

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

We will be reviewing the sick list during March, if you wish to remain on the list please contact the parish office.

**Lately dead:** John Chalkey, Teresa Judge

We offer our condolences to their families

**May they rest in peace**

### Anniversaries:

James Griffin, Brenda O'Rourke, Mary Pearson, Murial Pells, Eileen Smith, Jonathan Wingate-Whyte, Anastasia Barfoot, Patrick Donovan, Beatrice Cafon, Anne Harris, Elizabeth Meredith, Jacqueline Collett, Fr. Boniface Kruger, Albert Clifford, Jane Fulcher, George Hoyes, Jessie Turner, Kathleen Clark, Henry Durrell, Teresa Ennever, Alexander Lobo, Yvonne Lobo, Margaretta Olivos.

### SUNDAY MASSES

**St. Thomas'**

St Thomas' postcode is IG8 0RB  
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

## 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).

### Food Bank

Thank you for your contributions to the Food Bank. Your donations have been gratefully received and we are grateful for your continuing support.

### Wanted

Second hand folding Wheelchair, please contact Anselm Dias, telephone 07738 521392.

### Loyola School

Vacancy for a midday assistant, please visit their website for more information.

### Querida Amazonia

Copies of this latest Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis are on sale in the Repository.



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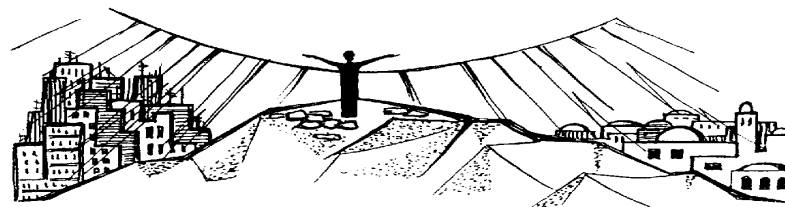
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## 1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday 1st March Cycle A

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

Jesus, led by the Spirit, entered into the wilderness where he fasted for forty days. Having entered into the forty days of Lent, let us commit ourselves to guidance of the Spirit.



### First Reading

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

Using imagery, the story is told of man and woman's creation, of temptation and the origins of sin.

### Second Reading

**Romans 5:12-19**

Paul compares the disobedience of Adam, whose sin brought death, with the obedience of Christ, whose death restored eternal life.

### Gospel

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus defeats three temptations as he prepares for his mission as Messiah

### Responsorial Psalm

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned**

### Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Mental Well-being

Dr Kiran Nijabat's talk is for everyone. It will be specially relevant for parents as you accompany your children through childhood and adolescence. You are all busy but this is no ordinary talk. Young people are under extraordinary pressures these days. The positive side is that there are sources of help not previously available. Dr Kiran is one of these. Don't miss it. Please do make a special effort to come at 7.15 on Wednesday.

## Lent

You started well last Wednesday with a good number at Mass that day. Each Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am mass and again led by friars at 8pm.

## Rite of Election

Nine people who have been on the Journey of Faith for many months are going to Brentwood Cathedral this afternoon. They will each be introduced to our Bishop Alan. They are on the final stage of more intensive preparation for baptism and reception into our church at the Easter vigil Mass. Please pray for them. Please also use any opportunity to draw them into all the events and occasions of our parish life. They are joining the family. Make sure we relate well at all levels.

## Towards Easter

The bible passages chosen through Lent are good for all of us but geared particularly to those coming into our family. Today and next Sunday we concentrate on the person of Jesus. He is truly human, disoriented and going back to basics in the desert, then truly God transfigured on the mountain. The following three Sundays give us detailed instruction on baptism. Are you conscious of the difference it makes through your daily life? And from Palm Sunday we accompany Jesus through the dramatic days that follow.

## Monday 2nd March

*Keep Fit* in the Becket Centre at 8pm

## Tuesday 3rd March

*Lenten lunches* 12.15—1.30pm

## Wednesday 4th March

*Bible study Group* 2pm, All welcome

*Lent Talk* 7.15pm, All welcome

*Baptism Course* 8pm

*Journey of Faith* 7.30pm

## Friday 6th March

*Assisi Lunch* 12.30pm

**Family Fast Day**, donations to CAFOD, envelopes are available at the back of Church

## Saturday 7th March

*Holy Communion preparation Group A*, 10—12 noon

*Saturday School* 10am upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

## Sunday 8th March

*Join us for refreshments after 10am and 11.30am Masses*

## Mass Online

Saturday vigil mass will be recorded. To view mass online visit our website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.



## Offerings

### • Envelopes for 2020– 2021

If you make your weekly offering to us by envelope, please collect your box for the coming financial year from the Parish Office or we can send them over to Chigwell or Buckhurst Hill services if you contact the Parish Office.

### • Register to use envelopes in future

If any parishioner would like to start using an envelope for their offering there are some spare boxes and a gift aid declaration to complete. Please speak to a member of the Parish Team or email the parish office for more information.

### • Make a gift aid declaration

If your offering comes to the church via the bank you can also help us increase contributions by completing a gift aid declaration. More information is available from the Parish Office.

## Gift Aid Annual Statements 2019/2020

If you would like to receive a statement for 2019-2020 financial year please make sure that the parish office has your contact email address. The statements will be sent to your email address after the end of April.

## Restoration Fund

You see the progress of the imaginative mural growing on the wall. You have responded magnificently to the appeals made over the past 3 Sundays. Again today, and probably next week too, members of the Committee will be at the back of the church to help you complete the forms you have taken – or possibly supply replacements for those gone astray! Thank you all.

## Church Cleaning Friday 6th March at 9am

Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle, Breda Murphy, Agnieszka Tsang

## New Cleaners & Rota

There is a new cleaners rota available in the Flower Room for the period April to September 2020. Or if you would like it emailed, please contact the Parish Office.

If anyone would like to join the rota we are looking for extra help on Thursdays please also contact the Parish Office

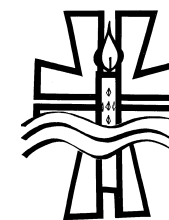
## St James

Are looking for help with the provision of flowers and/or flower arrangers. Please contact the Parish Office for more information if you think you can help.

## Jumble Sale—Thank you

Many thanks to all who donated, helped or attended the jumble sale last weekend. An amazing £837 was raised which will be divided between the Chigwell Sisters mission and the CWL children charities and a donation will also be made to the restoration fund.

## Baptism Congratulations



The following children were baptised at St Thomas' in February we welcome them into our community *Beatrice Barron, Deia Fowler, Jacob Fowler, Avery Martin & Isaac Holder*