

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### Anniversaries:

Helen Bailey, Veronica Bailey, Harry Day, Terence Tuckey, Kenneth McDonnell, Michael Leppert, George Clarke, Katherine Bullman, Michael Higgins, Annie Croke, Oliver Kinane, Mary McCarthy, James McHugh, Beryl Mahoney, Mary McClean.

### Music Event

Taking place at High Beech Church on Sun afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> September "Wedding Favourites" delivered with ceremonial aplomb by the Asaph Trumpet Guild with soprano Nicola Hooke. Concerts will begin at 2.30pm and 4.00pm. High Beech Church is near the junction of Avey Lane & Mott Street, High Beech, Essex.

### 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

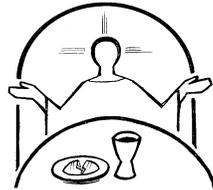
**St. Thomas'**  
10am  
**Chigwell Convent**  
9.30am  
Saturday 10am  
(1st Weds of the month)  
No morning Mass  
**Trinity High School**  
8.20am on Lower Site.

### 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

## Holy Communion Preparation

Application forms are now available from the back of the church and the website. If your child will be in year 3 in September 2019, please take one and return it to the parish office. Closing



date for applications is **6th September at 10am**. Applications will **Not** be accepted after this date.

## Parish Partnership

Partnership meeting on Oct 3rd on YOUTH. Visit [tinurl.com/STOCSteward](http://tinurl.com/STOCSteward) for details.

## Childcare

A local mum can help with school pick ups, childcare. Please call Kasia on 07549355399.



**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**

Woodford Green

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) 1st September 2019

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

Jesus is the way to the heart of God. He shows us that to follow him is to submit to each other in humility.

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29  
Humility is the key to finding favour with God.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

In Christ we are connected to the heavenly Jerusalem, becoming citizens through his blood.

**Gospel** Luke 14:1. 7-14

Jesus points out to the Pharisees that true humility is the way to be noticed and properly respected.



## Responsorial Psalm

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor

### Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website [www.stthomaswoodford.org](http://www.stthomaswoodford.org) or mail [communications@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:communications@stthomaswoodford.org)

## Welcome back

I hope you have all had a good holiday and are rearing to go for the next stage of our parish life. In recent weeks the church pews have been sparsely occupied of a Sunday morning. We look forward to larger attendance now that we are back at school and full parish life.

## Parish Pastoral Council

By the time you read this your Council will have spent half a day preparing for the coming year's work. Highly significant is this quote from Pope Francis in which he sets us just one of our tasks. "Some of the customs (of the church) may be beautiful but they no longer serve as means of communicating the Gospel... At the same time the Church has rules and precepts which may have been quite effective in their time, but no longer have the same usefulness for directing and shaping people's lives... The precepts which Christ and the apostles gave to the people are very few." *Joy of the Gospel* 43. Perhaps you will find sympathy with us in our task as we try to see how this works out in SToC. It should be stimulating.

## Communion preparation

Preparation for children who will begin to receive communion next May has already started. The deadline for enrolment falls this Friday and no further applications will be accepted after that date. There are already so many enrolled that we must divide them into two groups. On alternate Saturday mornings they will come to Becket for 2 hours. There will be 8 sessions starting in September and running till April 2020. The parents of the children involved are asked to come to Becket on **September 18th at 7 pm**. It is very important that all attend. For the real work has to be done by you the parents. We will provide you with copies of a book much better than we have had before, spelling out the lessons. You will find it a delight for yourselves and the whole family. Just ask those you know who have done it in previous years.

## Parish activities

- **Wednesday 4th September**  
CWL 8pm
- **Thursday 5th September**  
Liturgy Committee 7.30pm
- **Friday 6th September 10am**  
**Last day** for first holy  
Communion applications

## Mass On-line

6pm August 31st

## Dates for your diary

**29th September 3pm**  
**Mass for the sick & housebound**

A mass for the Sick and Housebound (including those living in care homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St Thomas' on Sunday 29th September at 3pm, followed by tea and coffee in the Becket Centre. If you require transport to/from the mass please contact the parish office on 02085041686.

## 24 hour Adoration

11/12th October

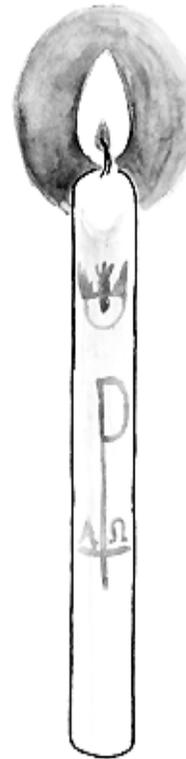
## Christmas Fayre

23rd November

## International Food Evening

**On Saturday 16th November @ 7:30pm** we will be hosting an international food evening as a Parish fundraising event. If anyone would like to contribute a dish to this event please contact Michelle at [michellespears@live.co.uk](mailto:michellespears@live.co.uk).

## Electric Votive Candles



The Parish Council (PC), our insurers and many parishioners have for some time been concerned about the risks of fire and personal injury, especially to children, being caused by the lighted wax votive candles in front of Saint Anthony's statue and on the Lady Altar.

We are aware that there are differing opinions as to whether they should stay or be changed to a safer type.

After much discussion in the PC and with the Friars we have agreed to replace the votive candles in front of Saint Anthony's statue with electric ones. The existing candles on the Lady Altar will remain.

A new electric candelabra, will be installed next week. At first it will seem different but we hope that parishioners will, like those at Chigwell Convent and Stratford, quickly get used to it and it becomes as popular as the original. information.

## Journey of faith

Are you interested in becoming a catholic or do you want to know more about the faith? Join Journey of Faith Course. It begins on Wednesday, 18th of September at 7pm in Assisi Room in the Becket Centre. To get more information email Alan on [alanmair63@gmail.com](mailto:alanmair63@gmail.com).

## Church Cleaning

**Friday 13th September 2019 at 9.00am**

Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle & Breda Murphy

The rota for October 2019 to March 2020 is available in the flower room. Please take a copy. If for any reason you cannot make the date allocated to you please let your team members know and/or organise a swap. Thank you.

## Baptisms

We welcome into the parish community



Harriet Kavanagh, Aoife Lynch, Jada Wak-Williams, Vincent Horne, Sofia Stefansdottir, Marta Estanislao, Alfonso Amodio, Finn Dooner & Louis Francis who were recently baptised.

## Bingo Club at Chigwell Convent

Reopens on Thursday, 5th of September at 2pm. Everybody is welcome. Come and enjoy the company, tea and cake.

## Telco Meeting

A team of Waltham Forest Citizens are meeting with some of the team redesigning the Whipps Cross Hospital, to hear their thoughts on the inclusion of new affordable housing and future plans for the hospital. St Thomas Citizens are also invited to attend the meeting on Thursday, **19th of September 6pm-7.30pm** at Cornerstone Church, 149 Canterbury Road, Leyton, E10 6EH.