

PRAY FOR THE SICK

New arrangements for booking to attend a Mass

As you know due to social distancing requirements, we have a maximum capacity for those attending each Mass, particularly the weekend masses. We now have an **online booking process**. This will be available each week until 11am on each Friday. 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.

When you arrive at Church on those days, the Stewards will direct you to a bench to accommodate the number of people in your booking.

If your personal circumstances change and you cannot attend the Mass, including the development of any cold like symptoms please cancel the place online as this will allow the seat to be allocated to another parishioner

Anniversaries:

Angela Douglas, Matthew Glendenning, Michael Lynch, Paul Julien, Georgina Mack, Frances McKeown, Constanza Bowman, Susan Gillespie, Sister Xavier Pitts, Maria Sell, Josephine Beutner, Jack Curtis, Timothy Godfrey, Patricia Graves, Leonard Knight, Gordon McCall, Bernard Palmer, Anthony Gibbs, Elisa Heredia, Barbara Maxwell, Aogan Tansey.

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) Sunday 18th October 2020

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

Jesus came to create a new society where there is no room for "them" and "us". God's love includes each one of us, regardless of our differences.



First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
God has called each of us by name.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Paul tells his Thessalonian congregation that he prays constantly for them.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21
Jesus' enemies tried to trap him with a question about whether or not to pay taxes. Whichever answer he gave could catch him out and lead to his ultimate downfall.

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and power

Ask and you will receive...

The Gospels are insistent on this duty. If we want to be rid of the virus we must ask, and ask persistently. A number came to church through the night of last Friday to Saturday to do just that. It was a small proportion of the whole parish. We who know the power of prayer have a clear duty to pray the pandemic away. I do however know the surge of prayer constantly going up from hundreds of parish homes, especially from those who are housebound and suffering. Keep it up.

Adoration

Still the church was well used through the 18 hours. First thanks must go to the stewards/cleaners who were there as always when the church is open, keeping us all safe. I thank the organisers: Paul, Bernadette and especially the office staff; Clare for the flowers and Cathy for the beautiful prayer board. There you saw the prayer cards gathered from children and others to make it a genuine communal act of prayer. The hours of preparation made the setting for the great act of love of our Lord.

Streaming

Now that the camera is constantly active your opportunity for a virtual visit to the church and participation at mass is greatly increased. It means that all the masses celebrated in the church are transmitted live though not recorded. Mass is at 7 pm on Monday, 10 am on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, as well as the weekend masses at 6pm Saturday and 9 and 11 on Sunday. God has been very good in giving us streaming just when it is acutely needed. Do not however get too comfortable with it. It is only a substitute for the real thing where we come together as a family and receive Holy Communion. There has been room for more at most recent weekend masses.

Holy Communion preparation

Well over 100 parents went home happily from the 2nd training session of past Wednesdays. I can understand you feeling daunted by the task of home teaching of your children. But the work book is a delight, for the children and for you parents. You will all enjoy doing it together. So we are now working through chapter one. It is to explore the importance of Belonging. Belonging to a nuclear family; belonging to God's family both in our home and in his house. You need to complete this section in October, ready to move on to the next topic in November. Nicola and Teresa offered a lot of help, and we are ready to hear anything you need.

We NEED

Volunteers to act as stewards at the mid-week masses, funerals and other occasional services.

Prisons week Retiring Collection this weekend

The plight of prisoners, their families and the staff of these necessary institutions has been in our prayers this week. As you leave the church there is a receptacle hoping to receive a contribution to the work of the Prisons Advice and Care Trust. It is our church's resource for the help we give them.

ICHTUS

This is now available on our website, it should help you discuss with your child the readings at the Sunday masses.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th October

People of the parish
Annie Long RIP
Sheila Charles intentions

Monday 19th October

Mrs Brennan and Family
Carmen Antaki int
Sr M Majella Galvin

Tuesday 20th October

Bernard Lawler RIP
Lawler family intentions
Audrey McDonnell

Wednesday 21st October

Rita Potter: thanks for your support
Josephine & Charles Vaughan wed anniv
Trinity intentions

Thursday 22nd October

Bernard Palmer RIP
Roddy MacInnes RIP
Sr Maria Holly

Friday 23rd October

Petrina Stubbings
Caroline get well
Funeral Michael Ryan

Saturday 24th October

Harry Butler RIP
John Potter RIP
Stubbings family thanks

Sunday 25th October

People of the parish
Arthur Morris RIP
Tony Keane anniv

Thank you

Rita Potter would like to thank the parish most sincerely for the many masses, cards and prayers which she received following John's death. A Mass is being said for all your intentions



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.

Church Donations

- **On-line donations**

Thank you to those parishioners who have used the Diocese of Brentwood on-line donation website. For those who may be interested the site can be found at

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=woodford%20green>

- **By Standing order**

Contact the parish office for details

Parish Council

Parishioners wishing to contact the parish council may do so by using our email address - ParishCouncil@STOCParish.groups.io

Help needed

Part time care assistance for a parishioner who lives alone at home but needs daily help and companionship. The role would be 2 - 3 hours a day, 5 days a week, with the possibility of more hours going forward. If interested please inform the parish office of your contact details in the first instance.