

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Howard Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Ray Stokes, Christine Halliday. John Burnham, Mary Sullivan, Don Copping, John Vernon, Michael Millar & John Burke
Lately Dead: Tony Daws

Jack Whitaker and his family would like to thank the parish community very much for their support and prayers following the death of their beloved wife and mother, Eilish Whitaker.

HOLY WEEK FLYERS

Are available at the back of church with details of all services over Easter.

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

PARISH NEWS

Keep up to date with parish news. Never miss a copy of the newsletter - receive it by email. Subscribe on our web site <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or email parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org.

OUR FAITH

Read the text of two homilies by Fr Quentin and two new articles by Fr Austin. You can find these on our website by going to News then Our Faith. We would like to hear from you. So if you have a faith experience you would like to share on the website please send it to parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org

SAFEGUARDING

You can find contact details for our Safeguarding Officers and also Brentwood Safeguarding information on our website by going to About Us and the Safeguarding Representative.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The afternoon service, which was cancelled because of the snow, has been rearranged for Friday, 6th April at 2.15pm at the Salvation Hall, Daisy Road, South Woodford. Everyone welcome (men included).



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Cycle B

25th March 2018



Today we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Humble yet triumphant. We commemorate his arrest and execution, a death that becomes exaltation.

Procession

Mark 11:1-10

Actions speak louder than words and Jesus enters Jerusalem a humble king.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

God's servant bravely faces his foe.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A hymn proclaims the glory of Christ.

Gospel

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The sky is darkened, the veil of the Temple torn in two and a soldier recognises the Son of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

PARISH OFFICE

In the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

It is not a Who-Done-It sort of mystery. Through Holy Week we have a rich liturgy which both accompanies Jesus through his cycle of life, suffering, death to resurrection - and also gives each of us a blueprint of what is the heart of our Christian life. Holy Week is not a dramatic spectacle we watch. It is an action in which we engage. So it is disappointing that so few have volunteered to play an active part in the liturgies. This Sunday we need to feel ourselves crying: sometimes *Hosanna to the Son of David*, at others *Crucify Him!* On Thursday to agonise with Jesus in the evening quiet. To feel the desolation of Good Friday. Dare I suggest that there is a place for taking the role of Joseph of Arimathea and the Holy Women who take the inert body and tenderly care for it? Think this through as you join in cleaning the church for the rituals in which the essence of Jesus' life and ours is played out.

LENT DISCUSSIONS

The think-tank will give you a proper evaluation after Easter. For the moment I thank you who came to the 3 sessions. You may not realise it but you did something significant for our parish. There is a red-brick building on High Rd we call "the church". The real church is: You. All of us. The body of Christ in process of being made each day. On the past Wednesday evenings you engaged actively in that growing-process. There is much more still to do but it is a task of compelling interest and worth.

LENT

During Lent each Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am mass and at 8pm. Also exposition each Saturday for an hour after the morning mass.

EASTER TRIDUUM - Rotas

Many thanks to everyone who offered their services; the rotas for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday, are located at the back of the church (on the left as you leave the church) Please ensure that you check the rotas before you leave. If you volunteered your services but your name hasn't been included, this is due to the response to last weekend's appeal resulting in all services being oversubscribed.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Washing of the Feet

Would all those who volunteered to participate in the "Washing of the feet", please ensure that you arrive by 7:50pm and report to Paul Turpin who will be standing at the back of the church.

GOOD FRIDAY

Please note at this Service the front benches will be reserved for those with walking difficulties.

HOLY SATURDAY

Please note that the normal 6pm Saturday evening Mass is replaced by the Easter Vigil at 8pm.

EASTER PARKING

The Friary Car Park is usually very full and somewhat dangerous during some of the Easter Services. This is because of the number of cars arriving with some people double parking or parking on the yellow lines. This leads to aggravation and congestion.

The Parish Council has decided therefore to monitor the Car Park on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services.

When all parking spaces are full the car park will be closed and NO further vehicles allowed to enter. Allocation of places will be on a first come first served basis. If you really need a space to park, for example if elderly or infirm, it is

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essential you arrive early at whichever Service you wish to attend. Perhaps those fit and well might park in one of the surrounding areas on this occasion.

Please do not berate the organisers if you arrive late and no spaces are available!

Parish Council

CHURCH CLEANING

9am Friday 6th April

Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Francesca Cushion & Liz Atkinson.

A reminder of the **EASTER CLEAN** of our church on Wednesday 28th at 10.30am.

Please please give a little of your time.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the new post of Parish Office Manager

at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Woodford Green.

This part time post is responsible for three office staff, and reports to the Priest in charge of the Parish. Office management experience is essential, as is an understanding of and empathy for the mission and ethos of the Catholic Church.

Annual salary (for 18 hours per week, hours by agreement) is £15,912, and there is a generous pension scheme.

If you or any of your family or friends are interested in this post, please email STOCrecruitment@gmail.com for the job description and person specification.

Applicants should then send in their CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how their experience and skills match the requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date **Tuesday 27th March**

TUESDAY CLUB BINGO & EASTER EGGS (just after the Lenten Lunch). That's Tuesday's menu sorted! All are invited to the last meeting of the winter on the 27th March at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available: **Part time Teacher of Music** temporary maternity cover Sept 2018

Teacher of English - maternity cover ASAP

Teacher of Psychology & Sociology with TLR Sept 2018

Please visit the school website for more details.

CHIGWELL SISTERS JUMBLE SALE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 7th April at 2pm in the Becket Centre. As usual we need your support BUT we no longer have storage facilities.

Therefore we can **ONLY** accept your donations on **FRIDAY 6th APRIL** in the Becket Centre from 10am until 4pm or **SATURDAY 7th APRIL** in the Becket Centre from 9am onwards.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE BEFORE THESE TIMES

SOUP RUN

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 28th March. Please leave your donations of food and warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm. This gives us time to pack the van before we leave at 7.45pm.

PETER SHERLOCK 10 YEARS LEGLESS WALK

I would like to thank the parish and all those who supported the charity fundraising event. Together we raised in excess of £7,000.00 for Sarcoma Cancer. Thank you so much. Take a look on www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-sherlock

REPOSITORY

Come and pick your Easter Cards from our wide selection and take a look at the fresh display of First Holy Communion gifts.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Last Lenten Lunch this Tuesday 27th from 12.15 to 1.30pm