

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mass On-line

6pm Saturday 28th September

Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.

Rosary Prayer

Every weekday after 10am Mass during the month of October. Everyone is welcome to join!

Certificates of Practice

Please note that Fr Quentin will be available to sign certificates of practice for school applications on

October 7th 3-4pm,
October 8th 7-8pm
October 15th 3-4pm

Don't forget for Davenant applications a family photo is required, which will only be returned if a stamped address envelope is provided.

Lately dead:

Frank Hampshire (former teacher at Trinity - Funeral requiem St.Charles Boromeo, Ogle Street, London - Saturday 5th October 10am. Enquiries Eileen on 07775994363.

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Bernadette Mace, Phillis Friend, Brian Howes, Giovanna Clifford, John Morrill, Bertram Douglas, Mary Rycroft, Jacqueline Walsh. Sr. Mary Mason, Mark Fletcher, Fr. John Dockery, Alice Day, Sister Alberic O'Conner, Marion Page, Patricia Connolly, Ruth Vaz, Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, James O'Shea, Alistair Crewe, Nicki Crewe, Bridgett Kildea.

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 29th September 2019

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

Today's readings are not for the faint-hearted; they tell us that faith is of little value unless it is reflected in the way we live our lives.

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7
Amos condemns the people of Samaria who lounge comfortably on their couches while the nation is facing moral disaster.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Timothy is urged to live a Christian life of faith, love and patience, that he may be ready for the coming of Christ.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The ancient parable of the rich man who ignored his poverty-stricken neighbour speaks powerfully to the modern world

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord

Newsletter

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A BUSY WEEK AHEAD

Today Sunday: Sacrament of the sick
At **3 pm** today we bring to St Thomas the noble sick and housebound who sustain us constantly by their patient prayers. In a short mass they receive their special sacrament and then tea in the Becket. Please help anyone you can who will benefit from this mass.

Thursday:

10 am Funeral of Doreen Ritchie
Who in her lifetime has served us well in many roles: Teacher of music, Journey of Faith leader, JP musician and accompanist at the weekend vigil masses

Thursday: Transitus and Youth
At **7 pm** on Thursday we re-enact the dying hours of St Francis in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Then after refreshments in Becket Fr Dominic will help us plan action for our Young people in the 3 parishes of our partnership. He brings resources and enthusiasm from the Diocesan Youth Centre in Abbotswick. But we need you to help us put them to good use. Come and hear him.

Friday St Francis feast and Family Fast
Please take an envelope for CAFOD today, do some self-denial and put what you have saved in it for the collection in 2 weeks' time. But it is St Francis day and he, penitential man though he was would want us to celebrate. So we friars are doing our penance on Thursday and you may like to do it that way too.

Saturday Platinum Jubilees

Fr Austin and Fr Brian have just notched up 70 years of their Franciscan profession. At **12 noon** on Saturday 5th October we celebrate a mass with them – to congratulate them both and thank God for the service they have given to us friars, to many parishes but notably to ours. Do join us. No mass at 10am that day.

AND BEYOND

Friday-Saturday 11th-12th October 24 hours adoration

Still there are many empty slots on the lists committing you to a space of serious sitting with the Lord. We are helped when we pray in the company of others similarly engaged, even though it is in silence.

Children and Parents

On Saturday 12th October 2019 from 11 am to 12 pm it would be lovely if you could spare some time in that hour to visit The Blessed Sacrament with your children.

Sunday 13th October

Mass at 3.00 pm for the special children of the Catholic Fellowship which cares for them. Followed by tea in Becket.

Monday 14th October

Launch of the fund-raising venture to pay for the imminent refurbishment of our heating system, and other repairs. At **7.30 pm** we start with some drinks and modest sustenance lest the wine goes to your head. Then we will tell you where we are in undertaking the large renewal works that have already begun. We will be talking about how we will raise the money. Do not take fright. Already there has been a surge of enthusiasm expressed in hard pledges. Bring no money to this launch occasion! The challenge brings satisfaction.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 4th October

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us.

We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Fabiano, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive.

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Fabiano. Please collect your Fast Day envelope & prayer card from the church this weekend and give what you can.

Wedding Congratulations

To Christain & Lizeth and also to Mark & Lekeisha who were recently married at St Thomas's

Baptisms Congratulations



We welcome into the parish community Ivy Merry, Isabella Agathangelou, Stanley Melotta, Mia Sullivan, James Sullivan, Joshua Sullivan, Finnian Chere

Schneidmiller, Stella Schwedthelm Chere, Teddy Shannon, Araya Marday, Amha Marday, Henry Bright who were baptised at St Thomas' during September.

Trinity

Trinity sixth form still has a small number of vacancies. Contact the school for more information please send an email to sixthform@tchs.uk.net

Church Cleaning Thursday 3rd October 9am

Kathleen Mahoney, Iwona Moreno, Emily Hannon & Sheila Charles

The rota for October 2019 to March 2020 is available in the flower room. Please take a copy. If for any reason you cannot make the date allocated to you please let your team members know and/or organise a swap. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Can we ask the parishioners who donate using Gift Aid Envelopes **number 81 and 42** to provide the parish office with the Gift Aid Declaration forms (available at the back of the church), as currently we are not able to claim tax from HMRC on these donations. Thank you.

TELCO 2020 Mayoral Assembly

On April 21st 2020 the two candidates for Mayor of London, including Sadiq Khan will be on stage in front of 6,000 London Citizens including members of TELCO. We want to tackle low wages in our city and so are meeting on **1st of October from 5.30pm-7.30pm**. The venue is Ryley Factory, 33-35 Hoxton Square, London, N1 6PB. If you would like to influence policy to lift families out of working poverty please do join our meeting please contact Bernadette Bernadette.harris2013@gmail.com 07754477532.

Music at 10am Sunday Mass

The Music Group would like to invite anyone with musical skills whether singing or playing an instrument, to join the group. A new pianist would be especially welcome. Please see Chantelle after Mass or telephone Pat on 8504 2017 to discuss further.