

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Kathleen Donnelly

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Maura (Mary) Gilligan, Mark O'Grady, Helen Taylor, Aida Testro, Robert Gordon, Amy Marriott, Lucy Archer, Mary Barrett, Catherine Davis, Marie Easby, Edward Parry, Doris Roe, Sister Mary Calnan, David Houghton, Patrick Looney, Anastasia McCabe, Michael McHugh, Doreen Wyatt, Catherine Carter, Charles Lingley, Sister Cyprian Madden, John Smith, Laurance Turner, Colum Kelly, Charles McGranaghan, Margaret Mullins, Mavis Abrahams.

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

Mass is live streamed and 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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
31st January 2021

In today's Gospel we hear how in Capernaum Jesus amazes the people by his words and actions. In this Mass the same Jesus speaks and is active in our midst.

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God's words will be placed on the lips of a Moses-like prophet who is raised up from among his kinsfolk.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul sees the unmarried person as single-mindedly committed to the Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Jesus speaks with an authority that leaves the people spellbound, and with a similar authority he drives out evil spirits.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts



Fratelli tutti

So St Francis greeted the world: You are all brothers and sisters. Now Pope Francis has chosen this clarion call to set out his programme for the post-Covid world. He looks at the mess the whole world is in: extremes of poverty and wealth; violent confrontations; everything else must be sacrificed to make sure the market values are honoured; make money before people's needs are considered. Instead Francis maps out a world where every human being is precious and important; never to be sacrificed for material gain. God is still creating. His gifts to each are to enable service to others to blossom. Truth and love are the tools to make the new regime.

A mere dream of the impossible?

Start small. Deal with individuals and individual cases. So it starts in the nuclear family – a great school of weaning from selfishness. Then families reach out to the human situations of need that abound. By coming together, sharing all the variety of gifts scattered through the families, small new green shoots appear. We are seeing it in the NHS. Heroic self-sacrifice. You teachers and parents are under huge pressure to teach at a safe distance with all the immense difficulties on both sides of the electronic machines. Next come such organisations as those which constitute the parish. And Pope Francis recommends heavily the community organisations such as Telco with which we are familiar. Here and in many instances and organisations his programme of a new world order has already started: where people band together voluntarily with compassion for the needy. It can be done, for in small ways it is already being done.

Francis' encyclical Fratelli

UK Citizens – the parent organisation of which Telco is a part - organised a 2-hour zoom this week to familiarise all with this papal teaching. Its participants are from Christian churches, Muslim, Jew and all varieties of belief and unbelief. Honest men and women see the truth and validity of what the Pope is saying and doing and are acting it out. Telco is a very important part of our parish service. It is time for us to start planning how it will work out in St Thomas' when common life resumes



Holy Communion preparation

All the families where this is happening have now received help and guidance for Chapter 2 of *I Belong*. It would be good to have some reactions. So far all we have received – and thank you for them – have been positive. How did you get on with the *Prodigal Son* and *Loving Father*? Did you find yourself in any of the characters? We are working on the next chapter and I hope will provide more help next week. We know it is hard for you. But when you have to struggle you really learn, and appreciate all the more.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 31st January

People of the parish
Safety of O'Hagan family
Family of deceased infant Zac

Monday 1st February

Nora O'Brien
Angela McMahon & family

Funeral Colin Correya

Tuesday 2nd February

Family of Kathryn Wilson
Intentions Margaret Crewe
Sr Dorothea 70 Jubilarian

Wednesday 3rd February

Jacqueline Dodd RIP
Trevor Correya RIP
Mary Walston RIP

Thursday 4th February

Simon Eustace RIP
Father of Roz Mullally RIP
Holly RIP

Friday 5th February

Kevin Hopkins RIP
Intentions Chimes family

Funeral Jacqueline Da Prato

Saturday 6th February

Brendan McGranahan anniversary
CWL
Needs of the parish intentions SHJM

Sunday 7th February

People of the parish
Michael Carrig RIP
Megan Walsh RIP

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.

The Christmas Fayre Team

Gift Aid

We are preparing to submit the HMRC claim for all donations we have received in 2020-2021. We presume that all donors are still paying taxes, unless you have told us otherwise. Please contact the Parish Office immediately if your circumstances have changed.

We are so very grateful for your constant support!