

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries:

Patrick Devlin, Henry Holland, Pauline Horan, Sister Julia O'Connor, Olga Periera, Sister Mary Reid, Rosalind Green, Ronald Allum, Jacobus Cullenden, Mary Forsythe, Patricia Koenan, Joseph Bognar, Richard Borg, Thomas Gilligan, Elizabeth Orme, Donald Dourado, Monica Bright, Fred Khan, Mario Zeppa, Thomas Grey, Edward Wright.

Church Donations

• On-line donations

Thank you to those parishioners who have used the Diocese of Brentwood on-line donation website. For those who maybe interested the site can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=woodford%20green>

• By Standing order

Contact the parish office for details

During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.

Mass is live streamed & recorded as follows:

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Prayer of spiritual communion *(St Alphonsus Liguori)*

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 7th February 2021

Today we come in search of Jesus. Let us open our hearts to hear his word and to welcome him in the sacrament of his body and blood.

First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7

For Job, life is just one continuous round of drudgery. There is no end in view to his pain and misery.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Paul takes up his responsibility to preach the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm. He feels free to offer himself to present the Good News for the benefit of all.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Jesus' healing attracts the crowds, but he needs to be free to bring the Good News beyond the confines of his own area.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

*He heals the
broken hearted*

A black and white illustration showing a group of people in various states of distress and being helped. Some are being held up, some are being supported, and some are being carried. The text 'He heals the broken hearted' is written in a stylized, cursive font over the illustration.

Mass intentions

At this time of much anxiety and bereavement you are asking for many masses to be offered for your special needs. We are most grateful and eager to oblige. But the requests are greater at the moment than the number of masses that we can celebrate within the parish. It is no problem. I have passed some intentions to our brethren in Stratford. Others have been sent to priests in foreign missions. You can be completely sure that the mass will be offered as you request. Every request is carefully recorded on receipt. Later the books are checked to ensure that a mass has been offered for each request.

The Holy Family sisters

have long served this parish. No longer able to provide class teachers to our schools they still add a special dimension to the pastoral service of St Thomas'. We hear this week that two of their convents have been stricken by covid. Four sisters in their Irish convent of Newbridge have died. Sister Teresa Quinn and Sandra have also contracted the infection in Rock Ferry convent. Thank God the latter two are said to be not seriously ill from it. Please add your prayers for their recovery and for all similarly affected in our parish.

Staying in contact with loved ones at The Royal London

The Royal London has established a family centre to provide immediate or Daily Sensitive response and updates for families of patients in intensive care or on covid wards.
<https://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/news/staying-in-contact-with-loved-ones-at-the-royal-london-hospital-10019>

Let us Dream Pope Francis

“Today we have to avoid falling back into the individual and institutional patterns that have led to Covid and the various crises that surround it: the hyperinflation of the individual combined with weak institutions and the despotic control of the economy by the very few. I see, above all, the pressing need to strengthen institutions, which are a vital reserve of moral energy and civic love.

Of all the institutions, the family has taken the hardest knock of all. It has lost or at least blurred its social identity as the “first society,” where the person is formed as a member of something larger, with rights and duties and security. To erode the family is to fatally weaken the bonds of belonging on which we all depend. You can see this in the tragedy of young and old isolated from each other. It’s an intuition, but I’ve long believed that if we pay attention to both of these groups, bring them in from the outside and bring them together, great things will happen.”



“The basic rule of a crisis is that you don’t come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same.”

Mass Intentions

Sunday 7th February

People of the parish
Michael Carrig RIP
Megan Walsh RIP

Monday 8th February

Cynthia & Grant Gregory gold wedding
Anthony Murphy
Helen Gent RIP

Tuesday 9th February

Kevin Hopkins RIP
Angela Tynan RIP
Jacqueline Da Prato RIP

Wednesday 10th February

Edmund Jarman RIP
Geraldine Lucy
Trinity intentions

Thursday 11th February

Donald Dourado anniversary
Dourado brothers RIP
Sr Maureen Delaney RIP

Friday 12th February

Maurice Merrell RIP
Megan Walsh RIP
Community & benefactors

Saturday 13th February

Brigid Lynch RIP
Jutta Menzies RIP
Holy Souls

Sunday 14th February

People of the parish
Jacqueline Da Prato RIP
Derek Beverly RIP

Lent talks

Catholic response to Climate Change.

More information is available on our website. This is organised by the Diocese to register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global and for more information about this area of Catholic life and faith have a look at www.catholicclimatemovement.global

Its Quiz time again

Following the success and general enjoyment had by many at our recent Christmas Quiz we’ve decided to hold another event.

Please join us for a family friendly St Valentines quiz night via zoom on Friday, 12 February at 7pm. £10 entry per household.

Pride and prize for the winning family but much more about getting together as a community and relieving the lockdown boredom we are all facing. The Friars will be fielding a table!

To book your spot please email parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org. Entries will close on 10th February.

We look forward to "seeing" as many of you as possible on the night.

Your entry fee can be paid on-line with the reference Quiz - Sort Code: 60 24 25 Account 41785436 Or payment to the Parish Office.

We will email the log in details to those registered on Friday by 6pm.

Fundraising for the NHS

Two parishioners will be walking 14 miles on 14th Feb to raise awareness and money for the NHS Staff mental well-being. More information can be found at

https://www.gofundme.com/ff/jo-emma-walk-for-nhs-mental-wellbeing?sharetype=teams&member=8389898&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&pc_code=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=35992d4d25b348bf9a3e9731cecb8450