

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Anniversaries:

Terence Lewis, Frederick Simmons, Luciana Dodge, Jessie Anderson, Eileen Hands, Dominic Correia, Ann Starr, Anthony Fair, Maureen Morgan, Patrick Lennon, Garrett Godkin, Mary Onn, Richard Flynn, Joseph Greene, Catherine Moran, Maria Birbeck, Paul Crick, Barbara Smith.

### Funeral of Doris Harriss

will take place in St Thomas of Canterbury church in **Deal, Kent** on Tuesday, the 7th of May at 11am.

Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green will be offered for her on the 7th of May at 10am.

### Thank you

The SVP thank parishioners who attended the traditional blessing of bread service on Easter Saturday for their kind donations, which will be used to help those in need.

### 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 that we intend to record is:

### Saturday 4th May at 6pm

If you would like to volunteer to assist with recording (no technical knowledge is required) then please send a mail to [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

To view mass online - go to our website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org). Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

### AROSS Jumbulance Quiz

Sat 11th May Catholic Church Chingford Parish Hall 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Entrance £5. To book ring Sheila on 0208 504 3839

### Summer Fete - Country Dancing

Country Dancing is thankfully set to continue for the Fete on the 29th June. It will be run by parents with Gabby Wright coordinating dance routines. Lessons will be held in the Becket Centre starting Sunday, 19th May at 2pm. It is open to children from the Parish aged 4 from Nursery to Year 2. Please email [ainewood4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:vocations@friar.org)



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**2nd Sunday of Easter  
Cycle C**

**28th April 2019**



*Peace be to you!*

The apostle Thomas would only believe in the resurrection of Jesus after he had seen and touched the body of the risen Lord. What are the sources of our faith? Why do we believe today? It is because we are a community who believe that the Lord comes to us as we work and pray together in his name.

### First Reading Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

### Second Reading Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

John's vision of the risen Lord: the Living One, who was dead and is now to live for ever.

### Gospel John 20:19-31

Thomas was not with the disciples the first time the risen Lord appeared; eight days later, he sees, he touches and he believes.

### Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

## Thank you

Thank you who came in great number to the liturgies of Holy Week and the beginning of Easter. They were very well organised and celebrated: prayerful, using visuals, sound, movement, symbols and stories to spell out the reality that God has worked in us this week. There was much preparation beforehand. I want to thank all who shared: starting with the cleaners, launderers, decorators and flower-arrangers. Then the musicians instrumental and choral, servers and sacristans; the Ministers of Communion, ushers, welcomers, readers, furniture movers. The PPC and its sub-committees, Office staff, and CWL for the party to celebrate the newcomers.

Together we have worked as a family, to build something precious that we love. In the present times of so much uncertainty we need to bond together in love and harmony. Working together is a powerful tool to achieve this.

## The Year of Luke: lectures on Wednesdays May 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

A coming TV series has been announced: Jesus his life. It is evidence of a continuing interest in Jesus, and what can be gleaned from the bible through the latest scholarly work and means available to access their result. Sebag Montefiori says of the series: "it stands out..with a willingness to draw on history to surprise and even unsettle audiences who think they know the story perfectly well already." We all need food for our prayer-life. Fr Adrian Graffi is giving us two lectures on Luke's Gospel I anticipate they will help us all pray the Sunday masses better through the rest of this year.

***And thank you for the Easter collection for the friars***

## Parish activities

- Wednesday, **1st May at 8pm**  
**CWL—Assisi Room**
- Thursday, **2nd May at 7.15pm**  
**Confirmation candidates**

### ***Forthcoming Events***

- 13th May Parish Council
- 2nd June Outdoor Mass
- 29th June Summer Fete
- 14th July Annual Meeting
- 23rd November Christmas Fayre

### **Mass of thanksgiving for married life**

See the notice in the porch of a Mass and celebration of marriage and family life in the Cathedral on 6th July. I have four invitations to enjoy this with reception (I presume a party). If you would like to go please contact Fr Quentin.

## Restoration

Finally the much-talked of work is about to begin. We have been assured that scaffolders will arrive on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to clad the whole Friary and also three chapels of the church. I assume that there will be much engagement of the church carpark for the first few days. It will be wise to assume that the car park is not available for dropping off children for school at least on the start date. We hope to have more information shortly.

### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

It seems that we have no longer sufficient ministers for the 10am mass on Sundays. So I am looking for a couple of regular participants at that mass who will agree to engage in this privileged ministry. If you are willing please speak with Fr Quentin.

## Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS 22nd June

This year's walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 22nd June. We gather at the Becket Centre for registration at 9.30am and set off on the walk at 10am, returning at around 2.30pm for refreshments kindly prepared by our friends at CWL. The walk is suitable for ALL ages. Families are especially welcomed.

The sponsored walks in parishes in the diocese are a major fundraiser for BCCS. Last year we raised approx £4k out a total of £13k in the diocese so a big, big thank you everyone who either took part or sponsored the walkers.

2019 is BCCS' 35th year. It's also the 10th year we have walked for bccs, so good reasons to make this year's walk even more special in terms of numbers walking and funds raised.

Please text David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more details and for registration and sponsorship forms.

### **Food Bank**

*All Saints Church* is a collection point for the Redbridge Food Bank. Please take non-perishable food - but also toiletries, cleaning materials etc: anything the Food Bank users would appreciate. Donations can be taken to the Atrium behind *All Saints Church* between 08:30 and 14:30 any school day.

### **Redbridge Homeless Shelter**

Volunteers needed for night shift 10pm to 8am weekly on a single night commitment, especially Monday and Tuesday. Please contact [ilfordsalvationarmy@nationbuilder.com](mailto:ilfordsalvationarmy@nationbuilder.com)

## Church Cleaning

### **Friday 3rd May at 9am**

Liz Atkinson, Jennifer Sorrell, Josie Kieron and Fran Cushion

### **Catholic Fellowship AGM**

Will take place on Thursday 16th May at 8pm. St Anne Line Catholic Church, Grove Crescent, South Woodford. All welcome, refreshments will be served after the AGM

### **Are you coming home?**

A question, I am sure, that has been asked many times in many different situations. However, in this particular case we are talking about the church. Do you feel it is your home? Would you like it to be your home? What can we do to make you feel at home?

The **Landings programme** is a series of meetings, led by lay people, for those wishing to reconnect with their Catholic faith. Through a series of questions, discussions and sharing of personal experiences we want to welcome you home.

Landings provides a space with support, respect and confidentiality. Its aim is to lead each participant to feel at ease, at home, affirmed not just within the Landings programme but also within the Church. We hope that through our discussions we can discover how God is present in our lives not only through the good but also through the difficult times. We invite you to come with an open heart, a readiness to listen and for your voice to be heard.

To find out more contact William Yeung: [steward@stthomaswoodfood.org](mailto:steward@stthomaswoodfood.org)

### **Trinity Vacancy**

**Science Technician.** Please visit the schools website for more details. Closing date: Wednesday, 8th May 2019.