

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Maria Graves, John Mill, Ellen Coyle, James Martin, Doris Skelt & Frank Fitzpatrick

We extend our condolences to their families at this sad time.

May they rest in peace

Funerals in St Thomas'

High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB

James Martin's funeral will take place on Friday 17th January at 1.30pm

Doris Skelt's funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 1pm

Ellen Coyle's funeral will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10am

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.

Fire alarm testing

A reminder that the fire alarms will be tested on most Wednesdays at 11am.

Childminder

Registered childminder has vacancies for St Antony's School. Please contact Pat Argent 07804424676.

Anniversaries: Vera Barr, Muriel Cooper, Majorie Cummings, Mary Ferrett, Patrick Graves, Nello Pieroni, Wlodzimierz Zykon, Edward Foley, Gertrude McCarthy, Keith Newman, Betty Norton, Joan Steadman, Adela Musson, Gerard Seeberan, Mary Cunningham, John Cleere, Thomas Feeney, Barbara Gois, Henricus Hustun, Thomas Mathews, Syrus Morley, Anka Stuttard, Eileen Bell, Jacob Black, Margaret Clarke, Susan Faulkner, Robert Heath, Conrad Roudette, Jacob Sullivan, Charles Vychodil, Terence O'Brian, Eileen Daly and Teresa Daly.

Pax Christi

Please note that there will be a second collection after all masses next weekend (19th) for Pax Christi.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
Woodford Green

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Served by the Franciscans

The Baptism of the Lord Cycle A 12 January 2020

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



When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. It marked the moment he began his ministry of doing good and healing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Isaiah offers a beautiful description of the Messiah, who comes to serve the cause of right and bring healing to humanity.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

St Peter tells a Roman soldier, whom he baptised, how Jesus had gone about doing good and healing.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus, at his baptism, receives the Holy Spirit and is proclaimed to be God's beloved Son.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Newsletter

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

Welcome back....

and I wish you all a happy new year. Thank you for all your greetings and hugely generous gifts in kind and the Christmas collection.

The Tree and Christmas decorations have been put away for a year, but the crib remains: Mary and Joseph and the child stay to remind us of the absolute centrality of family life and of the slow and gradual process of growth through prayer.

Parish life has sprung into action and we have a very full year ahead.

Catholic newspapers

It is a good thing to read the Catholic press: otherwise how can anyone know what is happening in the church? But the publishers now refuse to provide them on a sale-or-return basis. So we have to order and pay for each copy they send us. If you wish to have a subscription please contact the parish office and they will happily and promptly make the arrangement.

Volunteers' social

We have deliberated long: How can we show our appreciation of you who give your time and energies to the tasks of the parish. So there will be a simple social event in Becket on Jan 25th starting at 7pm. If you are fairly regularly doing any of the services or functions of the parish please come and celebrate with us. Do not be shy. But please do just tell us you are coming so that we will know the numbers. We do want Becket to be full to the scuppers.

Parish Activities

Monday 13th January
Keep Fit in the Becket Centre at 8pm

Fr Quentin will be available to sign **Certificates of Practice** between 7 & 8pm

Tuesday 14th January at 2pm
Tuesday Club We'll be collecting full monies for our Christmas Lunch: 3 Courses - £17.50; 2 Courses - £14.50. Drinks, coffee and tea to be bought, individually, on the day. Look forward to seeing as many as possible.

Wednesday 15th January
Journey of Faith in Assisi Room 7.30pm

Saturday 18th January
Saturday School 10am upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

Readers

This year is dedicated to the Word of God. We are blessed with many who read the passages chosen for each day and week in church. "Know your dignity" said St Augustine. You are God's mouthpiece. Because it is so important we need to ensure the Word is well proclaimed at every opportunity. So there will be a training day on Saturday 25th **January**. Please come. Sue gave us a wonderfully enjoyable and profitable day last year and will do so again on the 25th

Invitations have been issued via email to all Readers, if you haven't received an invite and you would like to attend, please email, as soon as possible to: stoc.readers@gmail.com or phone the Parish Office (020 8504 1686)

Volunteers social event

25th January 2020 7 to 9pm

The Parish Council has organised a social event to thank those who play a role in our church community. This extends not just to those who assist with the Mass, but with cleaning the church, photocopying the newsletters, flower arrangers and to be honest lots more unsung heroes of our community. We would like to say thank you. If you would like to come please either sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or contact the parish office. Do come along .



Service for Christian Unity, 2020

The service will be held at St. Barnabas Church, Snakes Lane East on Sunday, January 19th at 6.30pm, followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

Awake London

A Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18th January from 2-6 pm at St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY.

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**

Church Cleaning

Thursday 16th January at 10.30am
Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu, Sue Mansbridge, Louise Deans

Baptism Congratulations

We welcome to our church community George Brown who was baptised in December 2019.

Baptism Course

The next baptism course will take place on 19th, 25th February and 4th March. If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office for more information

SALE of Christmas Cards

Buy now and save for next December. All packs at half price - £2 each. Also in stock now the Brentwood Diocesan Year Book 2020.

Community Film Nite Saturday 1st February

Everyone of all ages is invited to the movie "The Lion" (PG) starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. A biographical drama film about a tiny boy from a poor family in India who fell asleep on a train and woke up 1,000 miles from home. To be screened at St James URC in Palmerston Rd . Come at 6.30pm for cinema snacks. Film starts at 7pm. All free but donations welcome. Any queries to Margaret Minoletti on 020 85053883.