

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: Nellie O' Dea

Anniversaries: Helena Greene, Bridgett Kildea, M Lowry

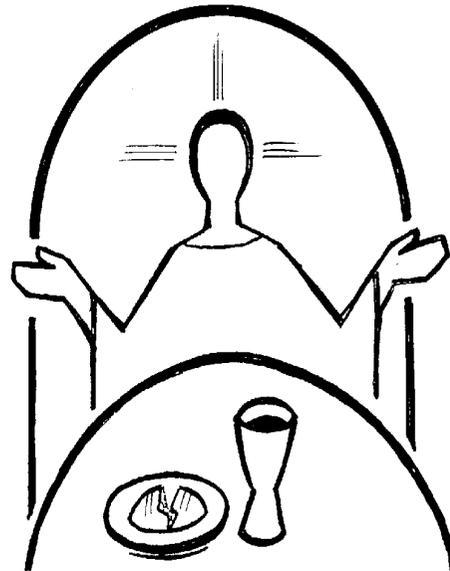
Chigwell Convent

Tuesday 28th August - The Feast of St. Augustine Mass at Chigwell Convent will be at 11:00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Applications forms are now available from the back of church. If your child is in Year 3 in September 2018, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is **7th September**.

Applications received after this date will not be accepted.



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Served by the Franciscans

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B**

26th August 2018

No decisions we make in life are so important as those that have eternal consequences.



First Reading
Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

At Shechem, in central Israel, the assembled people formally renew the covenant and profess total loyalty to the Lord.

Second Reading
Ephesians 5:21-32

Paul urges that the relationships within marriage should reflect the love that Christ has for his Church.

Gospel
John 6:60-69

Some disciples reject Jesus' teaching, but Peter, spokesman for the Twelve, boldly declares: "Lord, who [apart from you] shall we go to?"

Responsorial Psalm
Taste and see that the Lord is good

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

The Pope

For months shrill voices have been insisting: the Pope is not doing enough to deal with abuse issues.

Now he has written a 2000-word exhortation. It is powerful. Will it be understood – particularly by those who most need to hear and heed it? The remedy he says lies in the hands of all of us: clerics religious but also lay people. All of us. First we must pray – and fast. That means doing things we do not like, foregoing things we do want and committing to doing them regularly.

Most of all there is much to do about our deep attitudes embedded in church practice and relationships. We have much to explore in the coming weeks.

“We feel shame when we realise that our style of life has denied and continues to deny the words we recite” This we have to tease out.

Franciscan Missions

This weekend Fr Peter Williams is making the annual appeal on behalf of the Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU). He has spent many years in various parts of Africa. We ask that you take home a mission envelop that will be available after Mass and return it with your offering next week. There will also be mission boxes for you to take home for your small coins during the year.

Unfortunately Fr Peter will not be able to make a personal appeal at the Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill Masses so a few words will be said by the presiding priest and envelopes will be available at those Masses for parishioners to take. Our parishioners have always been generous supporters of the missions and we hope for the usual response this year.

Ordination

On Saturday September 15th at 1130 at St. Thomas', Bishop Alan Williams will ordain Alan Mair to the Permanent Diaconate. This will be followed by a reception in Trinity Lower Site Hall, Sydney Road. All very welcome

Mass Online – the times

The next masses that we intend to record are: SATURDAY 25th AUGUST 6pm · SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 8.30 AM; SATURDAY 8th 6pm; SATURDAY 15TH 11.30am; SATURDAY 22ND 6pm

In order to view these masses please visit our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org>. Then look for the icon labelled **Mass Online**. Click on this and then click on the link to **You Tube**. You can now either watch the mass live or log in later during the week to see the recording.

(NB – The mass is only available via our website link. As it is not ‘Public’ you cannot search for it or find it on You Tube) We are aware that the quality of the recordings is not as good as we would like it to be. So we are currently investigating further options.

Electronic Newsletter

We now have in excess of 300 subscribers to the parish newsletter by email.

If you would like to join this growing number please sign up on our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or by sending mail to parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org

If you have already signed up but for some reason have failed to receive it please send a mail to parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org so that we can investigate the problem.

24 Hour Adoration

There will be 24 hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commencing with Evening Prayer at 6pm on Friday 28th September and concluding with Mass at 6pm on Saturday 29th September. Further details will be announced in the newsletter, on our parish website and on social media. Please consider if you or a group to which you belong could spend one hour in adoration during this time.

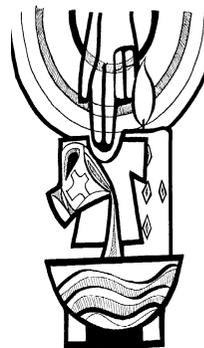
Sick, housebound living in care homes

A Mass for the Sick, Housebound and those living in Care Homes (with anointing of the sick) will be held at St. Thomas’s on **Sunday 30th September 2018 at 3pm** followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre.

If you require transport please contact the parish office

Cinema Night

St Thomas of Canterbury Family outdoor cinema night **Friday 21st September**. Paddington Bear in the friary gardens. Tickets on sale in September.



Baptisms

Congratulations to the following children who were baptised in August at St Thomas’s— William Grave, Reuben McKenzie, Sienna Smylie, Romeo Basha, Marnie Kelly, Sadie Nunn, Isabella Mallott & Arthur Bryan.

Church Cleaning

FRIDAY 31st August at 9.00am
Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Josie Kieron, Francesca Cushion & Liz Atkinson

Sunday Teas

New rotas will be available in the kitchen. Teas will begin again on Sunday 2nd September with Mary Charter, Brenda McEvoy, and Rosanna Baker. Look forward to seeing you back again.

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

invite you to join in the global campaign launched by Pope Francis ~ *Share the Journey* and walk in solidarity with refugees and migrants.

Walks can be done individually or in groups around **Chigwell Convent Gardens, anytime between 8am and 6pm, Sunday 26th August to Tuesday 28th August.**

There will be opportunity to petition the UK Prime Minister and send a message to world leaders before they meet at the UN in September 2018 to agree on two new global 'compacts': one on refugees and one on migration.

Sacred Heart Companions

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 2pm, Chigwell Convent