

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Josephine Burke, George Bowler

Anniversaries: Jessie Turner, Jacqueline Collett, Bernard Blumsom, Beatrice Cafon, Teresa Ennever, James Saunders, Eleanor Kilroy, Henry Durrell, Anne Harris, Jane Fulcher, Elizabeth Meredith, Kathreen Clark, Veronica Allen, George Hoyes, Margaretta Olivos, Yvonne Lobo, Joseph Byrne, Alexander Lobo, Elizabeth Browne, Albert Clifford.

Mass Online

We regret that there will be no online mass this weekend due to lack of volunteers available to record the mass. If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording in the future (no technical knowledge is required) then please send a mail to communications@stthomaswoodford.org

The next masses that we intend to record are:

6pm Saturday 10th /17th /24th /31st March

To view mass online - go to our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org

Newsletter by email

Sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or by mailing parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org Your email address will be held securely.

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – ‘Click to Pray’ prayer app – available on Android and iOS.

Steward of the Gospel

Latest news on Parish Partnership visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward .

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



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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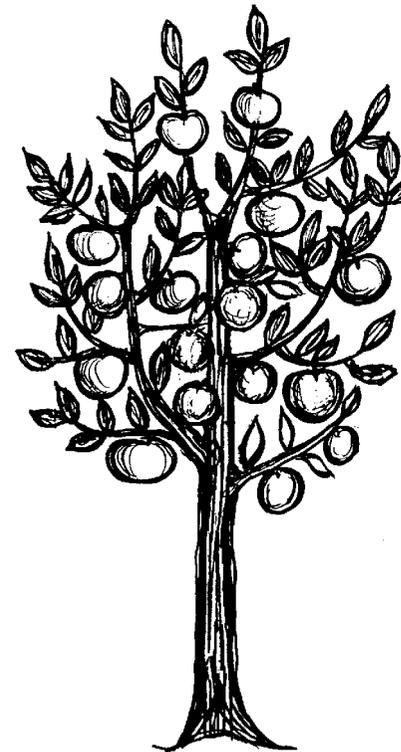
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**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C**

3rd March 2019

Every Sunday Mass is a celebration of Easter, the central truth of our faith.



First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

As a tree's fruit bears witness to the care that has been lavished on it, so a person's speech reveals his or her heart and mind.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Death will be swallowed up in victory, and none of our labours will be in vain.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

The value of a tree is shown by what it produces, and our speech wells up from what is in our hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Listen to the Gospel: change your life

So says the priest as he rubs ash on your forehead on Wednesday. It is a good statement of the purpose of Lent. We are bombarded by all kinds of persuasions, most cunningly directed by extensive research. Nearly all encourage us to be consumers, to buy and possess, to spend and enjoy, to be entertained rather than to promote good things for others. The Gospel tells us how to grow to be a good person. But we need to hear it. If we are going to use Lent well then we each need to think today and make a programme of what we will do. And positive things like seeking out reading matter about how we can improve, doing good to others as well as a programme of prayer are all better than just giving up something.

Our Lent Programme

Despite good intentions we do not have any programme of organised learning of where we and our church are at this moment. Fr Adrian Graffy will come in May to give two talks on Luke's Gospel and they will be excellent and stimulating. After the discussions we shared last autumn I felt the appetite for that kind of exploration had run its course. But I am always on the lookout for ways in which we can develop our thinking about our church, our parish, where and what our faith is in these puzzling days. The weekly newsletter and Parish website tell you of many helps available and I shall be glad to hear of any more you would like. For each of us a personal plan drawing on the parish resources is the ideal way of starting Lent.

Walk with Me

A booklet of thoughts for each day of Lent is on sale: £1.

Parish activities

- Monday **4th March** 8pm
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- Tuesday **5th March** 10.30 to 11.20am
Mothers Prayer Group in the Francis Room
- **Ash Wednesday 6th March**

**Masses with distribution of ashes
Chigwell 9.30am
St Thomas' 10.00am and 8pm**
- Wednesday **6th March** 7pm
Journey of Faith in the William Scott Room
- Wednesday, **6th March** at 8pm
CWL meeting
- Thursday **7th March** at 7.30pm
Confirmation Catechists
- Saturday, **9th March** at 10am
First Holy Communion, Group B

Sacred Heart Companions

Will be meeting on Monday, the 4th of March 2019 at 2.00pm at Chigwell Convent. All are welcome.

Certificates of Practice

Fr Quentin will be signing certificates of catholic practice on 18th March at 7pm

Lent Lunch

In the Becket centre on Tuesday's in lent starting on **Tuesday 12th March and each Tuesday thereafter until 16th April 2019 12.15pm to 1.30pm.** £3 for a homemade soup and bread. Monies raised will go to support Marys' Meals to feed school children in Haiti. All welcome.

Lost Property

Items which have been handed into the Parish office will be placed in the Porch this weekend. There are jackets, shoes, books etc. Any unclaimed items will then be disposed of.

Sunday teas

We need a couple of people to help serve tea after 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be on a rota so you will only be needed once in 9 weeks. You would be in a team of 3 so you won't be alone. Please contact Pat Bell 02085044577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com Thank you.

10am Mass Music Group

The Music Group would welcome more singers. Experience is not essential, simply the ability to sing in tune. The commitment is not too much as we have a quick practice upstairs twice a month after Mass. Please speak to one of us after Mass to find out more about it or contact Pat on 85042017

Repository

Come in after Mass and see the fresh display in your Repository. We now have Easter greetings cards, Easter Mass cards and a wide variety of suitable gifts for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May. Plus all the regular cards, missals, bibles rosaries and statues.

Rosary beads. Thank you

The Catenians have passed on their thanks for your excellent support in the recent donation of rosary beads.

Church Cleaning & new Rota

Thursday 7th March at 9am

Agnieska Tsang, Dorota Marcewicz, Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis & Maureen Chubb

The cleaning rota for the period April to September 2019 is available in the Flower Room. Please collect a copy.

Film "Unplanned"

The incredible film Unplanned will be showing in St. Anne Line Parish Hall, 7 Grove Crescent, E18 2JR on Saturday **9th March** starting at 4pm. It tells the story on Abby Johnson and her journey to become a leading voice for life and women in crisis.

SVP Collection after Masses

There will be an SVP collection after all masses this weekend to support local people in need.

Community sponsorship update

We are very pleased to announce that with the support of our parishioners, we have found a house tenancy for a refugee family. We hope to welcome the family to Redbridge within the next 2 months. We now need to prepare the house for their arrival, so if you would like to donate any items or are able to offer some time or services please email gemmaourdillon3@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Diocese vacancy

Buildings Development Officer, further details will be available shortly on the Diocesan Website or can be requested by calling 01277 265284.