

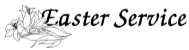


St. Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green

Holy Week 3rd – 9th April 2023

Monday 3rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at St Thomas': 10am – Chigwell Convent: 9:30am • Service of Reconciliation at St Thomas': 7.30pm <p style="text-align: center;">A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.</p>
Tuesday 4th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at St Thomas': 10am - Chigwell Convent: 9:30am.
Wednesday 5th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at St Thomas': 10am - Chigwell Convent: 9:30am • Mass of Chrism (Brentwood Cathedral) @ 7pm – arrive early to ensure that you get a seat.
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM	
Maundy Thursday 6th April Mass of the Lord's Supper	<p>No Morning Mass, Morning Prayer: 10am at St Thomas Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8.30pm at St Thomas' & Chigwell. (These are the Only Masses celebrated today). During Mass a number of parishioners will have their feet washed recalling the "mandatum" that Our Lord gave us: – <i>"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; as I have loved you".</i></p> <p>After Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose. Everyone is invited to watch at the Altar (as the Lord invited his disciples to do in the Garden of Gethsemane). Watching will conclude after Night Prayer at 11pm.</p>
 Friday 7th April – Good Friday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	<p><i>Today is the only day in the church's calendar when Mass is not celebrated.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer: 10am at St Thomas' • 10.30am Stations of the Cross for children <p style="text-align: center;">Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm at St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent</p> <p><i>The veneration of the cross will be by the bowing of your head only</i> <i>The collection after the Veneration of the Cross is for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross: 8pm – St Thomas'</p>
Saturday 8th April – Holy Saturday <i>'He is not here... He is risen!'</i> 	<p><i>On Holy Saturday the church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer: 10am at St Thomas' <p>The Polish Blessing of the Easter Baskets "Swieconka" will be held at 11am at St Thomas'. This blessing is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to the church to be blessed. All parishioners are welcome to attend.</p> <p>6pm Saturday evening Mass is replaced by the Easter Vigil at 8.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter 8.30pm at St. Thomas' & Chigwell Convent</p> <p>Everyone is invited to attend this the most solemn and important night of the Church's year. The Reception into the Church of Catechumens & Candidates takes place during this Mass. Everyone is invited for cheese and wine in the Becket Centre afterwards.</p>
Easter Sunday 9th April The Resurrection of the Lord 	<p>Masses: St. Thomas' 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am Chigwell 10am</p>

