

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Michael Ryan  
*May he rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Mary Ryecroft, Jacqueline Walsh, Bertram Douglas, Sr. Mary Mason, James O'Shea, Joseph Whitehouse, Adriana Gottschalk, Joseph Hackett, Beryl Harley, Mary Kevany, George Bright, Rosie Lavin, Bridget Parry, Marie Saliba, Charlotte Welling, Dean Welling.

### St Thomas' Mass Times

**We now have facilities for you to use  
the NHS track & trace app**

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Closed

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am  
followed by the Rosary

**Thursday** Closed

**Friday** Mass at 10am

**Saturday** Mass at 10am &  
6pm a booking for the evening mass  
must be made

**Sunday** Mass at 9am & 11am  
Bookings must be made

### Parish Council (PPC)

At our recent parish council meeting it was felt that one of our main areas of focus should be on communications. To help facilitate this we have allocated various members of the council to act as the link person with those who coordinate our activities within the church. The purpose of the PPC link is to be a communication conduit between the various activity areas in the parish and the parish council. Details of these links are published on our website. Parishioners wishing to contact the parish council may do so by using our email address -

[ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io](mailto:ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io)

### Wanted:

Someone in our community that would be available for the role of a part time care assistance for a lady who lives alone at home but needs daily help and companionship. The role would be 2 - 3 hours a day, 5 days a week, with the possibility of more hours going forward. Experience in working with older people would be key. Good references would be required. If interested please inform the parish office of your contact details in the first instance. Many thanks

### To book to attend a Mass

**Visit** the Parish Office which is open  
Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm  
**Phone** the office on 020 8504 1686  
(answering machine available)  
**Email** [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org)

**We will need the names of those  
attending in your household/bubble and  
a contact number.**

**Bookings MUST be made by Thursday  
each week**



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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 4th October 2020

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

Today God invites all of us to work in the vineyard, to help create the world as God wants it to be. There is no room for exploitation and oppression. We are all collaborators, working to build the kingdom where peace, justice and love are the fruits of the harvest.

### First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Israel is pictured as a well-tended vineyard that has only produced sour grapes.

### Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Paul urges the community to fill their minds with all that is good and true so that the peace of God may be with them.

### Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus uses the parable of the vineyard to warn the Jewish leaders of their failures in leadership.

### Responsorial Psalm

**The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel**



## Back to church

Gradually the numbers really present at mass are increasing. It is good to see the children returning with their parents. Mass is essentially a family event. Streaming is good but no substitute for the real thing. Saturday morning seems most popular. There have been empty pews on Saturday evenings and Sundays, so do not hesitate to book in.

## More masses?

We priests are willing and eager to provide. The problem is to find sufficient stewards and cleaners. We are much in debt to the generous stewards. For weeks - even months by now - they have given a great deal of time each week to care for us and you. I thank you very warmly: stewards acting with such grace and readiness. I think though of the Last Straw that - in the proverb - broke the camel's back. We need to share the task more broadly. Can you help? If you can commit to giving some time particularly on weekdays please tell the office.

## Communion preparation

More than 100 young people will hope to receive H Communion for the first time next May. How on earth can we prepare them? It is obviously impossible to bring 50 children each Saturday morning to Becket - as we have previously done. Instead we have prepared a feasible plan of how to teach them. The preparation starts this week. Over the next 2 Wednesdays we have invited the parents of these children to come to the church to hear how their child will be taught in the period up till Christmas. We hope in these 2 meetings to start a home-based programme that will be a very rewarding exercise. Trust us!  
To avoid any confusion: You need to come only once. It is the same exercise on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October repeated because of numbers.

## Adoration this Friday-Saturday

Why? Jesus many times says: Ask Pray Seek. We very much want to be free of the virus. We cannot expect that is to happen if we do not heed his instructions - to ask. But then why at night? A long tradition comes down from the Desert Fathers & Mothers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD and then steadily reinforced through the monasteries, teaching us that the middle of the night is a good time to pray. All is still. Especially if you have managed a time of rest to clear the mind and feelings. We talk to God. More important we listen. We tell him how we feel, what we want. A bible and particularly a Gospel can be a help. Read a passage slowly, build up the picture with imagination, go back over it. Be still. Look at him. Listen



## Confirmation Programme 2021

We would like to invite year 10 students who would like to register to join our 2021 confirmation programme to complete the registration form which can be found on our website. The closing date for applications is 6th November 2020 at 1.30pm

## Live streaming in Church

Our camera is connected to the internet and our website. Technical restrictions make it impractical to keep turning the streaming on and off, so streaming will now be permanently on, and normally focussed on the sanctuary. This means any activity in that area will be viewable on-line. We will also record specific services for later viewing as before.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Ven Frederick Ozanam  
Margaret & Richard Chung 25 wed  
anniv

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

People of the parish  
Community & benefactors  
Kay Stokes RIP

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Stella Larkin RIP  
Funeral Maria Golaszewska  
Dennis Saysell v ill

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Nancy Stubbings  
Bro Larry sick

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Kerri Johnston RIP  
Trinity intentions

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Sr Margaret Doherty RIP  
Stephen Hopkins v ill

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Joseph Nayagam anniv  
David Wilson RIP

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

John McKenna anniv  
John Potter RIP  
Margaret O'Donoghue anniv

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Bernadette Craft anniv  
People of the parish  
Francis Drennan RIP  
Sheila Murphy anniv

## ICHTUS

This is now available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the readings at the Sunday masses.

## Audio Survey

Last month we emailed you about a very important survey being done regarding the sound system at St Thomas of Canterbury.

So far we have had about 30 very helpful replies but we very much would like to hear from more of you. We know that some of you did try to mail us but encountered some difficulties. These have now been resolved. Please accept our apologies.

PLEASE would anyone who has not yet replied complete the survey and mail it back to us. You can do so by following this link  
<https://forms.gle/YQpvJ9eAKV2B1ihR6>

## STOC Football

What a great response from the last Church newsletter, we are now going to run more teams, so if there are players wanting to play Years 1-11 boys and girls you are welcome. Training at Ashton Playing Fields, Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Tuesday 5.30 -6.30 and 6.30 -7.30. For information please email [chairman@stcyfc.com](mailto:chairman@stcyfc.com) or call Matt on 07855170256.

## CAFOD

Family fast envelopes should be returned this weekend, please leave in the box provided or you can send them by freepost direct to CAFOD.