

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Joan Bright

Anniversaries:

Brother Damian Glenny OFM,
Pauline O'Shea, Stephanie Walsh,
Stanley Stringer, William Wright,
Paul Zupan, Pamela Taylor.

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.

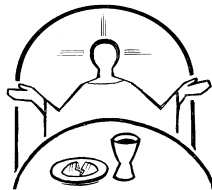
SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

St. Thomas'
10.30am - 11.30am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Chigwell Convent
After 10am Mass
BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

Reviewing the sick list

As we approach the summer school break period we will be removing all names from the sick list. If you would like a name to be included for September 2019 onwards please email—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

First Holy Communion 2019



Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 6th September at 10am. Application will **Not** be accepted after this date.

Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.

Summer Activities

A leaflet about summer activities for children is available at the back of Church.



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 14th July 2019 Sea Sunday

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

Today we hear the parable of the good Samaritan; from the earliest times Jesus has been recognised as the supreme good Samaritan.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses reminds the people that the Lord has revealed his law, so that God's word is very close to us.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus is "first-born of all creation"; all else is in him, through him and for him. Peace has come through the shedding of his blood.

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

In the parable of the good Samaritan Jesus teaches us that our neighbour is whoever stands in need of our help

Responsorial Psalm

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

E-Newsletter

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



Parish Annual meeting

I hope you will come to the meeting today shortly after the end of the 11.30 Mass. Large changes lie ahead. It is better to anticipate what is needed and to take an active part in shaping the future of our part of the Brentwood Diocese, than simply to wait till others decide. So far the discussions about a partnership between our 3 parishes have shown a desire to cooperate. Certainly there is a sense that it is you the lay people who have to make the decisions. An amalgamation into one seems neither possible nor desirable. Instead we are three families, not in competition or desire to dominate, but rather to work in harmony and mutual help.

Key to this future is our Parish Council and its Finance Committee. You have seen a brief summary of the achievement of the past year. What lies ahead can be invigorating to those who take part. Possibly depressing to those who take no share in fashioning it.

Safety for all

You have read or heard of the dire report from IICSA on the record of Birmingham Archdiocese and not exonerating Cardinal Nichols' performance. We think we have done all possible, but still the warning comes out: Not enough. Our parish provision is good. I thank Claire Nairne and Emma Smith for their vigilance and much work in providing DBS clearances. Claire is now moving to headship of a school in Higham's Park and so we are looking for someone to take over her task. Any offers?

Parish activities

- Monday **15th July at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- Sunday **21st July at 10am Mass**
Children Liturgy, Reception & Year 1 children welcome.

Mass On-line

Will be recorded on 27th of July at 6pm.

Forthcoming Events

12/13th Oct	24 hour Adoration
23rd Nov	Christmas Fayre

Fire alarm practice

Two Sundays past the congregation at 11.30am met an unexpected conclusion to the mass. Invited to remain in their seats, all were given explicit instructions on how they should empty the church in case of an emergency. The alarm bells should have then sounded, but did not. Nonetheless, all obeyed the verbal order to depart in silence, rapidly without taking possessions especially cumbersome buggies. They acted splendidly, vacating the church and assembling at the appointed post within 90 seconds. Do notice please how well the Parish Council is looking after you. Immense work has been done, at some expense to ensure we are compliant with all health and safety regulations.

Monday teas after 10am Mass

We have piloted two successful Monday teas after 10am Mass with parishioners and Friars enjoying the atmosphere and a relaxing catch up. We will look to start this in September on the first Monday of each month and see how it develops.

We would like to take this forward on a more regular basis from September onwards and are looking for volunteers to join in on a rota basis. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in assisting.

USHERS / STEWARDS AT 10AM SUNDAY MASS

We are looking for families to help out at 10am mass. The commitment is once every 6 weeks welcoming people, handing out service sheets, conducting the Offertory collection, etc. A really good way of meeting new people and getting the children involved in the mass. Guidance given. Please contact David Underwood at davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com

Vacancy at St Anthony's

TA/LSA with Early years experience to work with our children across the school. Please visit the website for more information.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 11th, 18th & 25th September. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 18th July at 10.30am

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

We are still looking for two more helpers to join the rota for Friday 9am - commitment will be no more than once a month at the most.

St Thomas Football Team

We are looking for under 7s upwards to under 14s both boys and girls to join our teams. Running for just over 20 years and still one of the most respected clubs in our league. We try to do things correctly all the time so no room for ego's. For further details or just a chat contact chairman@stcyfc.com or 07855170256

Franciscan vocation

Interested in the Franciscan way of life? Perhaps God may be inviting you to know more about the Franciscan vocation of a Franciscan Friar, Sister, Lay member?

If so, contact: vocations@friar.org

Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

Will celebrate Mass and lead a Rosary Prayer Procession from St Thomas of Canterbury Church to Russel Road, Buckhurst Hill, on **Saturday 20th July**. Mass starts at **9am**—full details on the poster in the Church porch. Please do your best to come along and support Bishop Thomas.