

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Lately dead:

Margaret Russell

Joe Malott

Peg McCarthy

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Mary Babbage, Daphny Bromboszcz, Anna Mozejko, Partrick Murphy, Marjorie Byrne, Robert Girling, Alice Knock, Marianne West, Angela Carroll, Annette Ensom, Harold Poynter, Jacqueline Reilly, Franjo Sekolec, Kathleen Smith, Margaret(Nuala) Hancock, Sister Rose Maguire, Cornelius O'Callaghan, James Woskett, George Oriss, Rosa Wheeler, Gillian Doherty, Clara Farley, Peter Marsh, Katherine McMahon, Teresa Tyner, Theresa Zechmeister, Ellen Dye, Witold Korkiewicz, John Murphy.

## New arrangements for booking to attend a Mass

Bookings are essential for the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 9am & 11am Masses on Sunday. It is a similar process to booking theatre/cinema tickets, except no payment will be required!

The link is open now for bookings:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124524627513> - Saturday Masses  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124234894915> - Sunday Masses

If you have problems with the online booking, you can still email/phone the Parish Office.

Should a Mass be seen as "sold out" online please contact the Parish Office to see if there is still space available.

### St Thomas of Canterbury Mass Times

**We now have facilities for you to use  
the NHS track & trace app**

**Monday** Evening Mass at 7pm

**Tuesday** Closed

**Wednesday** Mass at 10am  
followed by the Rosary

**Thursday** Closed

**Friday** Mass at 10am

**Saturday** Mass at 10am  
**6pm** a booking for the evening mass  
must be made

**Sunday** Mass at 9am & 11am  
Bookings must be made



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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 25th October 2020

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

Today we hear about God's beautiful commandment of love. We are instructed to love God and our neighbour. Let us learn about God's generous love and consider ways to be more loving ourselves and as a parish community.

### First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

An instruction to look after strangers and avoid exploiting those who are poor.

### Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith and love of God, and their good example for others.

### Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus teaches that we are called to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**I love you, Lord, my strength**

LOVE  
IS  
the  
greatest  
1 Cor. 13:13

## Belonging

Is a most important subject. From the moment of birth you teach your children they belong to you, to your family. As they grow up the football team to which they pledge allegiance looms large. But what comes first is our belonging to church through a parish. That is why we come together each week to bond and deepen our sense of living in this community which identifies us. A catholic is not defined as one who goes to mass on a Sunday. Rather it is one who joins regularly with others to form and express their belonging together as we worship God.

## When?

Social distancing means there is not room for all to come each Sunday. There are other opportunities through the week. Each week we have 7 masses, thanks to our office staff and the stewards who conduct you and thoroughly clean all surfaces after every use. They have devised ways to keep you safe and comfortable. On-line booking for Saturday evening and Sunday makes it easier for all. Stewards can use the seating available more completely. On nearly all occasions there has been room for more. So do not hold back. And bring the children. With good spacing we can accommodate about 400 over the weekend.

## Restoration

Preliminary work has started. Behind the friary this week something like a space station mushroomed on the grass. They were clearing out old asbestos to enable engineers to work safely in the boiler room. Their safety procedures are a good lesson to us in how to behave safely in the covid climate.

## Streaming

All services in our church are now streamed and so accessible through the parish website. In addition you can make a virtual visit to the church and Blessed Sacrament at all daylight hours. If you wish you can join us friars at morning prayer each day at 7.45. At 6 pm we say evening prayer with exposition for half an hour. You will not hear us as we are in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. It can be some comfort to see what is happening and know you are all included in our communal prayer.

## FMU Yellow collection boxes



At this time of year there is normally a second collection for world mission day. This year we would like to invite parishioners who wish to, to take home a yellow FMU collection box. You can return it at your convenience. Many thanks for your continuing support to our missions.

## Trinity Vacancy

P/T Teacher of Mathematics

Please visit the school website for more information

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday 25th October**

People of parish  
Arthur Morris RIP  
Tony Keane RIP  
Jim Gaffney RIP

### **Monday 26th October**

Funeral Mary Zappa  
Mary O'Leary RIP  
Martin Kivineen

### **Tuesday 27th October**

Frank Fitzpatrick RIP  
Petrina Stubbings  
Chigwell community

### **Wednesday 28th October**

Margaret Russell RIP  
John Potter RIP  
Leadership Team

### **Thursday 29th October**

Padraig Butler RIP  
Thank Christina Saw  
Trinity intentions

### **Friday 30th October**

Malcolm Zetter RIP  
Sr Mary Mangan  
Maurice Carroll v ill

### **Saturday 31st October**

Toni Judd RIP  
Michael Ryan RIP

### **Sunday 1st November— All Saints**

People of the parish  
Arthur Morris RIP  
Pierina Kavanagh recovery

## ICHTUS

Is available on our website, it aims to help you discuss with your child the readings at the Sunday masses.



## Confirmation Programme 2021

We are pleased to invite year 10 students who would like to register to join our 2021 confirmation programme to complete the registration form which can be found on our website. The closing date for applications is 6th November 2020 at 1.30pm.

## Gift Aid

We are as always grateful for your generosity through donations and Gift Aid. Please be advised that if your tax status has changed and you do not pay tax any more, let us know as soon as it is convenient. The best way is to email Parish Office on [parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Don't forget The clocks go back this weekend

