

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: William Elsey and Louisa Olushola Okolo

Anniversaries: Bertram Douglas, Mary Rycroft, Joseph Whitehouse, Jacqueline Walsh, Sr. Mary Mason, Mark Fletcher, Fr. John Dockery, Alice Day, Sr. Alberic O'Conner, Phyllis Friend, Marion Page, Patricia Connolly, Brain Howes, Ruth Vaz, Angelo Francescotti and Angela Francescotti.

Rosary Prayer

Every weekday after 10am Mass during the month of October. Everyone is welcome to join!

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

Confirmation Programme 2019



Confirmation will take place on Sunday 9th June 2019 at 3pm. Application forms are available from the back of the church, the parish office or the website. The closing date for application is 2nd November 2018 at 1.30pm.

CRY—Heart Screening

The next Heart Screening weekend with CRY will be taking place on the 13th and 14th of October 2018, for 14-35 years old. If you are interested or need any information on the screening, please contact Della on: forrissyscreening@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A BIG, BIG thank you to everyone who so generously supported us after masses at St Thomas' last Sunday. A wonderful sum of **£705.16** was raised. A special thank you to friends who baked a cake for the event - and to M&S Food, South Woodford for donating the coffee!

Mass Online – the times

The next masses that we intend to record are: SUNDAY 7th October 8.30am; SATURDAY 13th 6pm.

In order to view these masses please visit our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org>



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B

30th September 2018



Being called disciples means that we recognise we are called by the Lord. It also means that we should recognise the gifts of others, especially if they are not "one of us".

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

Joshua's misplaced zeal manifests itself in jealousy of others who prophesy without permission. Moses says he wishes all God's people could prophesy.

Second Reading James 5:1-6

"An answer for the rich," says James in this letter. Those he seems to have in mind are those who are focused on themselves and what they have earned.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

There is no room for jealousy in discipleship. Those who follow Jesus are called to recognise the giftedness of others.

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart

"Francis: Repair my house for as you see it is falling into ruin."

The words spoken to St Francis from the crucifix in San Damiano provide us with a programme for this autumn. We celebrate St Francis' feast beginning with the service of Transitus – or Death – of St Francis this **Tuesday evening at 8 pm**. Francis was accustomed to express his deep insights spontaneously in mime and action. So on Tuesday evening we rehearse many of these small dramatic gestures of his final hours. Please join us.

Preparation of children for Holy Communion

The course begins this weekend. We are saddened by the illness that has stricken Jackie Reilly who has led the programme for many years. Please pray for her. Because the number is so great we are still struggling to find the best way to arrange the masses next May. For the moment the stress is on you parents. It is your task to prepare your child. Our organisation, our catechists are there to help you do your task. You have to show by your practice that you are thoroughly committed to this life-long intimate companionship with Jesus that is Holy Communion. If your child does not see in you a serious commitment, then First Communion will go nowhere: could it even be damaging?

Mass and Sacrament for the sick

This Sunday there will be Mass in St Thomas at 3 pm. We hope that many normally housebound and all who suffer serious illness will come for this brief Mass and anointing. I thank the SVP and many others who will be bringing these who contribute so much to our parish by patient suffering and prayer. Tea after in Becket.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Send their grateful thanks for the generous donation of £3061 which will go towards the emergency lighting at St Anne's Home.

Saturday School

At 10 am each Saturday morning there is a course for children who do not attend a Catholic school. The teachers are generous and skilled. You can see their display tucked modestly into the back corner of the church. So please: if you have a child who can benefit from this instruction in faith, do come and join this class.

The Movie Night

Another spectacular success! Great fun and great enthusiasm. You worked hard setting it up and next morning evidence you cleared up so well. Nothing left but some popcorn for the birds. It was a great parish event and great for the Telco groups funds for Syrian refugee families. Thank you for both.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 5 October

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can.



Baptisms

Congratulations to the following children who were baptised in September at St Thomas's—
Stephanie Flaherty, Lucas Dent, Charlie Parkinson, Oscar Dewey, Lewis Sikking, Erin Sikking, Lily Sikking, Nadia Awuan

Aggrey & Neriah Awuah Aggrey.

Golden Wedding

Veronica and Walter Poulter will celebrate their Golden Wedding at 10am mass on Saturday, 6th of October. Congratulations!

Trinity Open evening

An Open Evening for prospective entrants to Trinity Catholic High School (Science & Sports College) will be held on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018**. The School will be organising 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 2018.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School – Visit Dates

The School will be holding visit meetings for prospective new parents; Tuesday 9th and 17th October, and 5th November at 10am. If you would like to visit the school, please contact the office on 0208 5086315, email schoff1@st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk.

Sacred Heart Companions

The meeting is on Monday the 1st of October at 2pm at Chigwell Convent.

Church Cleaning

FRIDAY 5th October at 9am.
Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell,
Jackie John, Michelle Liddle, Breda Murphy

School Applications Certificate of Practice

Please note that we will publish dates in October when the Priest will sign certificates of practice for school applications.

St. Antony's Vacancies

- Teaching Assistant/Learning Support Assistant;
- HLTA;
Breakfast club Assistant. Please download details of the roles from <http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies>, return by post or email admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk

Trinity Vacancies

- Sixth Form Administrator;
 - Finance Officer
 - Science Technician required
- Candidates can download details of the roles from the schools website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies.shtml> and email applications to recruitment@fc.tchs.uk.net

CWL

Meeting on Wednesday 8pm in the William Scott Room

Calling all cooks!

We still require a few more cooks to volunteer to cook a dish for our international food evening on Saturday 3rd of November. If you would like to make a main dish or a dessert or simply just want to know more please do contact michellespears@live.co.uk or talk to the parish office.