

## 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

### Lately dead:

#### The Holy Family Sisters

are sorry to inform you of the death of Sr. Josephine Diviney in our Nursing Home in Rock Ferry, Birkenhead. She died peacefully on 5th August, and was in her 100th year

**Anniversaries:** James Bourke, Catherine Morgan, Ronald Brady, Iris Monk, Sister Mary McStraw, Matilda Griffiths, Peter Horton, Miriam Harwood, Peter Arthur, Patrick Keane, Sister Anna O'Brien, Sheila Brown, Goretti Parchment, Philip Kelly, Terrance Voisey, Nancy Ryan, Emmeline Friel, John Glimartin, Carmen Robertson, Christopher Pumfrey.

### 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

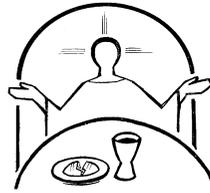
After 10am Mass

#### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays

Of the month

## 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. Application will **Not** be accepted after this date.

## Parish Partnership

Please visit [tinyurl.com/STOCSteward](http://tinyurl.com/STOCSteward) for latest update.

## Funerals at St Thomas'

David Driscoll's funeral will take place at 10am on 19th of August.

Gerard Houlihan's funeral will take place at 10am on 20th of August.

Josseline Heal's funeral will take place at 10am on 21st of August.

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

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*May they rest in peace*



# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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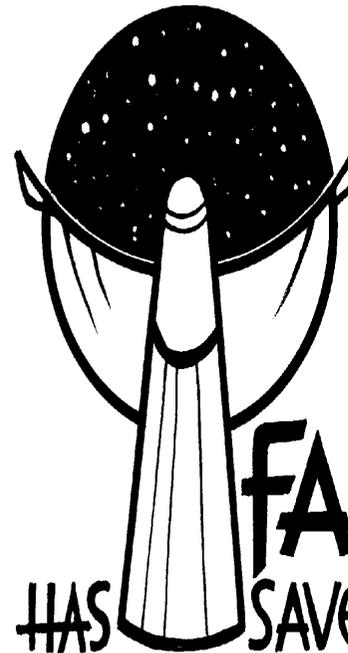


Served by the Franciscans

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 11th August 2019

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

The journey to our heavenly home is a journey of faith. We gather as a community of those who believe, giving thanks for the treasure that we have received, committing ourselves to pass it on to those who come after us.



YOUR  
FAITH  
HAS SAVED YOU

### First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

The people expected the virtuous to be saved and their enemies to be punished.

### Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

It was faith in God's promises that enabled Abraham to leave his home in search of a new city founded, designed and built by God.

### Gospel Luke 12:32-48

Faithful servants are ready for the master's return.

### Responsorial Psalm

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

### Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Sr Josephine Holy Family

We offer our sympathy to the sisters of the Holy Family on the death of Sr Josephine at the ripe age of 99. Sister Josephine did much for our parish first in her teaching and then as a committed member of our parish pastoral care. We owe her much for her life committed to prayer.

### A retreat

I spent a few days with the Poor Clares in Arundel last week, sharing their life of prayer and trying to catch a little of its momentum. They are a community bursting with joy and vitality. Day and night their prayer in song seems that of the angels, supported by organ, zither and occasional drums. They get regular voice tuition from an opera teacher. Again in October we are going to set aside 24 hours during which we will try to engage in their practice. It requires some forethought and preparation. Already much is in place. The need is for each of us to take it seriously.

### Communion preparation

You have already seen much publicity about the deadline for applications to join this programme. Experience shows that in the past not all have taken it seriously enough. We want to do better this year. The catechists and organisers of the programme have already spent much time in preparing for the sessions beginning next month. The question I shall put to applicants is: Are you really serious about it? Do you understand that it is a process that involves you and your family? Are you ready to share consistently in the regular life of our parish family that offers so much deep joy and formation to your young charges? More anon.

## Parish Activities

### The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

- Wednesday **14th August** Vigil Mass at 8pm St Thomas'
- Thursday **15th August**

**Masses as follows:**  
10am St Thomas' & Chigwell  
7.30pm St Thomas's

### The Parish office will be closed on Thursday 15th August for one day

**Mass On-line**  
No recording this week

### Forthcoming Events

9th September	Mass for the sick & housebound
11/12th October	24 hour Adoration
23rd November	Christmas Fayre

### 2019 AGM Minutes

In accordance with the constitution the AGM minutes have been published on the website. These will be presented for approval at the AGM in 2020. If you have any questions or points of clarification please email them to the Parish Office.

### Wedding Congratulations

To Sophie & Alex who were married at St Thomas of Canterbury last weekend. We wish you happy family life for many years.

## A Defibrillator will soon be available

We have kindly been gifted a defibrillator, by the Tudisca family through their #forissy fundraising campaign, in memory of their daughter and intend to install it in the Parish Office Corridor next to the First Aid cupboard.

The machine will be simple to use and talks you through exactly what to do in an emergency when a person has a cardiac arrest. In fifty percent of cases where there has been a successful outcome the machine was used by people with absolutely no previous experience whatsoever.

However some basic training is advised and before installing the machine we intend to organise a training session sometime in the autumn term. We are not sure at this time but some First Aid training may be included.

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.

### The Salvation Army

as part of their baby bank they are raising money to help local families afford the new school shoes and uniform for children starting school in September.  
Visit [ilfordsalvationarmy.nationbuilder.com/school\\_uniform\\_appeal\\_2019?recruiter\\_id=1060](http://ilfordsalvationarmy.nationbuilder.com/school_uniform_appeal_2019?recruiter_id=1060) for more information and to donate.

## Church Cleaning Thursday 15th August at 9am

Iwona Moreno, Emily Hannon & Sheila Charles  
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](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk). Click on *Private Screening* and enter password #forissy. Contact Della at [forissyscreening@gmail.com](mailto:forissyscreening@gmail.com) for more information.

### Community Movie Nite Saturday 17th August

Everyone of all ages is invited to the movie "Pollyanna" to be screened at St James URC in Palmerston Rd. Come at 6.30pm for hot dogs and popcorn. Film starts at 7pm. All free but donations welcome. Any queries to Margaret Minoletti on 02085053883.

### Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 17th August 2019 from 2-6 pm in St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY. Convention includes: Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration ([www.sehionuk.org/www.sehion.net](http://www.sehionuk.org/www.sehion.net)).