

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: John Hill, James Griffin and Letteria DeCesare.

Anniversaries:

Bruna Walker, Harold Clisset, Francis French, Kathleen McCarthy, John Walsh, Martin Staunton, Claude BarnesFrancis Daly, Joan Looney, John Fells, Arthur Smith, Maria O'Grady, Theodore De Freitas, Bernie Hauser, Piedade Florencio De Sa.

Mary McCooey RIP

Has been for years a gentle presence in many of our parish activities. She drew admiration for her courageous acceptance of ill-health, still thoughtful and concerned for any need. Her funeral began last Friday in Hoxton which was her parish despite so much shared with us, and continues in Co Monaghan this week. We thank God for her and pray for her eternal reward.

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

Mass Online

The next mass we intend to record is:

6pm Saturday 13th April

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording in the future (no technical knowledge is required) then please send a mail to

communications@stthomaswoodford.org

To view mass online - visit parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Newsletter by email

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website

www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail parishnews@stthomaswoodford.org

The Prayer App

Pray with the Pope – 'Click to Pray' prayer app – available on Android and iOS. Or visit www.clicktopray.org

Foundation Governor in St Antony's Catholic Primary School Wanted

To find out more information please email admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk
The deadline for application is 26th of April 2019.



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5th Sunday in Lent Cycle C

7th April 2019

God is doing a new deed – God's mercy is flowing like a river in the desert of people's lives. We gather to give thanks and to rejoice in God's tender compassion.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

God's love and grace will flow like a river through the desert.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Paul no longer relies on his own efforts, only on his faith in Christ.

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus refuses to be coerced. God's mercy will not be thwarted.

Responsorial psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.



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Easter Vigil Mass

God brought his people out of Egyptian slavery: he brings us out of slavery to our habits of sin. The pillar of fire dies down. The Easter candle appears: Jesus is risen. From the candle everyone takes a lighted taper. The church looks like a huge birthday cake. *Christ our light* we all sing. Then we move on to baptism, receiving new members into our church and for them - *First*, for all of us: Communion. And a party in Becket afterwards. Come and enjoy it.

And the lead up to it

It starts with the Palm Procession. At 11.30am next Sunday go to the Becket Centre, not to the church. We sing a robust round led by the drum moving into church. Jesus is the flavour of the week. But the mood changes. We who were shouting *Hosanna!* now shout *Crucify him!* as we hear Luke's account of the passion. That is our fickle love. Through the days of Holy Week the tension mounts until the Mass of the last supper on Maundy Thursday at 8 pm.

The Liturgy is for everyone.

Liturgy is not for spectators: It demands participation. Holy Week offers a range of opportunities to be involved in the actual life of Christ. We recall what happened in the past, in Jesus' last week on earth, and also spell out in the rich symbols of the church services how it is happening in our concrete experience now.

You can enter seriously into Holy Week by taking on one of the many roles that are needed for the several liturgies. Please look at the lists at the back of the church for the help required. At Christmas Michael found it very hard to get willing volunteers for the roles of reader, minister of Communion, usher and others. There was never greater need for strong faith. It is fed by sharing actively. Please commit yourself now.

Parish activities

- Tuesday, **9th April** 12.15pm
Lenten Lunches £3.00
- Tuesday, **9th April** at 2pm
Tuesday Club - EASTER EGG BINGO
- Wednesday, **10th April** 7pm
SOUP RUN, leave donations by 7pm
- Thursday, **11th April** at 7.30pm
Bereavement Group
- Thursday, **11th April** at 7.30pm
Scripture Prayer Group-Francis Room
- Saturday, **13th April 2019** 2pm
Jumble Sale
- Sunday, **14th April** 3pm
Easter Egg Hunt in Friary Gardens
Tickets are £4 on sale from the parish office.

Shortage of priests? Rather of lay people. Holy week requires the collaboration of many—to spell out the events of Jesus suffering and triumph and their meaning for us. Now we asked last weekend to offer your service. So far only 8 have offered. Please add your name today to the list in the church.

Major works ahead

We have to concentrate now on Holy Week and the Easter that follows despite all political and economic uncertainties. The Parish Council met last week and set in motion a committee to start raising funds for the renewal work. I will be glad to hear from anyone willing to offer help with the organisation. No offer too small!

Lent 2019

Stations of the Cross

Following the 10am Mass on Fridays
Also 8pm at St Thomas's on Fridays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Evening prayer and Exposition. Monday to Friday 6 to 6.30pm

Palm Sunday—14th April

Service of Reconciliation Monday 15th April

Service and Sacrament of reconciliation. The internet featured a picture of the Pope "going to confession" last week. If he needs it, how much more you and me? There will be a service of reconciliation on Monday of Holy Week at 7.30pm. But we are always ready to hear confessions at any time.

Holy Week Leaflet

There is a leaflet with details of Holy Week available 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 only one volunteer**. If you would like to take part in this moving and poignant ceremony, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Lenten Lunches

So far, Lenten lunches have raised a total of **£1153** for Mary's Meals, a charity which feeds schoolchildren in the poorest countries in the world. There is still time to come and join us for delicious home-made soup, French bread and butter (all for £3), and to enjoy the convivial atmosphere in the Becket centre. "Ecumenical Lenten Soup Book" (£4.95) is on sale. Lunches are served on Tuesdays between 12.15 and 1.30pm.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 11th April at 10.30am

Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu, Sue Mansbridge & Louise Deans

We are looking for more helpers, if you have a bit of time to spare on a rota basis please contact the parish office

The BIG Easter Clean will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 10.30 am all help will be appreciated.

New digital Lock

We will shortly be replacing the flower room lock with a digital lock, if you have a key to this room, please return it and we will provide you with the lock number

Chigwell Sisters Jumble Sale 13th April at 2pm

We can only accept your donations on Friday 12th April from 9.30am to 5pm or Saturday 13th April from 9am until 1pm in the Becket Centre.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE BEFORE THESE TIMES

Summer Fete - Country Dancing

Country Dancing is set to continue for the Fete on the 29th June. It will be run by parents and Gabby Wright coordinating dance routines. Should you wish your child to be involved, lessons are in the Becket Centre starting Sunday, 19th May at 2pm. Children from the Parish aged 4 from Nursery to Year 2 welcome. Email ainewood4@gmail.com should you wish your child to be involved.

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