

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Mary Ryder

We extend our sympathy and prayers to her family, May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mary Snares, Winnie McLaughlin, Sister Gemma Rafferty, Patricia Kalinaukas, Sr Mary Keane, Michael O'Neill, Hannah Waite, James Farrell, Madelaine Crafer, Pholop Parchment, Donald Copping, Elizabeth Bermingham, Julian Roja-Figueiredo, Ernesto Loiacono.

Mass Online

The next masses that we intend to record are:

6pm Saturday 23rd / 30th March

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

Newsletter by email

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or mail parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org Your email address will be held securely. **NB** – If you experience any difficulties with receiving the newsletter please let us know.

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app – available on Android and iOS.

Steward of the Gospel

Latest news on Parish Partnership visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward

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



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2nd Sunday in Lent Cycle C

17th March 2019

Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor, an earnest of future glory. A voice from heaven tells the disciples that Jesus is the Father's Chosen One.

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

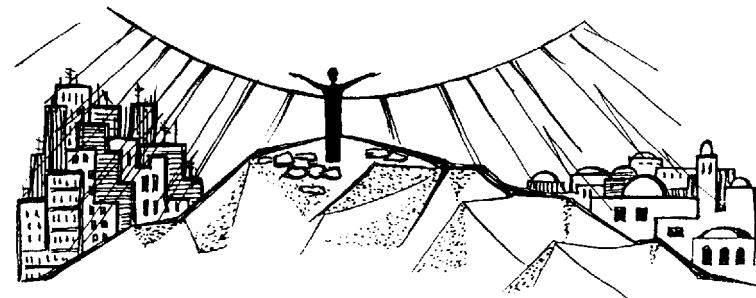
Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured and the disciples hear a voice from heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help



Major refurbishment of Church, Becket and Friary

It has been much talked about, but we now have a starting date for the first of several major works to bring our buildings up to a reasonable standard. On April 29th the scaffolding poles will arrive heralding a start to replacing the whole roof.

Without delay we need to assemble a team to raise the necessary funds to pay for it. Our parish is bursting with expertise of various kinds. I know for instance of several Event Organisers, but there are many varieties of ingenious ways of funding good causes. You have the know-how. If you are willing to contribute your skills and energy to help with the work, will you please tell Quentin asap? St Thomas Parish needs you, urgently. More detail will appear shortly.

Brexit

Genesis ch 11 1-9 is a good comment on where we are today. I hope we will learn the lesson as we seek to shape the future of our Diocese – and parish...

Family Fast Day

I hope you remembered last Friday to choose some self-discipline. And today to bring the money you saved thereby for CAFOD to care for the major crying needs in the world. And if you did not manage it your money for the final collection will still be good.

**Don't forget our Lenten Lunches
each Tuesday in the Becket centre**

Parish activities

- Monday 18th **March** 7pm
Fr Quentin will be available to sign Practising certificates
- Tuesday, **19th March** 12.15pm
Lenten Lunches £3.00 which will be sent to support Mary's meals
- Wednesday, **20th March** 7pm
Journey of Faith
William Scott Room
- Wednesday, **20th March** 9pm
Baptism Course
Assisi Room
- Thursday, **21st March** 7.30pm
Confirmation Catechists
William Scott Room
- Saturday, **23rd March** 10am
First Holy Communion
Group B

Stations of the Cross

We advertised Stations of the Cross to be conducted each Friday of Lent after the 10.00 Mass and at 8pm. It failed to happen on the first Friday. I hope the responsibility has been taken up by now. It is a most Franciscan devotion. We look at Jesus, his tormentors and his friends and reflect on what he has given us. We grow thereby to be more compassionate, sensitive to the Holy Spirit working in each.

Across Jumbulance Quiz

Sat 30th March in the Beckett Centre
7.30 for 8.00 p.m.
Entry £5.00 Tables of 8 to 10
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
To book ring Sheila on 0208 504 3839

Lent 2019

Lent: a preparation for Easter

We look forward to giving the sacrament of baptism on Easter night to one "catechumen" and receiving two others already baptised into full communion of our church. Together with several hundred from other parishes seeking to join our church they were welcomed last Sunday by the bishop in the Rite of Election. It was good to see so many, not fazed or deterred by the problems and bad publicity of abuse, but eager to become part of our church.

Lent is a period of more intense preparation for these who have travelled the Journey of Faith for many months. Our duty is to ease their way into full catholic practice. They have learned much but that is the less necessary part. They need you to give them the feel of the family. Of all of us who support each other in many ways, and go out to meet all manner of human distress and need in practicing our faith. We of the parish are alongside them in using Lent to renew our prayer and practice, as God "takes out of our bodies the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel) All the constituent groups and services of the parish need new blood. Draw them in.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Evening prayer and Exposition. Monday
to Friday 6 to 6.30pm

Church Cleaning

Thursday 21st March at 9am.

Kathleen Mahoney, Emily Hannon,
Sheila Charles, Iwona Moreno.

Offerings

• **Envelopes for 2019—20120**

If you make your weekly offering to us by envelope, please collect your box for the coming financial year from the back of the church after mass or alternatively form the parish office..

• **Register to use envelopes in future**

If any parishioner would like to start using an envelope for their offering there are some spare boxes and a gift aid declaration to complete. Please speak to a member of the Parish Team or email the parish office for more information.

• **Make a gift aid declaration**

If your offering comes to the church via the bank you can also help us increase contributions by completing a gift aid declaration.. More information is available from the Parish Office.

Trinity vacancy

Trinity School is looking for a **Teacher of Geography. More information is available on the school website** <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> for more details

Chigwell Convent Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner in Chigwell Convent 3 days per week for a total of 12 hours. Please contact Chigwell Convent on 02085060329 for a job description. Email: chigwellconvent@sacredheartsjm.org