PRAY FOR THE SICK

We will be reviewing the sick list during March, if you wish to remain on the list from April onwards please contact the parish office.

Anniversaries: Kate Burke, Veronica Allen, Bernard Blumsom, James Saunders, Elizabeth Browne, Joseph Byrne, Eleanor Kilroy, Mary Butler, Stanley Desborough, Sister Priscilla Sheehan, Irene Boyle, Frank Fuscoe, Pauline Walker, Carmel Cork, Elsie Gerrett, Isabella Kingswood, Margaret Pfeiffer, Mary Ryder, Agnes Simmons, Eileen Went, Patrick Mahoney, Fr. Benedict O'Halloran, Nancy Cunningham, Ellen McMurdoch, Leslie Harriss, Georgia Perera, Billy Yip.

Retiring Collection
CAFOD Family Fast Day

Envelopes and donations for CAFOD will be taken after all masses this weekend

Querida Amazonia

Copies of this latest Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis are on sale in the Repository.

TELCO

Last year we influenced Redbridge CCG to provide a new GP outreach service for rough sleepers. This year we aim to influence the policy makers to support new ways to tackle homelessness in Redbridge. But we do need to show we have the support of our parish. We are looking for 10 people to join us at a **Homelessness Summit** on 12th March, 1-4pm, Ilford Salvation Army. An event co-organised by Citizens UK and the Redbridge Council for the civil society institutions and Council Leaders to visit Project Malachi and learn about new innovative ways to tackle homelessness. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/homelessness-summit-tickets-95333686623 Please register with Eventbrite to let us know how many people will be there. We will be providing hot drinks and refreshments for people who join us.

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

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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2nd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 8th March
Cycle A

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

Many biblical events happen on high mountains, like the temptation of Jesus in last week's Gospel. Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they are given a glimpse of heavenly glory.

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4
Abraham is called by the Lord to leave his home and travel to a new land where he and his descendants will be blessed.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10
St Paul had to bear hardships for the sake of the Gospel, relying on the power of God, and invites us to be willing to do the same.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9
Jesus is transfigured in heavenly glory, along with the prophets Moses and Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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

Catechumens et al

Last Sunday Bishop Alan welcomed our 9 journeyers, and "elected" them to join us fully at the Easter vigil. It was a simple ceremony but full of significance for those welcomed. Now it is up to you to include them in your prayers and take any opportunity that presents to make them fully integrated into the life and activities of our parish. Baptism and entering into "full communion" are not lonely isolated actions. We are all involved and need to find ways to draw them into our family.

The Malachi project – Homelessness.

Next weekend a project led by the Salvation Army, and supported by Telco comes to fruition when Malachi Place opens offering shelter to several dozen homeless people in our Borough. It is to the credit of Redbridge that it facilitates this curious new building in the centre of Ilford. It started when a child named Malachi offered £5 he had from the Tooth Fairy to help the people he saw sleeping rough. I congratulate our Telco members who have been a significant part of the success.

Mental Well-being

The topic proved popular for about 100 came last Wednesday to hear Dr Kiran give a very thorough perspective of how mind and emotions develop especially in the young. We will pursue the subject further. If you can help us with suggestions they will be welcome. If you would like to receive the "slides" - power-point? of last Wednesday please contact kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com.

Sponsored walk

Twelve of our younger members had a fine day last Sunday for their sponsored walk in aid of the Restoration Fund. It helps the aim of the Communion preparation group towards their target of raising £10,000. Well done and thank you.

Monday 9th March

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

Tuesday 10th March

Lenten lunches ***12.15—1.30pm***

Tuesday Club ***2—4pm***

Wednesday 11th March

Journey of Faith ***7.30pm***

SOUP RUN *donations* ***NO*** *Clothes on this occasion by* ***7pm***

Thursday 12th March

Bereavement Group ***7.30pm***

Saturday 14th March

Holy Communion preparation Group A **10—12 noon**

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

Sunday 15th March

Join us for refreshments after 10am and 11.30am Masses

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**.

Coronavirus Precautions

For your protection and on the advice of our Bishops and medical practitioners we have decided to adopt the following measures:

Sign of peace:
please do not make physical contact. Simply smile and nod.

Holy communion
Priests and ministers will sterilise hands before and after giving communion. The chalice will **not** be offered Communion will only be given in the hand It will **not** be given on the tongue

Holy water has been removed from the church

These are of course temporary measures while the threat of contamination persists

General Hygiene Advice

- Do not come to church if ill with cough, cold or flu like symptoms
- "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it"
- Wash hands before starting a task and after finishing.

Please also consider checking on anyone you know who lives alone to see if they do need any help.

Gift Aid Annual Statements 2019/2020

If you would like to receive a statement for 2019-2020 financial year please make sure that the parish office has your contact email address. The statements will be sent to your email address after the end of April.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 12th March at 9am
Tricia Hayden, Leah Bettis, Maureen Chubb, Marta Burek

New Cleaners & Rota

There is a new cleaners rota available in the Flower Room for the period April to September 2020. Or if you would like it emailed, please contact the Parish Office.

If anyone would like to join the rota we are looking for extra help on Thursday please also contact the Parish Office

Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2020– 2021

If you make your weekly offering to us by envelope, please collect your box for the coming financial year from the back of the Church.

Found—in car park

Small purse, Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Forthcoming Event Lenten Lunches each Tuesday

The ecumenical soup-makers are busy preparing delicious soups for you to try. Come and join us in the Becket Centre on Tuesdays from 12.15 - 1.30pm and enjoy food and good company. Soup, french bread and butter cost only 3 pounds, with all the proceeds going to Mary's Meals, feeding schoolchildren in Haiti.

Board Games & Bridge Sunday 29th March 2—8pm in the Becket Centre

An afternoon for young and old. More information available at the back of church or on the website