

## 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, Tony Daws, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Robert Fernandez, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Margaret 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, Rita Watkins & David Woodward.

**Anniv:** Anastasia Barfoot, Bruno Celaschi, John Golden, Mary Spillane, Pauline White, Iris Witchell.

**Lately Dead:** Glenn Galibardy, Michael McHugh, Willie O'Brien, & John Reardon

## 15TH WOODFORD GUIDES

Can you help? We need two people to come and work with the girls and leaders on Friday night during term time. If you can help please contact Janet Morris on 07803 810666.

### 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

## SAFEGUARDING and THE WEB

In order to uphold safeguarding principles the IT & Communications Team at St Thomas' would urge all those parishioners who have group or ministerial organisation responsibilities to check their individual & group details on the parish website. Please ensure these are accurate & appropriate. If any changes need to be made please email [webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org)

## St David's Day Concert in Aid of the Passage a charity working with homeless people.

In the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, SW1H 9NH on Thursday 1 March @ 7.30pm with the London Welsh Male Voice Choir & soloists Rebecca Evans & Gary Griffiths. Tickets are £20 for full details call 0207 592 1856 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

## Fairtrade Fortnight 26 Feb—11 March 2018

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair it can improve the lives of farmers & workers who grow our food, but don't earn enough to feed their families. Next Sunday children will be invited to the Becket Centre after 10.00am mass to collect a free Fairtrade banana. A cup of Fairtrade tea & coffee supplied by Waitrose, Buckhurst Hill will be available for parents.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY  
Woodford Green

A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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## 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Cycle B

25th February 2018

God our Father sent his Son into the world for the benefit of us all. St Paul tells us today. We are invited to listen to him and to allow his words to transform us. Let us give thanks to God for such boundless loving kindness.

### First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Abraham's faith is tested. God showers blessings on him.

### Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

God our Father has given us all that is most precious by sending his Son. We stand acquitted - God is on our side.

### Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

At the transfiguration, the identity of Jesus is revealed. But the meaning of his identity is something the disciples still struggle to grasp.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

## FAMILY FAST DAY

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND

## 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.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Great news! Just as I had despaired of the possibility of continuing the Summer Fair this year, a brave volunteer has offered to organise it. The date will shortly be settled. The Parish Council agreed that on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June we will celebrate Mass in the garden. The usual Masses in St Thomas on that Sunday will not happen in church. Instead we will all meet as one parish to celebrate Mass together and end with a picnic. Any more good ideas to bring us together, and with fun?

## PAPER NEWSLETTER

I think there were problems with the printer last weekend. The result was a severe shortage of newsletters at the Sunday masses in St Thomas. We will try to find a remedy. But it shows all the more how fortunate we are with our renewed parish website. Many are now downloading their own copy of the weekly information or reading it online. Also finding about all that is happening in the parish. My thanks to the IT staff.

## LENT DISCUSSION

Last Wednesday you missed a brilliant presentation of how different our life will be in 2025 from the present. Where in this is our faith? What sort of church, which of its present practices will then be fit for purpose? The discussions ranged widely and raised unexpected questions and thoughts. I hope more will come on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March to continue the search. What needs to change in SToC? Is it true that families are diverging from the Institutional church? We did come back to the importance of families, and of giving them the support they need. Not surprisingly we came back to Pope Francis..

## MEMORIAL CONCERT

### To celebrate the life of Shelia Ferrari, former head of Avon House School

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at All Saints Church, Woodford. Past and present students of Avon House will be participating in memory of a wonderful lady - ALL WELCOME

## LENTEN LUNCHES

This year's Lenten lunches continue weekly until 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12.15 to 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup and French bread and meet with other parishioners and friends from other



Churches in the area – still only £3! This will be the ninth year we have run these lunches and over that time we have raised over £12,000 for Mary's Meals, a charity which ensures that children in dire circumstances in various parts of the world, have one good meal a day.

## 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.

## HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Next meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Maureen's house.

## TUESDAY CLUB

Jennifer Plummer is back on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Always interesting, she'll tell us about 'Nursery Rhymes'. Everyone welcome to the Becket Centre at 2pm, but you could combine it with some Lenten soup!

## CHURCH CLEANING

9am Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Susanna Barnoin & Jack Edwards



New rotas available at the back of church.

## Woman's World Day of Prayer Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Service at 2.15pm at Salvation Army, 26 Daisy Road, Sth Woodford, E18 1EA  
Service at 6pm at Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead, E11 2TL

## YOGA at the Becket Centre

Meditation walk/run followed by yoga stretching - Weds 7.30pm - 9pm All levels  
Hatha Yoga class 1 - 2 pm All levels  
Gentle/chair yoga 2-3pm—small donation to the church. Contact Claudia 07973 122 322

## Catholic Fellowship Quiz

In Trinity School Hall, Upper Site (Morningson Road) at 7.30pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. £10 includes Ploughman's Supper. Please bring your own drinks.  
ALL WELCOME

## IN TOUCH

Please send your contributions for the Easter edition by the end of February. This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> year of the 'kinder transport' if you have any friends or relatives with a story to contribute, please contact the editor by email editor@myintouch.co.uk

## CHRISTMAS MASSES SURVEY

An extra mass was added to our Christmas Eve programme last year. We would ask you to complete a small survey to give us some feedback on this (look for the Surveys tab on the website homepage). Please give us your opinions: we hope to get a big response which we will analyse & use to help plan for this coming Christmas.

## TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available:  
**Science Technician** 36 Hours per week  
**Head of Psychology & Sociology** with TLR Sept 2018  
**Teacher of English** maternity cover p/t 0.4 FTE MPS needed ASAP  
**Teacher of Mathematics with Computing**  
Full details on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net>

## St Antony's Nursery Applications

Children whose date of birth is between 01.09.2014 & 31.08.2015 can now apply for the school year 2018/2019. Those children born between 01.09.2015 & 31.12.2015 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the school website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/)  
**Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Fr Quentin will arrange further opportunities for issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice before the closing date for applications - dates to be advised.**

## LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL

Is looking to appoint an Early Years Co-Ordinator/Teacher to start in Sept 2018  
Closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please visit the school website for full details. [www.loyola.essex.sch.uk](http://www.loyola.essex.sch.uk)

## PETER SHERLOCK

Is celebrating 10 years of being legless by walking 10K for Sarcoma Cancer.  
Sponsorship invited at [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) (type in Peter Sherlock)

## CAKE SALE

There is a cake sale after 10.00am mass today to raise money for CAFOD.

## GLASSES AND KEYS

Left in church & carpark—please contact the Parish Office.