

HOLY WEEK

Monday, 14th April

Mass at St. Thomas 10am

Chigwell Convent 9.30am

Evening Prayer & Exposition 6pm to 6.30pm.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

St. Thomas' 7.30pm.

A number of priests will be available to hear confessions. No further public times for celebrating this sacrament before Easter.

Tuesday, 15th April

Mass at St. Thomas 10am

Chigwell Convent 9.30am

Evening Prayer and Exposition 6pm to 6.30pm.

Wednesday, 16th April

Mass at St. Thomas 10am

Chigwell Convent 9.30am

Evening Prayer and Exposition 6pm to 6.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass, Morning Prayer 10am at St. Thomas' & Chigwell

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm at St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent.

Washing of the Feet

Many thanks to all who volunteered. Can you please ensure that you arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass and report to Angela who will be at the back of the church. If you have volunteered and are unable to attend this Mass, please contact Angela on 07707 769344 as soon as possible.

After Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose. Everyone is invited to watch at the Altar. Watching will conclude after Night Prayer at 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

18th April

(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

Morning Prayer 10am at St. Thomas'

10.30am Stations of the Cross for children

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3pm at St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent

The collection after the veneration of the Cross is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Please note that at this service the front benches will be reserved for those with walking difficulties.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer 10am at St. Thomas'.

EASTER VIGIL

8pm St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent.

Weather permitting, gather at 8pm in front of the church after collecting a candle from the church. The reception into the Church of Catechumens and Candidates takes place during this Mass. Everyone is invited for cheese and wine in the Becket Centre afterwards.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses St. Thomas' 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am.

Chigwell 10am

St. James URC, Buckhurst Hill 9am

All collections after the Masses on Easter Sunday are the parishioners' contribution to the Franciscan Community.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine is on sale at the back of the church. Price £2.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Come and join us in the Becket Centre for the last of the Lenten Lunches on Tuesday from 12.15pm—1.30pm. Soup, French bread and butter are just £2.50.

EASTER TRIDUUM ROTAS

Many thanks to everyone who offered their services; the rotas for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are located at the back of the church (on the left as you leave).

LENTEN POSTERS

Are available from the back of the church. "HE IS RISEN" should be folded over until Easter Sunday.

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

It is the **BIG** clean of the church on Wed. 16th April at 10.30am. Please can you give a little of your time to help us get the church ready for Easter. Even half an hour will make a difference.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Woodford Bereavement Support Group is having a Service of Remembrance at St. Thomas of Canterbury for those who have died young. We invite you to join us on Sunday, 27th April at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and afterwards in the Becket Centre for refreshments. Any enquiries please contact Kathie on 07778 216212.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish Bruce Louis McKean, Austin Peter Mugridge and Betsy Belle Reardon who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

Austin, ofm

We recently heard the Gospel telling us of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead: it is interesting to recall how it happened. He tells relatives and friends, because of the burial cloths, to unbind him and let him go free. Today, Palm Sunday, we have another reminder that this too is to be our mission.

When Jesus sends the disciples for the donkey he says: if anyone asks you what you are doing—say: release him, the Lord needs him...On this opening day of Holy Week why don't we hear again that wise counsel—this time addressed to us: if anyone asks what you are doing simply say unbinding (from whatever binds), setting free—because the Lord needs them.

LONDON MARATHON

Alan Mair will be running the London Marathon this weekend for Asthma UK.

Please support Alan at

www.virginmoneygiving.com/

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FIRE HAZARD

Please do not put candles anywhere else other than the candle holders. If St. Anthony's candle holder is full there is a box for you to put the candles in. They will be lit for you when there is room. Only use the candles provided for sale. Grateful thanks.

OVARIAN CANCER FUNDRAISING EVENING

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to help raise £1,093 on the night. Barclays Bank who were represented by 3 of their Senior Staff will match that up to £1,000. The fact that Dad, Mum and Kevin Harty entertained us for free, Cameron Palmer donated the tickets, everyone was SO generous with the raffle money and others who could not come donated money certainly something to dance about (and dance they did!)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Ollie Gaynor, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Maureen Howlin, Desmond Kavanagh, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Jean Morgan. Trisha Morgan-Smith, Maureen Moss, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Betty Norton, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell, Mick O'Hara, Una O'Mally, Janet Pinfold, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Lan Anh Ta, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

Lately Dead:- Nestor Alarcio, David Clancy, Jimmy Collins, Paddy Lenehan, Ellen Morrissey, Ray Stokes, Elsie Winter.

Anniv: Ana Maria Dias, Patrick & Nora Neary, Chu Chin OOi.

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

We extend the sympathy of the parish to Kathleen Stokes and family on the death of Ray. May he rest in peace.

Sheila Burnham and family thank all for joining them at John's Requiem and appreciate your prayers, cards Masses and kindness.

A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Elsie Winter's funeral will be at 2.30pm on 16th April at St. Wilfred's, South Road, Hailsham BN27 3JG.

MOBILE HAIR STYLIST

Harrods trained. Over 25 years' experience. Call Tina 07957977380.

DOG GROOMING!

Dog grooming, walking & boarding. Call Clare 020 8505 3132 or 075722394231.

FLORISTRY SKILLS?

We are looking for people with floristry skills to join a rota for church flowers. If you would like to become involved in this ministry please contact the parish office.

DATA MANAGER

Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a Data Manager as soon as possible. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. If you are interested please contact sam gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net.



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PALM SUNDAY CYCLE A

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Lent is coming to an end and we now enter Holy Week. The week begins as we relive with Jesus the horror of his passion.

First Reading

(Isaiah 50:4-7)

The reading from Isaiah reminds us that what is about to happen was forecast a long time ago.

Second Reading

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Even though Jesus did not cling to equality with God, we bend the knee at his name.

Gospel

(Matthew 26:14-27:66)

The sorrow, pain and desertion of Jesus' passion

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God my God, why have you forsaken me?

Please note that teas and coffees will not be served after 10am Mass today.