

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anniversaries: Lucy Archer, Mary Barrett, Catherine Davis, Marie Easby, Edward Parry, Doris Roe, Sister Mary Calnan, David Houghton, Patrick Looney, Anastasia McCabe, Michael McHugh, Doreen Wyatt, Catherine Carter, Charles Lingley, Sister Madden, John Smith, Laurance Turner, Colum Kelly, Charles McGranaghan, Margaret Mullins, Patrick Devlin, Henry Holland, Pauline Horan, Sister Julia O'Connor, Olga Periera, Sister Mary Reid, Rosalind Green.

Church Heating

The church has been cool for a couple of weekends. Hellabys have done a good job patching the ailing system so the temperatures have been raised. WE keep our fingers crossed that it will hold out till Spring comes.

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

Thank you

Rosa and her family thank the parish most sincerely for the many masses, cards and prayers which they received following her beloved Frank's death. A Mass is being said for all your intentions. The collection for the FMU raised £1,000.00.

The Martin family thank you most sincerely for all the support and kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of their beloved son James. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Redbridge Food Bank

The Foodbank collection box is now in the Church porch. 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! **NO** jumble/clothes etc. to be left.

Travel to Lourdes — with Across

There are some vacancies for sick, disabled, or seriously ill people to travel to Lourdes on the Jumbulance. Leaving Chingford on April 16th and returning on April 25th. If anyone wishes to go or has a friend or relative who may wish to go, please contact Debbie on 07847714781

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



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Sunday - Cycle A - Sunday 2nd February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

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

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord, otherwise called Candlemas, provides us with an opportunity to present ourselves anew to the Lord, so that we may carry his light for all to see.



First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Malachi prepares the way for today's feast: the Lord will enter his Temple.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus has come to confront the powers of evil.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Joseph and Mary fulfil the requirements of the Law and present Jesus in the Temple. It provides an opportunity for two aged people who have remained attentive to God to speak prophetically about this child as the salvation of all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord

Newsletter

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

Year of God's Word

Some 30 of our readers came to the course last Saturday because they are taking their ministry seriously. Sue - spent 5 entertaining hours taking us around Covent Garden practice and all manner of the elements of good reading such as breathing, posture, engaging with audience, use of microphone and others. As a result before Mass you may hear mutterings in the porch of *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers* and cries of *Ka Kay Kee Ki Ko Koo* as readers exercise face- and other muscles we never knew we had. It was a splendid day. Sue said she will come again. Can we gather another 30 interested enough in God's Word to want to present it better?

Volunteers social

All went home marveling that it was such a good evening. Why? Surely it is obvious that when you people who are so generous in volunteering your service come together for a convivial evening we find a level of sharing and enjoyable company that is precious and all too rare in our busyness. Next time we hope more of you will not be shy – saying: *I don't do much*. You do. I thank the office staff who had not a little to do in pressing ahead with a project most of us said was impossible.

Restoration Fund

We launched the project last October informing a group of about 70. Already there has been a great deal of enthusiasm for the radical maintenance and great generosity. Today and on the next 2 Sundays members of the Fund committee will speak very briefly at the end of each Mass in St Thomas. They want you to know the strategy in place. They do not expect you to come up with a commitment immediately. Just give them your name and contact detail so that one or other can talk to you privately afterwards. And soon we hope to have news of starting date.

Monday 3rd February

Keep Fit in the Becket Centre at **8pm**

Parish Council **8pm**

Wednesday 5th February

Bible Study Group **2pm**

All are welcome, especially if you are a new-comer. Readers also very welcome"

Journey of Faith in Assisi Room at **7.30pm**

Thursday 6th February

Confirmation Enrolment Mass **7.15pm**

Friday 7th February

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

Saturday 8th February

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

First Holy Communion preparation Group B 10 — 12 noon

Sunday 9th February

Join us for refreshments after 10am & 11.30 Masses

Film Night

Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle!! **Saturday 15th February** will be our film night showing Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle. All are welcome however please do note that this has a PG 13 rating so young children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Come at **19:00** for cinema snacks. Film starts at 19:45. All free but donations are welcome.

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**.

Catholic Fellowship

In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on **Sunday 9th February** at 3pm at St Anne Line Church in South Woodford. All welcome

Awake London

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on **Saturday 15th February** from 2 pm to 6 pm in St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, London, N13 5TY. More information on www.sehionuk.org.

Family Race Night

On **Saturday 7th March** a Family Race Night is being held in the Beckett Centre to raise funds for the Restoration Appeal. Tickets £5 children free. Please contact Kate at kajlewin@yahoo.co.uk or 07803397259 for further details.

CWL & 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. Helpers still needed for the clear up at 4pm, contact the Parish Office please

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE BEFORE THIS TIME.

Church Cleaning
Thursday 6th February at 9am
Iwona Moreno, Emily Hannon,
Sheila Charles

Across Chingford

Across is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a Dinner/Dance at Gilwell Park, Chingford on 29th February 2020. Tickets £50.00.
Contact Bernadette 07743 380895

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

Children attending non-Catholic primary schools

We have places available at our Saturday school which meets for one hour upstairs in the Becket Centre. If you are interested please contact the parish office or pop along and have a chat with Sean at 10am on Saturday

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