

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Frank Fitzpatrick

For more than 50 years Frank has been a genial familiar figure active in church and many of our parish activities. For the past 24 years he has dealt with all our Friar Finances and business affairs - we being little-skilled in such. Of old, in Egypt and famine the Jews were told: Go to Joseph. To an extent the same advice held in Woodford with any problem: Go to Frank. Our prayers and sympathy go to Rosa and her family. May Frank enjoy eternal life.

Anniversaries:

Sister Brosnan, Dennis McCarthy, Victor Palmer, Edith Playle, Cornelius Sullivan, Patricia Tugby, Louis Black, Maureen Graham, Iris Hodges, Joan Noblett, Ronald Page, Maura Gilligan, Mark O'Grady, Aida Testro, Robert Gordon, Amy Marriott.

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

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

Becket Centre—Cleaner Vacancy 9 hours per week

We have a paid vacancy for a cleaner for the Becket Centre and adjoining areas. If you are interested please email

Geraldine@stthomaswoodford.org with your CV and the names of two referees.

Parish Partnership

Visit tinyurl.com/STOCSteward for information

Pray with the Pope

Daily prayers from Pope Francis. On our website click 'Let Us Pray' or download the app - available on Android and iOS.

Gospel Reflections

Reflections by Fr Adrian Graffy are on our website click 'Sunday Gospels'.

Camp Wild

There is some leaflets at the back of church about children's activities organised by Camp Wild.



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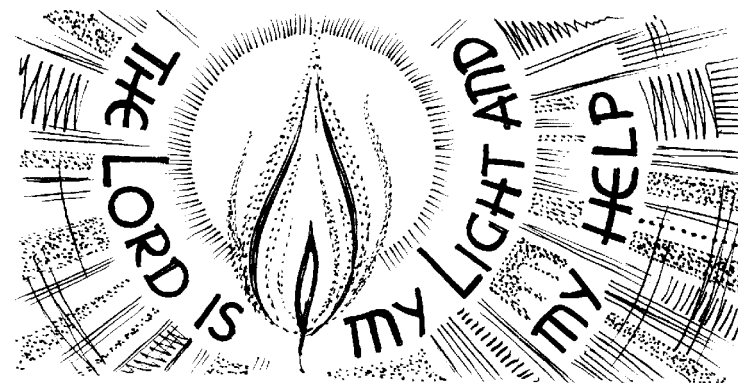
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3rd Sunday Cycle A

Sunday 26th January 2020

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

Christ is the light in our darkness. He shows us the way to the Father. Let us listen for his call today and follow him as his disciples.



First Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Isaiah looks forward to a day when the people that have walked in darkness will have seen a great light.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul appeals for reconciliation between the divided groups in Corinth.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah and begins his public ministry by calling his first disciples to follow him in proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help

Newsletter

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

Restoration Fund

Since we launched the appeal in October much has been done to spread awareness of the serious maintenance needs of our church and premises. Many have already been incredibly generous. There are social events in prospect such as the Race Night, a sponsored walk, a film night and more to raise the large sum we need to find. The families involved in Communion preparation aim to raise £10,000 and are well on the way to do so. Over the next three Sundays the Restoration Fund team will take the opportunity to speak to the whole parish about the project. There will be brief presentations at each Sunday Mass in St Thomas. We hope that will prompt a conversation with team members later to see what each can offer.

First confessions

Communion preparation resumes with group A next Saturday. All but 4 have now made their first confession. We must make sure it is the first of many: of a growing familiarity with Jesus and also a growing self-awareness. In St Antony's school we are going to make a renewed effort to provide regular opportunities for each class. But it depends on you parents. You have to show that you value the sacrament. Then there are at least 40 of the candidates for Communion in May who do not attend St Antony school, and so do not enjoy the opportunity we offer.



Parish Activities

Monday 27th January

Keep Fit in the Becket Centre at 8pm

Tuesday 28th January

Tuesday Club 12.30pm for 1pm at The Cricketers, High Road, Woodford

Wednesday 29th January

Journey of Faith in Assisi Room at 7.30pm

Friday 31st January

Teas in the Becket Centre after 10am Mass

Saturday 1st February

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

First Holy Communion preparation Group A 10 — 12 noon

Thursday 6th February

Confirmation enrolment Mass at 7.15pm

Friday 7th February

Fr Quentin will sign certificates of Catholic Practice in the Becket Centre between 7—8pm

Mass Online

Saturday vigil mass will be recorded and available to view online. To view mass online visit our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 29th January for one day.

Redbridge Food Bank

The Foodbank collection box is now in the Church porch and we should be grateful for your donations. There is a list of suggested non-perishable items at the back of the Church and these are collected weekly and taken to the Redbridge Foodbank for distribution. Please give generously!

CWL AND CHIGWELL SISTERS JUMBLE SALE

This will take place on Saturday **22nd February** 1pm–4pm. As usual we need your support but as we no longer have storage facilities we can only accept your donations on Friday 21st February between 9.30am and 6pm or Saturday 22nd February from 9am until 11am in the Becket Centre.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE BEFORE THIS TIME.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR USUAL GENEROSITY.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 30th January at 9am

Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis, Maureen Chubb, Marta Burek

Volunteer for our cleaning rota

If anyone would like to join the cleaning rota please contact the Parish Office as we are currently preparing the new rota.

Volunteers Please

We would like some more volunteers to join our Sunday morning Tea/Coffee rotas after the 10.00am mass and the 11.30am mass. The 10.00am mass is once every 9 weeks and the 11.30am is once every 7 weeks.

Please if you can, come and speak to me in the Becket Centre after either mass or contact me on 0208 504 3839 or e-mail sheilapryor@hotmail.com

Baptism Congratulations

The following children were baptised at St Thomas of Canterbury in January 2020, we welcome them into our community



- Ava Darcy Cooper,
- Toby Jordan,
- Molly Ellington,
- River Lyla Press,
- Mason Mark Mckenna.