

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Reviewing the sick list

We will be removing all names from the sick list. If you would like a name to be included for September 2019 onwards please email—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Lately dead: Gerard Houlihan

Anniversaries: Jack Machin, Dorothy Craft, Peter Murphy, Maureen Regan, Sister Bede Hockran, Patricia Boutall, Lydia Pittard, Eileen Hodgkinson, Stanisoas Bell, Sandra Dimmock, Louis MacPherson, Giuseppina Verney, Felix Marr, James Leahy.

Holy Communion Preparation

Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 6th September at 10am. Application will **Not** be accepted after this date.



Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.

Funerals at St Thomas'

Elizabeth O'Brien's funeral will take place at 10am on 8th August

David Driscoll's funeral will take place at 10am on 19th of August.

May they rest in peace

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



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 4th August 2019

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

Jesus journeys towards Jerusalem and his destiny. He is totally focused on his mission and the destination to which he journeys. Often those he encounters on the way have a poor appreciation of what is really valuable in life.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Possibly the most striking introduction to any biblical book. The writer has come to realise that material things give no lasting joy.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

A focus on the things of the life beyond this is the non-negotiable centre of life for those who believe in Christ.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A family dispute is aired in public. Jesus is not impressed at being drawn into the argument.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!

"Harden not your hearts".



Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Carers

While many go off for a holiday elsewhere there are still some who do not. I know that you – ministers of communion and also the invisible network of members who quietly keep an eye on the sick, housebound and others in need – will have made provision to cover in your absence.

One of the many good things of our parish is the number who throughout the year quietly keep informed of those who have any need – shopping, health appointment visits or just a visit to break the monotony of those for whom the phone and doorbell never ring. You are caring for the most important members of the parish. In their quiet acceptance of illness and fading energies they do the praying that is the first duty of our parish. I thank you all for your devotion and generosity.



Altar Servers

We now have a supply of different size ALBS. Please contact the parish office if you require an ALB or need to change an existing one.

Parish Activities

- **Monday 5th August**
Refreshments after 10am Mass
Donations from which to British Heart Foundation (Pat Bell's nominated charity).
- **Monday 5th August**
Parish Council 8pm
Assisi Room
- **Thursday 8th August**
Bereavement Group 7.30pm

Mass On-line

No recording this week

Forthcoming Events

11/12th Oct	24 hour Adoration
23rd Nov	Christmas Fayre

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 11th, 18th & 25th September. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Gift Aid Statements

If anyone would like to receive the Gift Aid statement for the last financial year, please email parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org and we shall gladly provide you with one.

Heart Test

**Free for anyone aged 14 - 35
12th & 13th October**

At St Anthony's School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green IG8 0TX. In order to book visit www.testmyheart.org.uk. Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at forissyscreening@gmail.com for more information.

Wedding Congratulations

To Gary and Samantha who were married at St Thomas' last weekend

Community Movie Nite Saturday 17th August

Everyone of all ages is invited to the movie "Pollyanna" to be screened at St James URC in Palmerston Rd. Come at 6.30pm for hot dogs and popcorn. Film starts at 7pm. All free but donations welcome. Any queries to Margaret Minoletti on 02085053883.

Newspapers

Just a reminder to check the price of any newspapers/magazines you purchase before putting the money in the box.



Mary's Meals

Thank you to those who donated to meals for children in need. The amount gathered was £41.29.

Church Cleaning Friday 9th August at 9am

Liz Atkinson and Josie Kieron

We are still looking for two more helpers to join this team - commitment will be no more than once a month at the most. If no volunteers are forthcoming we will merge this team with one of the other Friday morning team's.



St Thomas of Canterbury Football

We have finished training for the month of August. It will begin again on Tuesday 3rd September at 5.30. The Club wishes to thank all players and parents for your loyalty and commitment over the last season. We look forward to seeing you all again with anyone else who would wish to join our little club. Have a great Summer and don't forget the skills you have learned.

Baby Changing Facilities

Please note that we now have two baby changing facilities, one in the ladies toilet and the second in the disabled toilet.