

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Alexander Seymour,
William Driscoll

May they rest in peace

Funeral at St Thomas'

Joan Bright's funeral will take place on
24th July at 10am

Anniversaries:

Alice Haster, Damien Copping, Doris D'Arcy, Mary McCormack, Eileen Smith, Andrew Keane, Bernardo Ferrari, Michael Pearson, Alyce Ridler, Hannah Sullivan, James Coyle, Albert Witham, Sister Cornelia Martin, William Freeman, Claire Gray, Josephine McCorkell, Isabelle Tudisca, Christopher Quinn, Raymond Finney, Hugh Slavin, Martin Grant, Jackie Ann Jones.

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

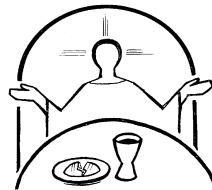
1st and 3rd Sundays

Of the month

Reviewing the sick list

As we approach the summer school break period we will be removing all names from the sick list. If you would like a name to be included for September 2019 onwards please email—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Communion Preparation 2019



Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 6th September at 10am. Applications will **Not** be accepted after this date.

Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 21st July 2019

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

"Make hospitality your special care," says St Paul in his letter to the Romans; today's first reading and Gospel illustrate this teaching with examples from the lives of Abraham and Jesus himself. Are we generous with our welcome, both in our church communities and in our homes?



First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham gives his Lord a great welcome and is blessed by the Lord God in return.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery of Christ, hidden for generations, is now revealed to us all.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home in their different ways.

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

E-Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Parish AGM

About 50 came last Sunday to show their interest in our parish. It was a good meeting. First it affirmed a great deal of achievement of the past year. Next: it showed that now you are taking over the "running" of the parish. The priests' job is to preach and pray. The rest is yours. Much has been done by the pro-active Parish Council, but supported by many personal initiatives and much steady application covering wide areas of practical and pastoral concerns. Looking to the future there was enthusiasm for the tasks ahead. They are varied in kind and at various stages of planning and execution. Replacement of the roofs is nearing completion; there is a time-scale for replacing the heating. The needs look daunting. But you showed a sense of being glad to take your part. Much better that, than simply moving through old routines. The foundation is well laid. As with all families there are differences of view. It was healthy that some deep-felt hurts and grievances found expression. Though these were not immediately resolved the good will and love of the parish were evident. There was a plea that we be reconciled that I heartily endorse. We went our several ways hoping to start the new year united to face our task again. And always with joy.

Retiring Collection—SVP

The SVP tell me their coffers are empty. They are the ones who know why food banks abound in our country. Please help them with the retiring collection after all masses this Sunday.

Parish activities

- **Monday 21st July at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
Last session before the summer Break, we will return on **9th** September.
- **Wednesday 24th July at 7pm**
SOUP RUN
Please leave donations in the becket Centre by 7pm

Mass On-line

Will be recorded on 27th of July at 6pm.

Forthcoming Events

11/12th Oct	24 hour Adoration
23rd Nov	Christmas Fayre

Holidays

Schools finally have finished. I hope everyone will now have a rest and a true holiday. The newsletter – by common request! – will continue to appear each weekend. But planning for a new start in September has already begun. I think we will repeat information and notices through the summer weeks so that you do not miss anything. Registration for Communion preparation is urgent. Plans are afoot to make our annual 24 hours of Prayer more comprehensive than before when it happens on 11th-12th October. But for now – have a good rest in peace and tranquility. You deserve it.

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 11th, 18th & 25th September. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Monday teas after 10am Mass

We have piloted two successful Monday teas after 10am Mass with parishioners and Friars enjoying the atmosphere and a relaxing catch up. We will look to start this in September on the first Monday of each month and see how it develops.

We would like to take this forward on a more regular basis from September onwards and are looking for volunteers to join in on a rota basis. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in assisting.

Ushers/Stewards at 10am Sunday Mass

We are looking for families to help out at 10am mass. The commitment is once every 6 weeks welcoming people, handing out service sheets, conducting the Offertory collection, etc. A really good way of meeting new people and getting the children involved in the mass. Guidance given. Please contact David Underwood at davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Christopher & Patricia who were married at St Thomas' recently.

The Association Of Whipps Cross Hospital Nurses

will hold their annual Reunion on October 5th at our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. Further details can be obtained from therese.mcleary@btinternet.com.

Church Cleaning

Friday 26th July at 9am

Marie-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle & Breda Murphy.

Thank you for your help.

We are still looking for two more helpers to join the rota for Friday 9am - commitment will be no more than once a month at the most.

St Thomas Football Team

We are looking for under 7s upwards to under 14s both boys and girls to join our teams. Running for just over 20 years and still one of the most respected clubs in our league. We try to do things correctly all the time so no room for ego's. For further details or just a chat contact chairman@stcyfc.com or 07855170256

Pat Bell RIP

Chris and family would like to thank all for the kindness, cards, masses etc. shown on the recent loss of Pat. Your support was a great help and a blessing. Holy mass will be offered for your intentions.

St. Antony's Vacancy

The Governing Body of St. Antony's wishes to appoint a TA/LSA with Early years' experience to work with our children across the school. Closing date: 31st July 2019
Please download an application form from www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies and return by post or email admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk