

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

Mary Hayle and Gloria Cory, Michele Caffrey

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**May they rest in peace**

### Anniversaries:

Rose McGranaghan, Mary Kelly, Norman Chappell, Rose Moore, James Graham, Edward Craft, Pasqua Parsons, Leila Du Veaux, John Gavin, John Dunbar, Hazel Dutta, Bernarda Sekolec, Margaret Mead, Anthony Murphy, Francis Quinn.

### 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

## Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are:

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording in the future (no technical knowledge is required) then please email [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)  
To view mass online - go to our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org)  
Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

### 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](mailto:vocations@friar.org)

### Newsletter by email

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)  
Your email address will be held securely.  
**NB** -If you experience any difficulties with receiving the newsletter please let us know.



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter Cycle C

**5th May 2019**

The risen Lord asks for our love and accepts what we can offer. In his compassion and human understanding, he gives us space and time to grow in grace.

**First Reading** Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Peter and the apostles refuse to give up preaching the Gospel.

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 5:11-14

John opens a window into the mysterious glory and worship of heaven.

**Gospel** John 21:1-19

Peter is asked to love Jesus in a deep and sacrificial way.

### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord you have rescued me.



### Roof tiling

You see signs that the replacement of most of our tiles has started. Those on Friary and 3 chapels are the originals from the 1880s. Many are cracked: the last time the roofers were up there they stuck sticky tape on at least 40 that were letting rain in. Sticky tape does not last long. The **Parish Office will be closed** for access on 8th & 9th May. However, phone calls and emails will still be dealt with on these days.

### Mass and picnic

On Sunday **2<sup>nd</sup> June** there will be no mass in St Thomas church. Instead we will gather in the garden for a mass there in which the whole parish can share. And then we hope you will bring picnics to share. It was a huge success last year. Can we do even better this time? The music group spent 8 hours last Saturday practicing for their part. I am most grateful to them. Illness has struck two of their members. Please pray for them – they have given us so much. And new members much needed and welcome to join.

### Sri Lanka

We are praying for our persecuted and suffering brothers and sisters in that country. The mass at Chigwell next Saturday will be offered for the victims of the outrage so that we can make a corporate gesture of solidarity with them.

### The Easter Garden

Our church is particularly beautiful through Eastertide richly enhanced by the flower specialists. I hope you have seen the tomb with its stone rolled away. It speaks of a parish of great talents and even greater generous dedication to our community, its prayer-life good works and needs.

### Parish activities

- Tuesday, **7th May at 10.30am**  
**Mother Prayer Group**  
William Scott Room
- Wednesday, **9th May by 7pm**  
**Soup Run**  
Please leave donations of food and casual clothes in the Becket Centre
- Thursday, **9th May at 7.30pm**  
**Bereavement Group** will meet in the William Scott Room upstairs. Please ring Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting.
- Thursday, **9th May at 7.15pm**  
Confirmation programme
- Saturday, **11th May at 11.30am**  
First Holy Communion Mass
- Sunday, **12th of May at 1.15pm**  
leaving Sydney Road  
Confirmation Group Rite of Acceptance in Brentwood

### Forthcoming Events

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| • 13th May      | Parish Council  |
| • 2nd June      | Outdoor Mass    |
| • 29th June     | Summer Fete     |
| • 14th July     | Annual Meeting  |
| • 23rd November | Christmas Fayre |

### Fire alarm testing

A reminder that this will take place normally on Wednesdays at 11am.

### Gift Aid Statement 2018-2019

Please email the Parish Office if you would like to receive a gift aid statement for the financial year 2018-2019 - [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org)

### Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS - 22 June

This year's walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 22nd June. We gather at Becket Centre for registration at 9.30am and set off on the walk at about 10am, returning at 2.30pm for refreshments kindly prepared by our friends at CWL. The walk is suitable for ALL ages. Families are welcomed.

Please text David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more details and for registration and sponsorship forms.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are no longer able to offer Children Liturgy for **Reception Children**. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, Children Liturgy Will be for **Year 1 and Year 2 only**.

#### Please Note:

If anyone feels they are able to take over the running and recruitment of the **Reception Children Liturgy** please contact the Parish Office.

### Baptism Course

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday each month. First time parents will need to attend a course. Forms can be found on the website or are available by contacting the Parish Office—[parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org). The dates for the next course are 12th, 19th & 26th June at 8pm.

### Food Bank

*All Saints Church* is a collection point for the Redbridge Food Bank. Please take non-perishable food - but also toiletries, cleaning materials etc: anything the Food Bank users would appreciate. Donations can be taken to the Atrium behind *All Saints Church* between 08:30 and 14:30 any school day.

### Church Cleaning

#### Thursday 9th May at 9am

Kathleen Mahoney, Emily Hannon, Shmila Charles and Iwona Moreno

### St Antony's Vacancy

The Governing Body of St. Antony's Catholic Primary School wishes to appoint a SENCO to work with our children across the school.

Application form and job description available [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies) and return by post or email [admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk)

### Trinity Vacancy

Science Technician, a P/T Teacher of Geography, P/T 0.7FTE, Fixed Term, Teacher of Religious Studies & a HR Manager  
Please visit the schools website for more details.

### Summer Fete - Country Dancing

Country Dancing is set to continue for the Fete on the 29th June. It will be run by parents with Gabby Wright coordinating dance routines. Should you wish your child to be involved lessons will be held in the Becket Centre starting Sunday, 19th May at 2pm. It is open to children from the Parish aged 4 from Nursery to Year 2. Email [ainewood4@gmail.com](mailto:ainewood4@gmail.com)

### The Year of Luke

Fr Adrian Graffi will be with us on Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to share his knowledge of St Luke and his contribution to the bible. His 2 lectures will help us take in the Sunday readings from St Luke for the rest of this year. He offers a valuable help to nourish our prayer life. Please use it by coming to both lectures.  
The Scripture prayer group are encouraged to attend Fr. Graffi's Talks.