

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

**Arthur Morris, Mary Zappa**

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Hugh Brett, Bernadette Craft, Bridie Keown, Sheila Murphy, Sister John MacDonald, Ellen Clarke, Mary Clegg, Francis Drennan, Michael England, Sister Imelda Manning, Anthony Carden, Nino Jomaa, Charlotte Spencer, Catherine Dalli.

### St Thomas' Mass Times

**We now have facilities for you to use  
the NHS track & trace app**

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Closed

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am  
followed by the Rosary

**Thursday** Closed

**Friday** Mass at 10am

**Saturday** Mass at **10am & 6pm**  
a booking for the evening mass must be made

**Sunday** Mass at **9am & 11am**  
Bookings must be made

## New arrangements for booking to attend a Mass

As you know due to social distancing requirements, we have a maximum capacity for those attending each Mass, particularly the weekend masses. To assist with the booking process, commencing from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will have an **online booking process**. This will be available each week until 11am on each Friday. Bookings are essential for the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 9am & 11am Masses on Sunday. It is a similar process to booking theatre/cinema tickets, except no payment will be required!

The link is open now for bookings for the following weekends:  
17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October,  
24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October &  
31<sup>st</sup> October/1st November  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124524627513> - Saturday Masses  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124234894915> - Sunday Masses

If you have problems with the online booking, you can still email/phone the Parish Office.

Should a Mass be seen as "sold out" online please contact the Parish Office to see if there is still space available.

When you arrive at Church on those days, the Stewards will direct you to a bench to accommodate the number of people in your booking.

If your personal circumstances change and you cannot attend the Mass, including the development of any cold like symptoms please cancel the place online as this will allow the seat to be allocated to another parishioner

**We would also ask that you use the  
NHS track & trace app on arrival**



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Woodford Green

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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 11th October 2020

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

We are invited to share in our Mass together. It is God who invites us. How do we respond to that invitation, joyfully or reluctantly? Do we come out of a sense of duty or because deep down we are fully aware of what that invitation signifies?

### First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

We exult and rejoice because the Lord in whom we hoped has saved us.

### Second Reading

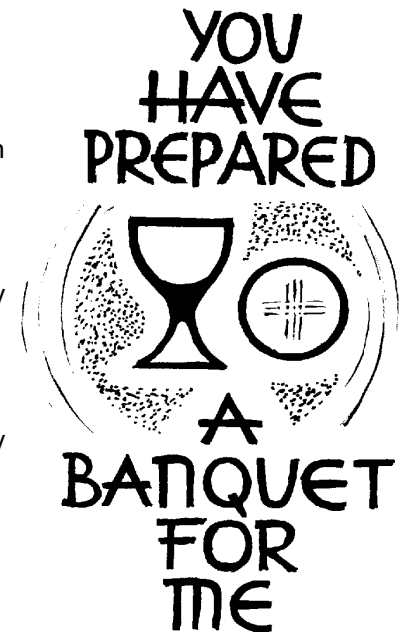
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

The Lord gives us the strength to be ready for anything, anywhere.

### Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast.



### Responsorial Psalm

**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

## Coronavirus – greater caution?

It looks as if we are going to be more stringently curtailed as the number of infections rises. At the start last March there was a spirit of novelty and readiness to cooperate. Now I feel many are anxious and the smooth tenor of social life is often ruffled. Through our country some have not heeded the lesson of the pandemic: that we need to change our ways at a deep level. The common good demands personal sacrifices.

## St Thomas of Canterbury rating?

You have been extremely good. The Parish Council but more particularly the office staff have put in place arrangements voted excellent by the authority that came to review them. You have all cooperated well in observing the guidance in church and the instructions of stewards. It is they and the cleaners, who have borne the brunt and they are exhausted. It is time for reinforcements.

We have asked for volunteers and so far very few have come forward. The virus should be driving us to review our catholic life. The community needs more people who will come regularly to perform the duty of steward and cleaner. You are needed for the regular weekday masses and also for occasions such as funerals, communions, baptisms and other uses. It is my duty as Parish Priest to make sure that none of those who serve us are overburdened. If we do not have some committed volunteers we shall have to curtail some services.

## Adoration – for 18 hours

As we go to press few have informed us of their intention to take part in this communal exercise of prayer. I am confident that the Lord will not be neglected. This is just one event of praying in common for relief from the pandemic. The world looks for a vaccine. To that we know must be added some change of culture and lifestyle if the virus is to be beaten. Prayer is our powerful tool to bring it about.

## Prisons week

“I was sick, in prison and you came to visit me”. Prisoners and their families are particularly hard-hit by the virus. In the prison I served they kept free from harm for a good while. This week 63 prisoners and 21 staff have proved positive. It means there are no visits – the normal help to lessen mental disintegration. The prisoners sit for 23 hours a day in a cell served by a reduced number of staff. Pray for them this week, for their families, and the staff who care. And in that jail they do care. Next weekend there will be a collection box after each mass for Prison Advice and Care Trust the catholic charity that does much for the offenders and their families.

## Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for one day on Tuesday 13th October

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday 11th October**

Bernadette Craft anniversary  
People of the parish  
Francis Drennan RIP  
Sheila Murphy anniversary

### **Monday 12th October**

Johanna Costello anniversary  
Maria Judd RIP  
Lynn Rayment

### **Tuesday 13th October**

Vilma Maxwell RIP  
Sr Maria Holly int

### **Wednesday 14th October**

Francis Drennan RIP  
Thanks to Stewards/Cleaners etc.  
Trinity intentions

### **Thursday 15th October**

Johanna De Souza RIP  
Sean McLoughlin get well

### **Friday 16th October**

Joseph Brennan RIP  
Michael Reagan anniversary  
Veronica Doyle RIP

### **Saturday 17th October**

Moya Murphy 100 years old  
John Potter RIP

### **Sunday 18th October**

People of the parish  
Annie Long RIP  
Sheila Charles int

## ICHTUS

This is now available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the readings at the Sunday masses.

## Live streaming in Church

Our camera is connected to the internet and our website. Technical restrictions make it impractical to keep turning the streaming on and off, so streaming will now be permanently on, and normally focussed on the sanctuary. This means any activity in that area will be viewable on-line. We will also record specific services for later viewing as before.

## Trinity Vacancies

- P/T HoD Psychology & Sociology with TLR (Maternity cover)
- P/T to F/T Teacher of Religious Education
- P/T Chaplain
- School Day Student Supervisor

Please visit the School website for more information



## Confirmation Programme 2021

We would like to invite year 10 students who would like to register to join our 2021 confirmation programme to complete the registration form which can be found on our website. The closing date for applications is 6th November 2020 at 1.30pm.

Parishioners wishing to contact the parish council may do so by using our email address - [ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io](mailto:ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io)