

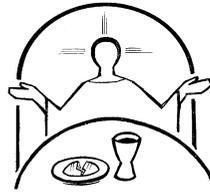
PRAY FOR THE SICK

We will be removing all names from the sick list. If you would like a name to be included for September 2019 onwards please email—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

Anniversaries:

Joseph Littlehill, Margaret Andrews, Joan Browne, Anna Moss, Emma Huxley, Benjamin Pound, Peggy Devine, Elizabeth Franklin, Henry Christey, Sister Margaret Crimmins, Michael Potrykus, Kitty Blogg, Pawel Kalinowski, Michael Box, Bridgett Kildea, Anne Digby, Nora Pollard, Helena Greene, Albert Lee, Ann Kenyon, Oscar De Sa, Mary Harrington, Catherine & Harry Gibson.

Holy Communion Preparation



Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing date for applications is 6th September at 10am. Applications will **Not** be accepted after this date.

Parish Partnership

Please visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for latest update.

Funeral at St Thomas'

Denis Curran's funeral will take place at 10am on 30th of August.

May he rest in peace

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



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 25th August 2019

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

Jesus calls all people to follow him on a journey that leads through a narrow door into the glorious life of the kingdom of heaven.



First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21
The Lord is going to gather people from all the nations to his holy mountain.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Sometimes life may be painful, but rather than be discouraged perhaps we may think of it as an opportunity to come nearer to God.

Gospel Luke 13:22-30
Rather than speculate about others, Jesus encourages us to look into our hearts and to follow the way of salvation.

Responsorial Psalm
Go out to the whole world: proclaim the Good News.

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Votive candles

Despite our pleas to the contrary: Last Sunday there were twelve votive candles burning while precariously balanced on ledges of the candelabra in front of St Antony. From time to time we see very young children playing with the lighted candles, moving them around the sconces with no adult giving attention. Once when children of similar age were doing much the same their flowing hair came within an inch of going up in flames. Reluctantly we have been forced to accept the advice of our insurers that this is a risk of serious personal harm that we cannot tolerate. From the requirements of the Safeguarding authorities comes the same advice: Get rid of the lighted candles. So shortly we will move into the ways of the modern era and go electric.

Communion preparation

Our catechists have been busy during the holidays preparing for the instruction of children who will begin to receive communion next May. There are changes, for the better. We will need to make a start soon after term begins, so do not miss the starting date and particularly the deadline for registration.

Funerals

It happens often these days that funerals in our church draw in many who are not familiar with mass or even church. They rely on you, the regular mass-goers, to give them a lead. It helps if you make the responses loudly, and sing as lustily as you can!

Parish Activities

Installing a Defibrillator Reminder

As yet we do not have a date for this but welcome applications of interest from anyone in the parish especially if responsible for groups of any sort. We are particularly thinking of ushers from various Masses, leaders of scouts, guides or others using the Becket Centre or Church. If interested please contact the Parish Office leaving name, contact details and responsibilities.

Mass On-line

6pm on August, 24th and 31st

September dates for your diary

- 8th September** Children Liturgy
- 10th September** Tuesday Club
- 11th September** Soup Run
- 12th September** Bible Prayer Group
- 12th September** Bereavement Group
- 25th September** Assisi Lunch
- 29th September** 3pm

Mass for the sick & housebound

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 11th, 18th & 25th September. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Forthcoming events

- 11/12th October** 24 hour Adoration
- 16th November** Curry night
- 23rd November** Christmas Fayre

Found

- A black purse
- A child's ring

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Brentwood Diocese

Are seeking to recruit a Full Time / Permanent Health and Safety Advisor.

A full job description can be obtained by contacting
leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Application is by CV and Covering letter to
leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Closing date 8th September 2019

Parishioners registration

Please let the Parish Office know if your circumstances has changed - name, address, contact details. Please email us with the up to date information—
parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org



**Don't forget to pop
in for some refreshment's after
11. 30am Mass in the Becket
Centre**

Church Cleaning Friday 30th August at 9am

Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever & Susanna Barnoin

Please let team members know if you cannot make your session or organise a swap. Many thanks.

Heart Test Free for anyone aged 14 - 35 12th & 13th October

At St Anthony's School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green IG8 0TX. In order to book visit www.testmyheart.org.uk. Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at forissyscreening@gmail.com for more information.

Spanish lessons for kids

Fridays at the Becket centre new group for reception & Y1. Amaiá 07957 133176
babelia@btinternet.com

Yoga for All

The new terms will commence in September. The gentle Monday class is particularly suitable for the older person. My home phone no. is 0208 5049035 or email
jacqui_bonham@tiscali.co.uk