

PRAY FOR THE SICK

New Church lockdown arrangements

The Church is closed to the public

However, join us daily via

<https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/watch-mass-live>

For Mass every day at 10 am

And at 6pm for evening prayer with
exposition of the blessed sacrament

We will also record the 10am Mass on
Sunday

Confessions can take place by
appointment



Prayer of spiritual
communion
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into
my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from
You.

Amen

Lately dead:

Dennis McCarthy,
Gerard Brunning
Pierina Kavangh

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Sheila Davighi, Sister Liguori Sinnott,
Cecil Ayles, Patricia Freeman,
Guilielmuis Latore, Jeremiah Murphy,
Mario Castelletti, Sister Kathleen
Cronin, Salli Bennett, Susan Kemp,
Palmira Pieroni, Mary James, Douglas
Bacon, Honoria Mathieson, Maureen
Noden, Michael O'Meara, Luca Marrai,
Edward Pestell, Brian Skelt, Angelo
Francescotti, William Burke.



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A) - 8th November 2020 Week 9th November—is week 32 Year 2

The time is now. God lives in the present, inviting us to fullness of life. Conversion, commitment and salvation are in the here and now, not in some vague future, or when we get round to it. Compassion is the hallmark of the true follower of Jesus.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

The writer reflects on wisdom, personified as God's agent in the world who shares intimately in God's life and creative purpose.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

God promises us life everlasting as we share in the resurrection of Jesus. We cannot be certain how this will be, but we can be sure that God's promises are to be trusted.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is principally about having hearts, minds and spirits open and alert to detect the presence of Jesus in our lives.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, My
God



Lockdown

Our bishops tried to persuade the government to allow us to come to church for mass, but without success. They accepted gracefully, as we should. So I regret that your visit to church and to Jesus in the tabernacle must be through the stream. The camera transmits constantly, so you can "visit" him easily from home. A very good exercise for children preparing for Holy Communion. For November mass will be streamed daily from St Thomas' at 10 am. That includes Sundays. Sunday mass will be recorded so that you can access it at a time that suits you. The weekday mass will be transmitted live but not recorded for subsequent viewing. What more can we do to provide opportunities for us to pray together as a parish? We friars come together for morning and evening prayer each day, till now in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. We will now come to pray the evening prayer every day in church, with adoration from 6 to 6.30 pm. Do join us for that. It offers a prayer structure for the day. If you can think of any other ways we can come together or be helpful using IT please tell us.

Entertainment?

Some years ago a wise correspondent put his finger on the damage being done by the press. The media, he said reduce everything to entertainment. Even conveying vivid pictures of disasters to individuals or communities, it all comes over as entertainment. Of course tragedy as well as comedy has its artistic place. But we come away from the cinema and theatre informed and enriched with perceptions of the human lot in order to live it better. Now we are surrounded in all our waking hours by entertainment to fill the gaps. And we are thereby conditioned to look for entertainment at all times.

When we come to church some come so conditioned. Mass is boring. Sermons are boring. We must admit that they do frequently fall short of what they should be. But their purpose is not to amuse or to share novelties. Rather we have liturgies to take us deeper into who we are, what we are, what is the reality of this richly gifted world in which we live.

A question of age?

In the months since we could come back to church the upper age groups were much more in evidence than the younger. Perhaps with age, perhaps because our training was different and in a very different context and culture, we oldies value very highly being present at Mass, having physical contact with the body of Christ, playing our part in constituting it. The politicians struggle with a balance between saving lives and saving the economy. We hear arguments of the need to protect mental health threatened by the lockdown. Our spiritual health is similarly threatened. We are puzzling to know more and better uses of the streaming facility we now enjoy. It is the active generations and the young that need help to give thought to their spiritual health. The current thirst for entertainment to fill every gap is not helping.

Certificates of Practice St Anthony's

Please let us have a family photo with details of the masses you would normally attend. Provide the full name of you child, his/her date of birth, and your current address. This can be emailed to parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8th November

People of the parish
Mary Zeppa RIP
John Potter RIP

Monday 9th November

Felix Lobo anniversary
Anita DeSa intentions

Tuesday 10th November

Geoffrey Banks RIP
Mary Zeppa RIP

Wednesday 11th November

Pilot G McLoughlin & companions RIP
Joan and Peter Hayes RIP

Thursday 12th November

Maria Carroll RIP
Trinity intentions

Friday 13th November

Gerard Brunning RIP
C.W.L

Saturday 14th November

Sheila Davighi RIP
Stubbings family thanks

Sunday 15th November

People of the parish
Dmytriy Syzonenko anniversary
Pierina Kavanagh RIP

A mass is offered each day for those named in the November List

This weekend we particularly recall Gerald McLoughlin who was killed with the RAF 80 years ago in 1940. To read his story please visit the Remembrance Day section of our web page.



Advent - Day by Day

Is available from the parish office cost £1



Advent/Christmas

We have a supply of advent calendars and Christmas cards available to purchase in the parish office

Parish Diaries 2021

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Diaries for 2021 have arrived. Donations welcome.

Thank you

To the Stewards and those who helped keep our Church open. We will be in touch about rotas for December. Enjoy your rest in the meantime.

Keys found

May I thank the parishioner who found my door keys and so kindly handed them to the priest. My grateful thanks.

Redbridge Food Bank

During the current lockdown we know that there are people in need, so donations for the Redbridge Food Bank can still be accepted via the Parish Office.