

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Annie Keenan, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Maureen Pestell, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Derek Faulkner, Honoria Christine Mathieson

**Lately Dead:** Steve Bloomfield, Mary Keane,

The family of the late Sheila Murphy would like to thank the Friars and parish community for all the support, Mass cards and messages of sympathy received at this sad time. Thank you.

Patrick McGurk's Memorial Mass will be on Sat 4th November at 12Noon in St. Thomas'.

Eileen Everett's Memorial Mass will be on Monday 13th November at 10.00am in St. Thomas' followed by a reception in the

### 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.

## WANTED

A landlord with a 2/3bedroom property in Redbridge who would be willing to rent their house to a refugee family from Syria as part of the government "community sponsorship programme" which the telco team of St. Thomas' are involved in. It would mean renting at the Redbridge local housing allowance for a period of 2 years. Finding such a landlord is the final part needed to complete our community sponsorship application. Contact gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com for more information.

### CATHOLIC SINGLES

Is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events.

For further information visit [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or 0161 9413498.

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Sun. 5th Nov. 3pm. Special! Join Joanna to explore the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral at 3pm. Nearest Tube Victoria.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 2nd November Kath Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes, Iwona Moreno.

### 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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## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

29TH OCTOBER 2017



What a difference it would make in the world if all Christians were faithful to their baptismal calling. Let us pray today that our lives may give witness to the new world that Jesus came to establish, the kingdom of God.

### First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

The Thessalonians are the great example to all believers.

### Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

The greatest commandment of the Law

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength

## **CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

Quentin will be available to provide relevant certificates on Monday evening between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

### **ABORTION ACT**

It is 50 years since the Abortion act, limiting the extent of abortions subject to criminal proceedings was passed by Parliament. The Catholic Church regards any act to terminate a life once conceived as seriously wrong. That has not changed. But our practice in regard to those seeking or assisting abortion has changed. Our task is to form consciences. It is to help people to see the inherent wrongness of such an act, but with tact and comprehension of the pressures they are under. We respect the plight of those driven by an unwanted pregnancy, and seek ways to offer help. To condemn the act but not the person. The argument as to the place of law continues. It is not our place to seek to eradicate abortions by legal compulsion. It is to encourage appreciation of life and its value in all but especially the vulnerable.

### **ALL SAINTS**

#### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Wednesday, 1st November  
Vigil Mass Tues. 7.30pm in St. Thomas'  
Wed. 10am St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent  
8pm St. Thomas'  
2nd November **ALL SOULS**

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

## **COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This will take place at the Masses on the 1st Sunday of Advent. In preparation for this I invite all present Ministers who wish to continue their service to come to **ONE** of the meetings next month. I propose meetings on Mon 13th, Tues 14th, Wed 15th November. There will be another meeting towards the end of the month. A lot of opportunities because I respect your busy diaries. Please do come to the Friary **on only one** of these evenings. We will follow the customary pattern of a half hour of adoration, then discussion of any issues you care to raise.

### **POPE FRANCIS IN BECKET CENTRE**

We are 11,200 or so at Mass on Sunday. Last Wednesday 40 came to search where we are in our Catholic practice. I know many more share the concern and search for a better way of being Catholic. It was a good evening with everyone speaking and sharing our feelings hopes and aspirations. For most of our children as they advance in age the current church makes no sense. They as we live in a sea littered with Twitter and pornography, Brexit and N. Korea—and Jesus there too. But they will be fighting their way into the church building come Christmas Eve. And in their lives mostly they are highly principled, living the programme Jesus taught. Come and join us for the next sessions on November 8th and 23rd. Help us to find the expression of Jesus' life now that will make sense to them, and us. Next discussion evening 8th November at 8pm in the Becket Centre

### **IMPORTANT DATE**

Parish Annual Service of Remembrance  
26th Nov. at 4pm.

## **GIFT AID DONATION FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17**

To save printing costs, envelopes and time we are moving towards a new system of distributing the annual statements. This will be done on a request basis. If you would like to receive a copy of the statement we would prefer to send it to you by email. Please email your request to [sue@friar.org](mailto:sue@friar.org) and ensure that you also confirm your current postal address. If you do not have access to a computer or email address please put your request in writing, specifying your current postal address and we will post the statement to you.

The use of this email address is solely for year end Gift Aid Statement request.

### **ASSISI LUNCH DATES CHANGED**

Friday, 17th November  
Friday, 1st December (Christmas Lunch)  
All those who receive lifts, please do not worry, the drivers will be notified.

### **RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING OF DIOCESE**

I thank you who have taken an interest in reading the proposal and submitting your views. The task continues.

### **SVP**

There will be an SVP collection after all Masses this weekend.

### **CWL**

Meeting Wednesday, 1st November at 2pm in the William Scott Room

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENING MEAL**

Due to unexpected demand for tickets from the many volunteer cooks, all tickets for this event are now sold.

## **TELCO**

Is proud to have the support of the Brandenburg Choral Festival of London. Help us raise funds to sponsor refugee families, buy tickets for the Mozart Requiem on Friday, 10th November at St. Sepulchre-with-out-Newgate, Holborn EC14 2DQ. For tickets [www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/191675?ref=citizensuk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/191675?ref=citizensuk) or call Bernadette 07754477532.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, 6th November. If you have views on timing of Masses on Christmas Eve, please contact one of the Councillors.

### **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 6th November at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

### **HOLY FAMILY ASSOCIATES**

Meeting 6th November 7.30pm at the Convent.

### **SUNDAY TEAS**

We need 2 people to help with teas after 10am Mass. It is on a rota so it would be once in 7 weeks. Contact Pat Bell 02085044577 or [mrmcbell@btinternet.com](mailto:mrmcbell@btinternet.com). for more information.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD**

Head's PA/School Secretary required from Jan. 2018. Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm 40 weeks per annum. Application pack [sbm@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk](mailto:sbm@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk) or 020 8989 4700 Mrs Juffs. Closing date 13th November.

### **ALSO**

**Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat. 11th Nov. from 11am—3pm. All are welcome.**