

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:** Sheila Davighi, John Hopper

**Anniversaries:** William (Billy) Burke, Bertha Apolonia Noronha, Oscar Reyk, Kathleen Ivens, Alice Connell, Mary James, Henry White, Joseph Neary, Sarah Clark, Harry Deamer, Sr. Cyril Donnelly, Betty Nielson, Dorothy Knight, Brendan O' Loughlin, Mary Roberts, Annie Connolly, Gladys Ratnayake, John Mulligan, Teresa Camp, Cecelia Chaplin, Kathleen Flowers, Josie Butt, Martin Kivineen, Derek Faulkner.

John Hopper's funeral mass will take place on 22nd November at 12 noon at Our lady of Grace & Teresa of Avila, Chingford

**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

## Electronic Newsletter

To receive the parish newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> or by mailing [parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org) Your email address will be held securely. **NB** –If you experience any difficulties please send a mail to [parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org) so that we can investigate.

### Online Mass

The next masses that we intend to record are:  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6pm;**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am**

### Web News

Recently updated/added on the parish website:

**Remembrance Day;** (click the heading 'Remembrance Day' on our home page)  
**Let us Pray** (praying with the Pope; click on the heading 'Let us Pray')

### The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope daily with this prayer app – Click to Pray – available on Android and iOS.



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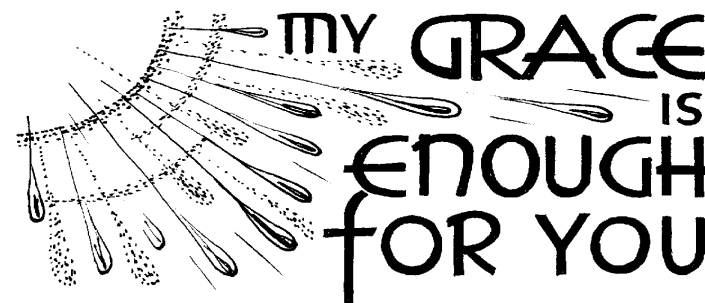
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Served by the Franciscans

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B**

**18th November 2018**



In the darkness of this world, faith, hope and love shine like bright stars. The Lord is our light and his words shall never pass away.

### First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

In the midst of tumult the Lord will protect his people.

### Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Jesus, in his death and rising, brings salvation to all.

### Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The Lord will come again in great power and glory.

### Responsorial Psalm

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

## ***World Day for the Poor***

In a way the Pope's message for this day contains nothing new. It is still insistent. We live in a world where money and resources are badly skewed, causing huge injustice and suffering. Many live in a world of "virtual reality". Pursuing each their own interest they are like men in the old-fashioned corridor of distorting mirrors. They do not see what is real. So first we need the discipline and therapy of getting real about poverty: in church-talk we need to be evangelised by the poor.

Next: we feel impotent to remedy the imbalance. Yet we need to latch on to any governmental or other programme or project aiming to help the destitute, in order to throw what weight we have behind it. Solidarity is his word. It is what we do when we try to comfort the sorrowful. We cannot take the pain away but the one suffering finds support and that helps. So Pope Francis. I notice the amount of giving that goes on in St. Thomas of Canterbury. Keep it going.

## ***Brother Roger Barralet RIP***

Roger grew up in our parish, a pupil of St Antony's and Chigwell grammar. He joined our Franciscan Province in 1950 and was ordained priest in 1957. He had a distinguished career in education and youth leadership. He spent his latter years in Clevedon and died this week in the care of the little Sisters in Bristol. Requiescat.

## ***Fr. Boniface***

Thank you for the concerns you have shown after his unfortunate collapse last Sunday. He is comfortable in Whipps Cross as the medical staff seek to understand what caused the incident and find a preventive treatment.

## ***Certificate of Catholic Practice***

Quentin will be available to sign certificates this week on 23rd November between 7 and 8 pm.

## ***Church Appeal***

The Finance Committee would like to thank you all for supporting their appeal. Please can we ask you to contact your bank and increase any standing order already in place by the suggested 10%. If you took the forms away please complete and return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## ***SVP Collection this weekend***

There is a SVP collection after all masses this weekend.

## ***Repository***

Christmas is on its way. You just have time to buy your Advent calendars and candles before the season begins. We also have a great selection of Christmas Cards and crib figures. Come in and take a look. Shop is open every weekend after Mass.

## ***Parish Diaries 2019***

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Diaries for 2019 have arrived. Please leave your donation in the basket provided at the back of church.

## ***TELCO***

Can you join London Citizens at our mid term assembly where we HOLD the Mayor of London to ACCOUNT for the commitments he made at our Copper Box Assembly. Sadiq Khan committed to increase affordable housing in London and deal with Rogue Landlords to improve conditions in private rented accommodation.

The Assembly is on Thursday 29th November from 7-9pm at St. Georges Cathedral, Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Rd, South Bank, London SE1 7HY. Call Bernadette 07754477532 if you can attend.

## ***November Dead List***

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

## ***Gift Aid Donation Financial Year 2017/18***

We wish to remind you that gift aid statements are only provided on request. If you wish to receive a statement for the year 2017/18 please email [parishoffice@sthomaswoodford.org](mailto:parishoffice@sthomaswoodford.org) putting gift aid statement in the subject heading and include your home address and gift aid number. Statements can only be requested by gift aider himself/herself due to confidentiality reasons. You can also put a note into the Parish Office and we will send a statement to you.

## ***Volunteer Driver wanted***

Contact the Elderly, which is a voluntary organisation, that organises monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties for small groups of older people who are dealing with loneliness and social isolation. One of our drivers has retired and we are looking for one. The main task is to collect the elderly person from home, take them to the tea party, stay and enjoy the tea party until the end and then take the elderly member home. Please contact Pauline on 07786 390648 for more information.

## ***Old Ignatian Association***

Annual Mass for Deceased Old Ignatians, will be held in the College chapel on Sunday 25th November at 11am. The mass will be celebrated by Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ, and refreshments will be served in the Old Ignatian Association Loyola Clubhouse, opposite the school, afterwards.

## ***Church Cleaning***

***Friday, 23rd of November at 9am***  
Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle, Breda Murphy

## ***43rd E.F.S. St Thomas Scout Group***

We have some vacancies for scouts aged 10.5–14 boys and girls. We meet Thursdays at 7pm in the scout hut adjacent to the Becket Centre. Contact Terry Hobbs 07720660154 or email [thobbs.49@gmail.com](mailto:thobbs.49@gmail.com)

## ***Christmas Fayre 12pm–4pm November 24th 2018***

It's only one week until the Fayre! We are still looking for help so please contact the office if you can volunteer. Donations of jewellery, bottles and unused toiletries should be left in the parish office. Donations of good quality toys, teddies, and unwanted gifts can be left in the porch at the back of church. Any donations of cakes for the CWL stall can be dropped off on the day. And most importantly please come along and support us on the day, there will be lots of activities for children, a visit from Fr Christmas and many stalls for you to visit.

## ***Mother and Toddler Group***

We would be grateful for donations of cupcakes for our stall at the Christmas Fayre next Saturday. Please drop off at Trinity Lower Site on the day. Many thanks Sheila and Rachel.

## ***Advent Wreaths***

Come and make an advent wreath to be sold at the Christmas Fayre. We will be in Trinity lower site from 6.30—8.30pm on Friday 23rd Nov, you will need to bring secateurs, gloves (optional) a large bag of evergreen foliage, enthusiasm and creativity! The session will be for adults. See you there!