

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately Dead: Astrid Turner, John Baker

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Mary Jackson, Mary Allery, Lilian Beckett, Richard Day, Kathleen Hansen, Patrick McDowell, Kathleen McGrath, Anna Ridd, Mark Ashmore, Louisa Christou, Louisa Donno, Daopersad Seecharan, William Crowe, Margaret Gillespie, Eva Beschizza, Ellen Harris, Lestor Haslam, Michael Hogan, Margaret Collins, John Gaerty, Albert Mahoney, Candida Rapacioll, Paul Smith, Eva Sullivan, Julie Ball, Elizabeth Blanchfield.

Prayer of spiritual communion

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

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To view our parish website go to
www.stthomaswoodford.org.

Live Mass
To view Live Mass go to
www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live.

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To watch a mass or other service which has previously been recorded go to
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St Thomas'

Opening times for Private prayer

Tuesday 10am to 12 noon

Thursday 2pm to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 12 noon



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Served by the Franciscans

SS Peter & Paul Apostles Cycle A Sunday 28th June 2020

Ss Peter and Paul are among the greatest figures in the history of Christianity. This does not mean they were perfect – in fact they may rank among the least perfect saints of all time. Perhaps it's their acknowledgement of weakness which makes them great saints.



First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

The lives of Peter and the other disciples are threatened by Herod.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

The writer speaks of a life poured out like a libation.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

Peter, the rock, the keeper of the keys, has to remember that his task is first and foremost to follow Jesus.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

I have been asked when we will resume this good practice of providing opportunities. In fact we never stopped. There was never a prohibition of giving sacraments. Only an insistence on measures necessary for your and our safety: hence churches closed, no visits to houses so little possibility of the sacrament of the sick. We are always ready to hear a confession. At the moment we will do it in the garden – or suitable shelter should the weather be inclement. So please just come and ring the bell.

Black Lives Matter

It is reported that our bishops have expressed solidarity with this movement. If so: good. Having grown up in Bristol I recall how the truth gradually dawned on me that all the prosperity of my surrounds was the fruit of slavery. Moving on from that I gradually discovered my many unrecognised assumptions and prejudices that needed to be dealt with. Have I finished this journey of self-awareness? I wonder. The demos in support of BLM, neglecting anti-infection, are to be regretted. They can though drive us to question ourselves.

Church visits

An impressive number have come to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament while the church has been briefly open. We will open at the same times this coming week. **Tuesday & Saturday 10am-12pm, Thursday 2-4pm.**



What's next for the Church

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th July, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. We have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning.

We will looking over the next days as to how we can safely and successfully move to our opening to include services.

Next steps – we need your help

To move to open St Thomas's for services is no small challenge. There are many who make our Church operate effectively and that includes, Ushers, Cleaners, Readers and many more. In these Covid 19 times the role that the laity play is even more important in ensuring the safety of Friars and our Parishioners.

Therefore, we are seeking **volunteers** to be **Stewards** for services, we estimate that we need a minimum of 4 stewards at any service we hold. The role of the Steward will be to ensure that only the number permitted in the Church is restricted; they will guide people's movement through the service and assist people to leave the church safely. After the service, they will then clean and sanitise the church for the next users.

If you can assist please email the parish office

Mass Intentions

Sunday 28th June

People of parish
Peter Hayes
Natalia Khorvat

Monday 29th June

Peter Hayes
Elizabeth Blanchfield anniv

Tuesday 30th June

Christopher O'Toole RIP
Fr Padraic O'Donnell

Wednesday 1st July

Anthony Burke anniv
Pauline Watters

Thursday 2nd July

Bernadette Craft RIP b'day
John Kingham RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 3rd July

Olena Khorvat RIP
Sr Anne Griffin

Saturday 4th July

Mary Griffin RIP
Sr Angelo int

Sunday 5th July

People of parish
Ros Macpherson int
Ints Machado family

Thank you

Ros Macpherson would like to thank all those who had masses said and for the many gifts and cards for her birthday. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



**Join us for
Mass on-line
live this Sunday
at 10am**

Parish register update

We have been updating our parish register, as a result we might be contacting some parishioners through phone or email in the next few weeks to check if the family still worship in St Thomas of Canterbury. It may be that you registered sometime ago and your records need updating, if so, please do let us know if your address or contact details have changed, so we can still communicate with you. Moreover, we are grateful for all replies and updates that we have received. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Plant Watering

The pots outside the church are now planted and need to be watered on a regular basis. Please consider offering a little of your time to make the front of the church beautiful. If you would like to join the rota please contact the parish office.



Trinity Vacancy

SEN Clerical Assistant 24 hours please find more information on school website

fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies/index.html