

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately Dead:** Hugh Bowler

We offer our condolences to his family

*May he rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

John Fells, Francis French, Martin Staunton, Alexander Bedell, Anna-Maria Brinckenhoff, Domina Copindale, Joseph Dalli, George Mace, Veronica Seecharan, Richard Bachman, George Dadswell, Thomas Diamond, Adelina Gill, Carmen Cilia, Henry Taylor.



**Pray the Rosary to  
unite in prayer for the  
pandemic to end**

## Keep in touch

There are many ways to keep in touch during this difficult time. For example, the parish website, the newsletter by email, mass online, the Parish News mailing list, the parish Facebook page and, of course, the parish office. Please share this information with others and if any help is needed with any of these resources please contact the parish office. For any technical details please email

[Communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:Communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

### Online Mass

As for the foreseeable future there will be no mass celebrations open for parishioners to attend it is our intention to record a mass weekly for online viewing. To watch mass online please visit our parish website <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org/> and click Mass Online on our homepage. This will bring up another link Watch Mass Online. Clicking on this link will take you to our You Tube channel from where you can view mass. You will see masses listed in date order. Click on any mass to view it. If you wish to receive an email notification when mass is uploaded each week you will need to subscribe on You Tube. (You will see a large red Subscribe button on the mass page on You Tube)



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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday 12th April

Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia! We gather to rejoice in the new life which God our Father has given us through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. We carry the joy of this feast into the lives of those who seek meaning, hope and encouragement.

### First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter and the apostles witness to the resurrection and bring the good news to others.

### Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Christians are called to a new life as the beloved of the Lord

### Gospel John 20:1-9

St John entered the tomb; he saw and he believed.

### Responsorial psalm

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.



**On this Easter day** we can well return to the Pope's encouragement spoken as he gave his Urbi et Orbi blessing last week:

*"It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous and generous self-denial. It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "That they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).*

*"healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: "Wake up, Lord!"*

### **Why are you afraid?**

*Have you no faith?"*

Lord, in this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay .

### **"Why are you afraid?**

*Have you no faith"?*

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pet 5:7).

**Easter joy** comes somewhat muted this year. We are still on our Via Dolorosa as we rejoice in the Lord's triumph. Each of us still has work to do to allow God's love to seep into our hearts and actions. As we reflected last Friday the slow process is painful. It is the growth of a person to become in all respects like Jesus himself.

**We wish you a happy Eastertide.**

### **Pastoral letter**

A pastoral letter from the Bishop will shortly be available on the website.

### **Mass Intentions**

We shall continue to offer masses as you requested. The principal intention for this week are:

#### **Saturday 11th April**

John Burnham anniv

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

People of the parish  
Stubbings family - thanksgiving

#### **Monday 13th April**

Kitty Malott anniv  
Holy family Sisters intentions

#### **Tuesday 14th April**

Family of Marie Joseph

#### **Wednesday 15th April**

Kay Stokes  
Ferruccio Pieropan RIP

#### **Thursday 16th April**

Eamonn Gaughan sick

#### **Friday 17th April**

Deceased of Hagger family

#### **Saturday 18th April**

Frank Fitzpatrick RIP

#### **Sunday 19th April**

Eileen Green RIP  
Ettorina Mase RIP



### **Prayer for Easter**

Dear Lord, may I realise afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me.

Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **MASS ON LINE**

- **Maundy Thursday:** 8pm Mass of the Last Supper with washing of feet
- **Good Friday:** Way of the Cross at 3 pm
- **Holy Saturday:** Easter vigil at 8 pm

If your reception seems dim on Holy Saturday do not adjust your sets. We start in the (semi) dark. God is dead. So we go back to basics: hearing the story of First Creation and that of the Jews led out of Egypt to freedom through the Red Sea. The Easter candle proclaims: Jesus is alive! We have light and hope for a better future. Water is blessed as the medium of real life.

- **Easter Sunday:** Mass at 10 am

