019**. Price is £7 pp. To book tickets contact Steven on 02085045325 or email stevenjsneville@gmail.com