

## 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, Chris Fitzgerald, 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, Roseanne O'Connor, Johnny O'Connor, 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, Mary Sullivan, John Vernon, Michael Millar, Lotte O'Neill & John Burke

**Lately Dead:** Tony Daws

## 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.

### 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### Easter Welcome

Welcome to all attending services over Easter. Whether you are a visitor, an occasional church-goer or a 'regular' we are pleased to see you. If you would like to keep in touch we now have a brand new website which has news of events, articles on our faith and much information about what is going on in our church. The web address is <http://www.stthomaswoodford.org/>. You can sign up on the website to receive our newsletter by email; plus you can follow us on Facebook (@STOCWoodford) and/or Twitter (@STOCWoodford). We do hope you will keep in touch.

### WORLD TAI CHI DAY

Saturday 28th April has been designated World Tai Chi Day. To celebrate our local Tai Chi class (who meet in the Becket Centre on Thursday mornings) intend demonstrating Tai Chi on the Green in Woodford - adjacent to the cricket pitch. Weather permitting that is!! We would welcome anyone who would like to join us take part in this wonderfully healthy, gentle martial art.

**Rudi de Burgh**



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Woodford Green

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Cycle B

1st APRIL 2018



Like Peter and the apostles,  
we are all called to be  
witnesses of the resurrection  
of Jesus.

### First Reading

Acts 10:34 37-43

Peter explains why he and the  
apostles were entrusted with  
Christ's mission.

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Christ is our life and now this  
is all that matters.

### Gospel

John 20:1-9

John tells us that he saw the  
empty tomb and he believed.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

## PARISH OFFICE

For 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.

## HAPPY EASTER

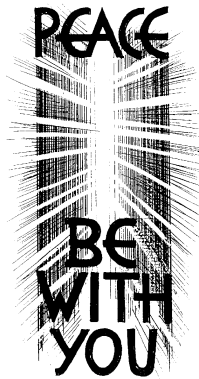
The friars wish you all a very happy Easter. Particularly we hope that so many of you who have given your time and energies to the work of the parish in recent months will find a space for rest and contented reflection on what we are building. Much is happening, many good things developing and growing in St Thomas, and it is due to you. **Quentin**

**The parish office will be closed until Thursday of this week.**

**Collections from all Masses this weekend are parishioner's contribution to the Franciscan Community.**

## 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 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!



## HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Will be taken up after masses this weekend.

## 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**

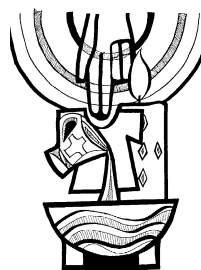
## An Occasion for all to meet

We are hoping to arrange an outdoor Family Mass on the Friary Lawn on **Sunday June 10th** at 11.30am. We plan to hold a mass followed by a picnic and perhaps some entertainment. Should the weather be inclement we would transfer to the church and Becket Centre.

Please keep this date in your diary as we want as many as possible to come along and meet with others in the Parish. On this day ALL regular Sunday Masses (but not the 6pm mass on Saturday) would be cancelled with just the one above mass being celebrated.

## BAPTISM'S IN MARCH

We have been delighted to welcome into the parish community - Bliss Frances



Kelly, Maxililian Thomas Henry Sandy, Sebastian Peter Sandy, Masie Kathleen Lavin, Elodie Jane Gunning, Niamh Falzon Perera, Stephen John Cott & Charles Anthony Alan Wells. Who were all baptised in St Thomas'

## CHURCH CLEANING

9am Thursday 12th April

Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon & Iwona Moreno

I thank you who came on Wednesday to give the church a good cleaning for Easter. I thank you who come regularly week by week to do the regular maintenance in this way. Thank God our church is well used. It means however more work for the carers. Soon we must look to what is needed to spruce up a building that is beginning to look tired. **Quentin**

## LENTEN LUNCHES

A grand total of £1,770 has been raised (so far), for Mary's Meals, feeding schoolchildren in Haiti. A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way: the soup-makers, the kitchen helpers, the furniture movers, the money collector and the soup-consumers. It has been so rewarding to hear the animated buzz of conversation and to see how much our guests have enjoyed sitting and chatting with those next to them at these ecumenical lunches.

## HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Will next meet on Monday 9th April at The Holy Family Convent.

**We Franciscan Friars here in the Woodford Green Community wish you many thanks, Easter blessings and prayers. Thank you for your loving faith, service and example. Alleluia! Br Donal Guardian**

## IN TOUCH

The Easter edition of the parish magazine is on sale this weekend. Please call Kathy on 07734 308 925 if you are able to sell after 10am mass.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL AT 8PM**

## ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL WANSTEAD

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2018 - girls born between 01/09/14 and 31/08/15 and Reception Class birthdays between 01/09/13 and 31/08/14. Please contact the school for full details on 020 8989 4700 or email [enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk)

## OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWHAM

Is looking to appoint additional directors to the Trust Board. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgrace.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 16th April.

## REPOSITORY

Visit the repository where orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.

## Liz & Geoff Brown

And family, would like to thank the parish community very much for all the prayers, masses, cards & good wishes received during Geoff's life changing illness last year in Australia. He is slowly improving and much appreciated all the kindness and support shown. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

## RALPH DOREY

Is raising money for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support and will be going out to the Sahara Desert to run 6 marathons in 6 days in early April. If you would like to sponsor Ralph please visit his fundraising page - [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/desertRICS](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/desertRICS)

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you make your weekly offering to us by envelope, please collect your box for the coming financial year, from the back of church. Grateful thanks.