

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

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### **Sick Clergy—Second Collection**

There will be a second collection after masses on Sunday 7th June

### **Open Air Mass**

**Sunday, 14th June at 11.30am**

This has now become one of the most enjoyable gatherings of in our Parish calendar. There will be just the one mass that day, **no** 8.30am or 10am mass will take place.

### **Companions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary.**

Next meeting will take place at Chigwell convent on the 8th June.

### **Mass Intentions**

Did you know you can now request Mass intentions online? It's a simple way to honour loved ones, offer prayers, or mark special moments from the comfort of home. Please visit the Parish website for more details at [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org).

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday Mass in the Becket Centre

10am Chigwell Convent

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

10am St Thomas'  
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on Saturday's when mass takes place at 10am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am  
and 5.15 to 5.45 pm

### **BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

Parents who have completed May's baptism course please contact the parish office to confirm when you would like to book your Baptism if you have not already done so. June course dates to be released soon.

### **SUMMER FETE**

Summer fete on the 11th of July, 12-4pm. If you would like to have a stall, please contact Avril on [avril.leary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:avril.leary@yahoo.co.uk). We would welcome any donations of prizes for the raffle.

### **UNDER 5's**

St Thomas under 5's group is running every Tuesday & Wednesday morning at 9.30am—11am term time only.

### **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams**

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price £799.00 per person  
Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### **St Vincent De Paul Society**

Are you in urgent need – financial or other? Call us on 07547 491067 and leave a message. We will call you back



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### **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) SUNDAY, 31ST MAY**

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

Today, Trinity Sunday, celebrates our God who always was, is and will be for ever, who calls us into a loving relationship which is beyond anything we can imagine

### **First Reading** Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

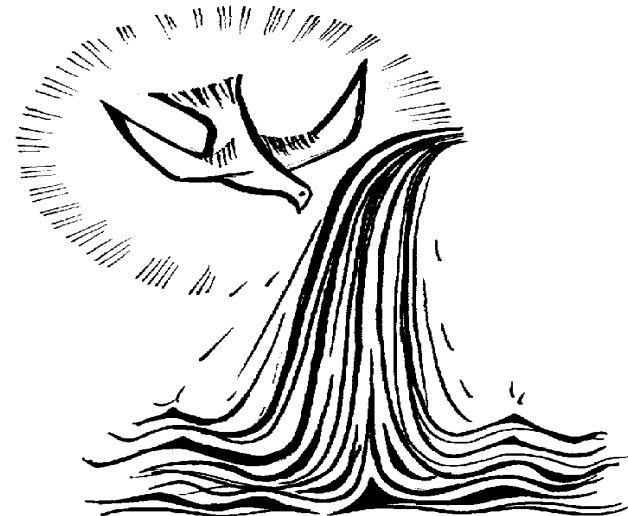
Moses encounters God on Mount Sinai, as a God of mercy, love and faithfulness.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

### **Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

If we try to live in love and harmony, the God of love and peace will be with us.



## THE POPE SPEAKS OF THE VALUE OF SPORT

Being a “good sport” is more important than winning or not. Saint John Paul II – himself, as we know, a sportsman – put it this way: “Sport is joy of life, a game, a celebration. As such, it must be fostered... by recovering its sheer gratuity, its ability to forge bonds of friendship, to encourage dialogue and openness towards others... quite apart from the harsh laws of production and consumption and all other purely utilitarian and hedonistic approaches to life”.

From this standpoint, let us reflect on three particular things that make sport, nowadays, a precious means for training in human and Christian virtues.

First, in a society marked by *solitude*, where radical individualism has shifted the emphasis from “us” to “me”, resulting in a deficit of real concern for others, sport – especially team sports – teaches the value of cooperating, working together and sharing. These, as we said, are at the very heart of God’s own life (cf. *Jn* 16:14-15). Sport can thus become an important means of reconciliation and encounter: between peoples and within communities, schools, workplaces and families.

Second, in an increasingly *digital society*, where technology brings distant people closer together, yet often creates distances between those who are physically close, sport proves a valuable and concrete means of bringing individuals together, providing a healthier sense of the body, of space, effort and real time. It counters the temptation to escape into virtual worlds and it helps to preserve a healthy contact with nature and with real life, where genuine love is experienced (cf. *1 Jn* 3:18).

