

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Funerals at St Thomas'

Bernard Woolerton's funeral will take place on 1st July 2019 at 10am.

Patricia Bell's funeral will take place on 9th July 2019 at 10am.

Anniversaries:

Mark Ashmore, Louisa Donno, Louisa Christou, Daopersad Secharan, William Crowe, Candida Rapacioll, Julie Ball, Annie LeComte, Dorothy Waight, Margaret Gillespie, John Gaerty, Albert Mahoney, Eva Beschizza, Sister Rose Meehan, Lestor Haslam, Paul Smith, Ellen Harris, John Mitchell, Eva Sullivan, James Hogan, Margaret Collins, David Barouch, Patrick Kildea.

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

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection after all masses for Peter's Pence.

St Thomas Football Team

We are looking for under 7s upwards to under 14s both boys and girls to join our teams. Running for just over 20 years and still one of the most respected clubs in our league. We try to do things correctly all the time so no room for ego's. For further details or just a chat contact chairman@stcyfc.com or 07855170256.

Franciscan Vocation

Interested in the Franciscan way of life? Perhaps God may be inviting you to know more about the Franciscan vocation of a Franciscan Friar, Sister, Lay member? If so, contact: vocations@friar.org

Personal Assistant required

E11 area, hours to suit. Must be IT literate know GDPR well versed in MS Office, social media, strong admin background, ideally someone with a health or social care background. References required, hourly rate up to £15p/h. If interested, please call Catherine on 02089280414.

Performance

Martin Fitzpatrick will be conducting performance of Benjamin Britten's short opera 'Noye's Flute' (70 minutes) at the Theatre Royal, Stratford from 1st-13th July. Tickets can be bought online.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 30th June 2019

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

To be a Christian is to be a traveller. We must always be moving forward, like Christ on the road to the kingdom.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

On the journey of life, a good companion is better than a good pair of shoes.

Second Reading Galatians 5:1. 13-18

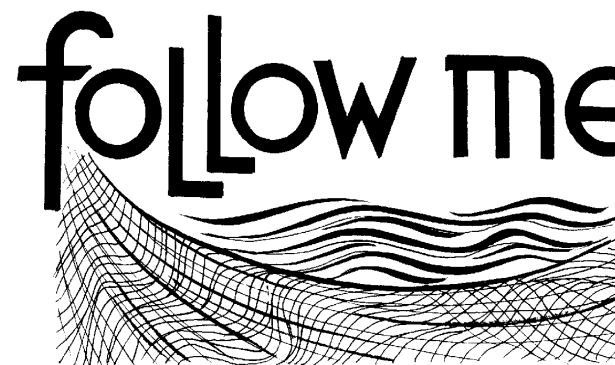
A misused freedom is the worst kind of slavery, for by it we enslave ourselves.

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

The journey which Christ began to Jerusalem did not end in Jerusalem, because it is continued by his Church.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, it is you who are my portion



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

Message from the Bishop

Over six months ago we published the Diocesan Vision Document: Shaping Our Future. That was the culmination of nearly three years of discussions, prayer, discernment and working together.

After initial meetings with the clergy I invited Stewards of the Gospel to step forward to work with the clergy and myself to find new ways of responding to God's love for us. In the Diocese and our Parishes we have worked together to find a response that is fit for the 21st Century in East London and Essex.

Last December I asked everyone to work in Parish Partnerships to make the Vision a reality in every part of our diocese. I encouraged us not to cling to the status quo but rather to be bold in our thinking and to explore new ways to evangelise our diocese.

In six months every Parish Partnership will send in a draft plan for my consideration. That plan should set out how Stewards and Clergy in each Partnership, informed by discussions with local parishioners, think it could be structured so as to best evangelise their part of the diocese.

Steven Webb has asked each Partnership to send in a brief report on progress. I gently remind all clergy and stewards that those brief reports should be with him by the end of July.

There are many wonderful things happening in our diocese for which I am very grateful- please continue to work together in a spirit of prayer and united always in Christ and Mary

Bishop Alan Williams, sm

Parish Activities

- Monday **1st July at 8pm**
Parish Council in Assisi Room
- Monday **1st July at 8pm**
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre
- Tuesday **2nd July at 10.30am**
Mothers prayer Group in Francis Room
- Wednesday **3rd July at 7pm**
Journey of Faith in the William Scott Room
- Wednesday **3rd July at 8pm**
CWL in the Assisi Room
- Friday **5th July at 12.30pm**
Assisi Lunch in the Becket Centre

Mass On-line

Will be recorded on 29th June & 6th July at 6pm.

14th July 2pm Parish Annual Meeting

At a critical time for the church both local and world-wide you will in 2 weeks time choose the leadership of St Thomas parish for the coming year. Jesus appointed St Peter as Pope - but to lead in conjunction with the other 11 apostles. Vatican II reinforced this as the way the whole church is to be led now. It is Pope Francis' practice to consult, trust, listen to, delegate to his fellow bishops. It is known as collegiality. It must be our practice too.

The task of our PPC is to listen carefully in prayer to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Then to lead the life of faith and prayer, of teaching and caring, of all that parish involves. It is to be done by working to achieve consensus.

Our Parish Community

Today I know there will be very many exhausted by the work you have done to create and carry through the Parish Fete. I do thank you. I hope we can pause a little to draw breath as we embark on the final stage of the school – and therefore parish – year.

A postscript to last week's item about the Mass. You have probably heard often the statement that every baptised person is a priest. At your baptism the priest said: As Christ was anointed priest prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body. You do not have the role and ministry of those ordained priest by a bishop. But you are part of Christ's body: as he worships, feeds and heals, governs and teaches in the contemporary world. Coming to mass makes so much more sense when you can see how you are essential contributors rather than passive spectators. Can we try, perhaps in the autumn, to liven up our sharing?

Parish Accounts 2018/2019

Are on the notice Board in the Church Porch and will be published on the website



Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community Renai Barrow, Matilda Houston, Vienna Bloomberg, Darla Dacosta, Ema Malukaite, Lorcan Kilbane, Nathan Lycett, Conor McCarthy & Luke Pereira who were recently baptised.

Wedding Congratulations

To Desmond and Devon who were married last weekend at St Thomas'.

Church Cleaning Saturday 6th July at 10.30am

Charmaine Turnell, Deborah Butterworth, Rachel Woolf, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara & Cathy Daley

Bi-Annual Mass—St Patrick's Cemetery

Bi Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone will be held on Monday 8th July at 11.30am.

Annual Gift Aid Statement

Please provide the Parish Office with your email address and we shall gladly email you the statement for the last financial year.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. The Mass is on **Saturday 6th July at 3pm** in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation, please speak to your parish priest. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage—see the diocesan website for more information.

First Holy Communion 2019

Application forms are now available from the back of 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.