

I thank more than 70 of the parish who came to last Sunday's AGM. A constructive meeting lasting 90 minutes brought forth a number of good contributions which have been noted. I thanked God and you for the good things past. We looked hard at the present reality. Then we set out in hope a plan of collaboration for the future. This is not a parish run by a priest, but a collaboration to which we each bring our own perspective and generous service. In a structured programme you already take responsibility for a wide variety of parish good works. In some of these the number of participants has dwindled. So we are looking for new energies. The age profile is noticeably senior. The immediate need is to draw so many of you younger people who do join in and benefit from the activities, into sharing the action and responsibilities. It is much more fun to be on the organising side than being a passive receiver. One encouraging sign is that we have 5 belated offers to join the parish council. More anon.

We have continuing technical problems with the PA system and the heating. We beg your indulgence. We are working to get the necessary remedies.

FIRE HAZARD

Last Sunday I removed 8 votive candles perilously perched, ready to fall and start a fire. Within ten minutes another five were similarly lit. I think you are more careful of hazards in your own homes. I hope so. **PLEASE** only light a candle if there is a receptacle free to receive it.

CHURCH HEATING Brrrrrrr!

We have had a problem with the boilers and apologise that we are without heating in the house and church. We are waiting for the parts—please be patient with us!!!

CWL JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2pm in the Becket Centre

This is the last week for donating your jumble. Please leave your donations in the porch.

ROSARY

During the month of October the Rosary will be said each day after the 10am weekday Mass.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

For the tax year 2014/2015 are available at the back of church for collection.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2016?

If you are planning on getting married in St. Thomas' in 2016 and have not already contact the parish office please do so as soon as possible.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Domus Mariae Retreat & Conference Centre (annexe of Chigwell Convent)

Help in the dining room and the Centre. Duties include, but not limited to, serving and cleaning in the dining room and surrounding areas, assisting the housekeeper with the preparation of bedrooms and rooms within the centre and the occasional overnight stay. This is a paid position. Please send CV to Ann Daly, Retreat and Conference Centre Manager, 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge IG8 8AU.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 28th November 1-4pm

If there are any local businesses who would like to advertise in the Bazaar's Programme, please contact the parish office and leave your details. If you are a regular stall-holder and are willing to run your stall again this year please call Jackie 07952077546/0208 506 1799.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

Details of when Fr. Quentin will see parents for the Certificate of Practice will be in the newsletter next weekend.

CONFIRMATION Sunday, 5th May 2016

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The programme will commence on Thursday, 4th Feb. 2016 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in Year 10 or above. The closing date for applications is Wed. 4th November 2015.

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 14th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £7 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Our regular professional quizmasters guarantee this will be a great quiz for everybody, as usual. Please contact Bernard Bourdillon on 07867 908814.

TRINITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

Fr. Quentin will be seeing parents Monday and Tuesday evening at 7pm. Just come along.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 10.30am 22nd October Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu, Jean Burke.

MISSING

Would anyone who has borrowed the large metal baking tins and saucepans from the Becket Centre Assisi cupboard, kindly return them to the parish office a.s.a.p.

*The next Assisi Lunch will be on the 30th
October in the Becket Centre.*

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child please contact the parish office for details. We recommend couples attend a course before the birth of their child. The next course will be run in November.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

I am concerned that we are not sufficiently alert to the need of people in our parish who cannot come to church, but for that reason are even more keen to receive Holy Communion regularly. So I ask you to think if you know anyone who would like to have a regular visit from the Lord, and then to let me or the office know. At the same time we need to have more Ministers who are willing to commit regularly to do this service. So I shall welcome information of any Ministers who are free to do this rewarding task.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note that Children's Liturgy is for children in school years Reception Year 1 and Year 2.

REPOSITORY

Please look in and see what we have to offer—for example, a good supply of baptismal candles—and let us know anything you think we ought to stock.

FRANCISCAN VOCATION LITERATURE



Available from the back of the church. Especially for interested males 18-41 years discerning a religious vocation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Maria Ashley, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Yvonne Carpenter, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Dr Courtney Price, Astrid Turner, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall.

Lately Dead. Teddy Jack Arrowsmith (2 days old), Mike, Bunny & Kay, Brian Barret, Don Heany, Sarah McDonagh, Alex McVeigh, Michalina Plociennik, Mr Reid, Paris Steenson, Violet Taverner.

Anniv: David Forsyth, May McMenemy, Al Montanari, Pat Nash, Bro. Peter Simmonds S.D.B

KEEP FIT

Not long to Christmas!! Come and get fit after the summer holidays. Join us in the Becket Centre at 8pm on Monday evening.

TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY

Required for Jan. 2016 for Trinity Catholic High School. This post is permanent. Contact SamGillary@fc.tchs.uk.net for more details.

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

MOTHER'S HELP/AU PAIR

Needed for a 2-1/2 year old girl to work afternoons and evenings 3-4 days per week. Based in Buckhurst Hill. Must like cats and dogs. Please 'phone 07769328745.

HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained and colour specialist (mobile). Contact Tina 07957977380.

MINI CHARISTMAS MARKET

If you are a stall holder and would be interested in selling (only new items) at a local Mini Christmas Market, please contact Lisa 07944464757 or 02036657750.

TUTORING

Experienced tutor with BSC Physics Degree and pending MSC in Mechanical Engineering/ Available in A-Level Maths and Physics and all Sciences and Maths at GCSE level, or lower school. Prices vary per circumstance so please call Sukie on 07866805405.

HALLOWEEN

Sat. 31st October. Swing along to the Jazz Crew in Theydon Bois Village Hall 8pm—11pm. £12.50. Fundraising for our Armed Forces. Contact 07775994363/85027927.



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B

18TH OCTOBER 2015



For many people, greatness is measured in terms of the three "P"s—power, possessions and pleasure. Jesus teaches a new way to glory, the way of humble service. Really great people are those who put themselves at the service of others.

First Reading (Isaiah 53:10-11)

The suffering servant takes our faults on himself.

Second Reading (Hebrews 4:14-16)

With Jesus as our high priest, we can have confidence in approaching the throne of grace when we need help.

Gospel (Mark 10:35-45)

James and John are looking for glory, but Jesus shows them the way of humble service.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you