Third, in our *competitive society*, where it seems that only the strong and winners deserve to live, sport also teaches us how to lose. It forces us, in learning the art of losing, to confront one of the deepest truths of our human condition: our fragility, our limitations and our imperfections.

This is important, because it is through the experience of these limits that we open our hearts to hope. Athletes who never make mistakes, who never lose, do not exist. Champions are not perfectly functioning machines, but real men and women, who, when they fall, find the courage to get back on their feet. Saint John Paul II hit the mark when he said that Jesus is “the true athlete of God” because he defeated the world not by strength, but by the fidelity of love.

### Young Vinnies

Do you know of anyone in the parish or wider community who is housebound/unwell/isolated who would like to receive a door step call from the Young Vinnies with a basket of good wishes and gifts to be received the weekend 13/14 June. Please email Louise to express an interest/for more information on [louise.cherry5@gmail.com](mailto:louise.cherry5@gmail.com)

The team are also undertaking a 15km walk from Stratford to the Ugandan embassy for a charity we have links to, who provide accomodation, food and education for children (and their parent) from disadvantaged backgrounds undergoing cancer treatment. Please see the link below for more information or if you would like to support the cause



### **\*\* LAST CHANCE \*\* Items for Disposal**

As a result of the Henrietta Suite refurbishment, there are a number of items to dispose of to good homes, either for a small donation or for nothing. Items not collected after this weekend will be disposed of.

### Parish AGM

The Parish AGM will take place in the Clare room at **7.30pm on Wednesday, 1st. July.**

**Nomination forms** can be found on our website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org).

### **\*\* HELP NEEDED \*\***

SVP are looking to help a parishioner with mowing their lawn. If anyone can assist, please email the parish office in the first instance. Many thanks



## Mass Intentions

May 31st - 7th June

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

8.30am - Linda Newton recovery  
10am - Anne McShea RIP  
11.30am - Molly Charles RIP

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

John Potter RIP  
Chigwell - Sr Bernadette Ward

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Colin Mitchell RIP  
Chigwell - Sr Lorna Walsh

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

C.W.L  
Chigwell - Intentions of Chigwell community

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Henry Hegarty  
Peg Carrig RIP

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Fr Henry McLaughlin sick  
Mar Rogan birthday

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

10am - Frank O'Malley anniversary  
6pm - Joseph Kearney RIP

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

8.30am - Damian Polanski anniversary  
10am - Jim Purcell RIP  
11.30am - Mary Moriarty

**Church Cleaning**  
**Saturday, 6th June at 10.30am**  
Kathleen Mahoney, Bernie Siggins,  
Rhiannon Blackwell

### **Trinity Vacancies**

Teacher of Science F/T or P/T, Permanent, Sept 26  
Teacher of RE, F/T, Permanent, Sept 26  
HoD Psychology and Sociology, F/T, Permanent, Sept 26. For more information please go to [www.tchs.org.uk](http://www.tchs.org.uk)

### **\*\* Seniors' Afternoon Tea Party \*\***

On Friday 19 June, students at Trinity Catholic High School are hosting an Afternoon Tea Party for the elderly in our local community. They are working on a project that targets loneliness and isolation among the elderly and would very much like to bring our communities together to bridge the generations.

They will be serving finger sandwiches, a selection of cakes, and a Cornish Cream Tea, along with a glass of Prosecco and teas and coffees. There will also be music, a free raffle, and a fun quiz. If you would like to attend on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June a in the Ratcliffe Hall, Trinity Catholic High School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green IG8 0TP between 2.30-5.30 pm.

**RSVP: By Friday 5 June** to Mrs Nicola Anthony Tel: 020 8504 3419 Email: [nanthony@tchs.org.uk](mailto:nanthony@tchs.org.uk)

### **\*\* QUIZ NIGHT \*\***

Please support the 43rd EFS Scouting group fund raising event by booking a place at the Quiz night at the Beckett Centre on Saturday 6th June 2026. Doors open 7.15pm. Quiz starts 7.45pm. Tickets cost £10 per person and teams of up to 8 people. We have organised a prize raffle on the night and a bar with drinks and snacks to purchase too. For bookings please contact [43rd.efs.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:43rd.efs.scouts@gmail.com) Put your knowledge to the test and support a great cause