

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Howard Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Tony Daws, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreech, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Alec Murphy, John Burnham, Don Copping, Billy Yip, Veronica Boe & Stanley Western.

Lately Dead: Audrey Hobbs (Ros Sonderskov's mum), Bro Christopher Kiernan.

HEALING WEEKEND

For men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. From 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell Convent. For more details contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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

FIRST AID CUPBOARD

A First Aid cupboard has been installed in the corridor outside the Parish Office. It contains simple items that might be of use with minor injuries and is for the use of those attending either the Church or Becket Centre. Please will anyone removing any items from the cupboard be aware that:-

- Use of any items must be entered in the book inside the cupboard - this is so we can replace any used items.
 - The cupboard is under a CCTV
- Please email any comments to becket.centre.committee@gmail.com

THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

In recent weeks there have been occasions when no newsletters have been available at some Sunday masses. On other weeks there has been a surplus and 100-200 newsletters have been left over. We are anxious that all families who wish receive the newsletter, yet at the same time we want to reduce wastage of paper. At some masses the newsletter has been inserted in the hymn books by way of distributing them. This will now cease and in future will just be available for you to collect from the Usher's table as you enter,

May we suggest that this is restricted to one per family?

Even better would be to join the 160 or so people who are already receiving it regularly online by signing up at www.stthomaswoodford.org.

Kit Tranmer Parish Council



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Woodford Green

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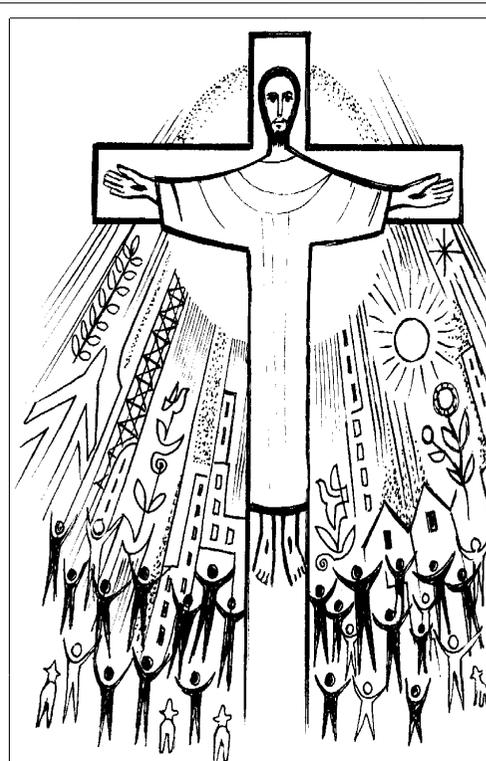
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5th SUNDAY OF LENT
Cycle B

18th March 2018



As Jesus lets go of his life for our sake, he is as a wheat grain in the ground, dying that new fruit may be born. We too are called to be generous with the gift of our own lives.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord plants his new covenant deep within his people's hearts.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Christ becomes the source of eternal salvation through the obedience of his suffering.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Jesus is glorified in his act of self-abandonment on our behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A pure heart create for me, O God.

PARISH OFFICE

In the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

DISCUSSION THIS WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH

It is time to take stock. We have been teasing away at the basics of our faith and church for more than 3 years. What is now my feeling about the church? What is my part in it? Has Pope Francis caused any changes in my thinking, in what is important, in what I do? Everything around us in in a process of rapid change – for better? for worse? What can we do about it together? The worst scenario would be if we were to sit back and do nothing. But you have come out many evenings and engaged in the debate with great generosity, trying to see what God is doing in STOC. So on Wednesday we will look to see where we are, and a little about where we will go next.

HOLY WEEK

will soon be upon us. Please commit to whichever of the needed services you can. Next Sunday we will gather for the 11.30 Mass not in church but in Becket. For the moment it becomes the village of Bethfage where Jesus and the happy crowd started on the first Palm Sunday. Join in the simple round singing to the pace of the drum as we journey down the hill and into the church as Jerusalem. And then the happy crowd grows ugly as we listen to the Passion according to Mark. The same voices singing *Hosanna* quickly change into *Crucify Him!* That is a glimpse of me in my fickle devotion to Jesus.

LENT

During Lent each Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am mass and at 8pm. Also exposition each Saturday for an hour after the morning mass.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Please pray for our brother Michael O'Grady who will be ordained priest next Saturday at Stratford at 11am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Many thanks to those who offered their services last weekend; we do however, still need more Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers & Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. If you will be attending any of the services and can help, please add your name to the lists located at the back of church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Washing of the Feet

We are looking for up to 6 volunteers (male or female), so far we have 1 volunteer. If you would like to take part in this moving re-enactment of Our Lord washing the feet of his disciples, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

LENTEN LUNCHES

This year's Lenten lunches continue weekly until 27th March, 12.15 to 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup & French bread for only £3! So far over £1,000 has been raised for 'Mary's Meals'.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Is usually for children of primary school age who attend non-catholic school. We will be breaking up for Easter on 17th March, restarting on Saturday 21st April. We are still looking for a volunteer to help - 10am until 11am during term time. Please call Nancy Hayward on 07979 544325

REPOSITORY

Come and pick your Easter Cards from our wide selection and take a look at the fresh display of First Holy Communion gifts.

CHURCH CLEANING

9am Thursday 22nd March
Dorota Marcewicz, Tricia Hayden, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Luisa Sanchez

APPLICATIONS are invited for the new post of Parish Office Manager

at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Woodford Green.

This part time post is responsible for three office staff, and reports to the Priest in charge of the Parish. Office management experience is essential, as is an understanding of and empathy for the mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. Annual salary (for 18 hours per week, hours by agreement) is £15,912, and there is a generous pension scheme.

If you or any of your family or friends are interested in this post, please email STOCrecruitment@gmail.com for the job description and person specification.

Applicants should then send in their CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how their experience and skills match the requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday 28th March.

FR ISIDORE

His hip operation due on 20th March has now been deferred to 17th April. Good Friday, 30th March, will be the **50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood**. To allow recovery from the hip operation it is planned to have the Thanksgiving Mass of this significant occasion on Saturday, 9th June, at 11am here at St Thomas', to which all are welcome.

PARISH COMS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Please note the new email address (parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org)

Keep in touch on Facebook (@STOCWoodford) and Twitter (@STOCWoodford)

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available:
Head of Music also Teacher of Music temporary maternity cover Sept 2018
Chemistry Teacher (Science) from Sept 2018
Teacher of Media Sept 2018
Teacher of Mathematics P/T 0.5 FTE Sept 2018
Temporary Examination Manager 34 hours per week asap
Please visit the school website for more details.

St Antony's Nursery Applications

Children whose date of birth is between 01.09.2014 & 31.08.2015 can now apply for the school year 2018/2019. Those children born between 01.09.2015 & 31.12.2015 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the school website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/
Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Monday 26th March 2018
Fr Quentin will be available to issue Certificates of Catholic Practice on Friday 23rd March between 7pm – 7.30pm. Ring the bell for the Friary.

CHIGWELL SISTERS JUMBLE SALE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 7th April at 2pm in the Becket Centre. As usual we need your support BUT we no longer have storage facilities.

Therefore we can ONLY accept your donations on FRIDAY 6 th APRIL in the Becket Centre from 10am until 4pm or SATURDAY 7th APRIL in the Becket Centre from 9am onwards.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE BEFORE THESE TIMES

HOLY WEEK FLYERS

Are available at the back of church with details of all services over Easter.