

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Maria Petter
(Mother of Gilda Bourdillon. The funeral mass will take place at St Thomas' on 14th June at 11am.

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

John McGovern, Horace Coppendale, Anthony O'Brien, Terrence McGrath, Fr. Urban Judge OFM, Percy Wartnaby, Angela Reis, Denis L'Strange, Julian Famiglietti, Bridget Flynn, Leonard Albrecht, Patricia Western, Joan Neenan, Marie Samaraweera, Mavis Bruce, Joanna Elflain, Karen Spencer, Alexandra Weatherley, John Tracy, Laurence Bolger, Linehan Suzanna, Salih Raymond, Dora Murphy.

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

Mass Online

The next mass that we intend to record is:

6pm Saturday 1st of June

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording then please send a mail to communications@stthomaswoodford.org
To view mass online - go to website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**

Gospel Reflections

Weekly reflections by Fr Adrian Graffy.
On our website click 'Sunday Gospels'.

Pray with the Pope

Daily prayers from Pope Francis. On our website click 'Let Us Pray' or download the app - available on Android and iOS.

E-Newsletter

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

Facebook/Twitter

We have a growing Facebook community. If you would like to join us go to Facebook/Twitter and look up @STOCWoodford.



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6th Sunday of Easter 26th May 2019 Cycle C

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

The risen Jesus is by our side: his indwelling word teaches us how to live. God has come to make God's home within us. Thus we may know such peace as the world can never give.

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Delegates are sent from Jerusalem to help the Christians of Antioch understand all that the Holy Spirit is teaching them.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

St John shares with us his heavenly vision of Jerusalem, the holy city, radiant with the glorious presence of God in the midst of God's people.

Gospel John 14:23-29

Jesus' disciples are called to be faithful to his teaching, helped by the Holy Spirit whom God sends in his name. God's indwelling word will bring us peace

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.



Mass-on-the-grass

It is a fun day. I hope you are all praying very hard that we will enjoy brilliant sunshine for next Sunday. There will be NO Mass in St Thomas that day. Instead I hope you will come equipped with something to sit on, a sun hat and a picnic which ideally we will share. There will be a few chairs but these will be reserved for those less mobile. We youngsters can sit on the grass. The music group has been rehearsing thoroughly – for the mass and then entertainment while you are picnicking. Last year they were so good many broke into enthusiastic dancing. All is organised but some help to set up will be welcome in the morning.

Confirmation

From what I see your confirmation group is exceptionally well served by its leaders. The preparation has been varied, imaginative and well directed to contemporary life. Last Thursday the church was transformed into an art gallery – but with a purpose. It spoke powerfully of our commitment: to God, yes, but to his world and people. A church that focuses with enthusiasm on the practical ways of living so well spelled out is a church that still makes sense. It takes the people to lead by example. We are much blessed with your dedication. And not a little by Fr Michael and his artistic talents.

Candles

Increasingly we see unsupervised children playing with the votive candles in church. It means we will have to do away with them. Recently several have spoken to me with alarm, which I share.

Second collection

There will be a second collection after all masses for Diocese communications.

Parish Activities

- Monday, **27th May, 12 noon**
St Thomas Country Dancing rehearsal in the Becket Centre
- Tuesday, **28th May, 2pm**
Tuesday Club, talk by Bill about country singer Johnny Cash
- Thursday, **30th May, Feast of Ascension**
The Parish Office will be closed today
- Friday, **31st May, 12.30pm**
Assisi Lunch in the Becket Centre
- Saturday, **1st June, 11.30am**
First Holy Communion Mass
- Sunday, **2nd June 11.30am**
Outdoor Mass, this will be the only Mass on Sunday at St Thomas of Canterbury.

Feast of Ascension

This Holy day is celebrated 40 days after Easter. Masses will take place at St Thomas' at **7.30pm on Wednesday** evening: at **10am and 8pm on Thursday**, and **10am at Chigwell Convent on Thursday**.

Forthcoming Events

- 22nd June - Annual Sponsorship Walk
- 29th June - Summer Fete
- 30th June - Bereavement Group Afternoon tea
- 14th July - Annual Meeting
- 23rd November- Christmas Fayre

Across Jumbulance Quiz Sat 8th June

Chingford Parish Hall, Tables 8-10 or can join up. Entrance £5. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.
To book ring Sheila on 0208 504 3839

Children's liturgy at 10am Mass Sundays



Good news. We now have several kind volunteers willing to lead this liturgy and ensure the safety of your children. So we hope to be able to welcome all children, without restriction, to their special liturgy from the 9th June.

References for work & other positions

The Friars are happy to provide references, but before you give names as a referee please contact them through the parish office to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required.

Mothers help needed

A family are seeking help to support a full time mum with her two young children. Hours before and sometimes after school. Please contact Liana 07961774940.

Sunday teas

We are looking for an extra person to help make tea after 10am Mass. you would be on a rota so you would only be needed once in 9 weeks. Please phone Pat Bell on 02085044577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com for more info, or pop in after mass to see what is involved.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 30th May at 10.30am

Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu, Sue Mansbridge & Louise Deans

Bible Convention and healing service

See notice in porch for this convention which will be held in Blackheath on Saturday 1st June.

Trinity Vacancies

- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Physical Education
- Teacher of Computer Science with a TLR
- Teacher in Charge of Spanish with TLR
- Teacher of Maths
- P/T & F/T Teacher of Religious Studies
- F/T Teacher of Physics/Science
- Science Technician

Please visit the schools website for more details.

St Mary's School Chingford

The school are looking to recruit a EYFS Class Teacher. Please see the school website for more details

Plant Watering



The pots outside the church are now planted and need to be watered on a regular basis. Please consider offering a little of your time to make the front of the church beautiful. If you would like to join the rota please contact the parish office.