

**ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
RECEPTION APPLICATIONS**

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept 2009 and 31st August 2010 and who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept. 2014. Applications are made on line on the Redbridge website www.redbridge.gov.uk and then follow the link for Admissions, or if you live in another authority please apply direct to them. If you have any queries please contact the school on 020 8504 4706. The Supplementary Forms and Priest's Reference Forms can be downloaded from the school's website www.st-antony.net or collected from the school. The parish office requires the completed priests reference form along with copy of the child's baptism cert. and non-returnable family photo. The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Thurs. 3rd Oct. at 1.45pm.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR SICK
& HOUSEBOUND**

The Annual Mass for all our sick and housebound parishioners will take place this afternoon at 3.30pm Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the Becket Centre.

CWL

Meeting 2nd Oct. in the William Scott Room at 8pm.

ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

Invite you to our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Wed. 9th Oct. at 6pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1K 3AH followed by a reception in the hall and a presentation on our work in South India.

**LAY ASSOCIATES OF
THE HOLY FAMILY**

Meeting on Monday, 7th Oct. at Maureen's house at 7.30pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 3rd Oct. Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Lucy Robinson. Thank you to the new ladies who have come forward to help clean the church. Welcome.

**OPEN EVENING
TRINITY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

For Parents of Prospective Year 7 Entrants to Trinity Catholic High School on Wednesday, 25th Sept. at the Lower School, Sydney Road between 6pm and 7.30pm., followed by a presentation from Dr. Doherty (Headmaster) at 7.30pm. The closing date for applications is 31st Oct. 2013

The parish office requires the completed priest's reference form along with copy of the child's baptism cert and non-returnable family photo.

Please note the car park will be very busy on Wed. 2nd October so if possible please use side roads.

TRANSITUS



Thursday, 3rd Oct. the Transitus will take place in St. Thomas' at 7.30pm This is a moving and very dramatic account in both music and verse of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome. Admission is free.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Mass will be said at 10.00am in St. Thomas' on Friday, 4th October followed by tea and cakes in the Becket Centre.

**CONFIRMATION
PROGRAMME 2014**

Applications to join the Confirmation Programme are available at the back of the church. The closing date for applications is Monday, 1st October 2013.

*NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THIS DATE*

1st COMMUNION 2014

Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd Oct. at 8pm in the Becket Centre for all parents and carers.

PARISH AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on October 13th at 5pm in the Becket Centre. It will be an opportunity for all parishioners to hear a number of interesting presentations on the activities of the parish in the last year and also to see and vote on some changes to the constitution of the Parish Council. A copy of the summary financial position and the Agenda for the meeting will be posted on the notice board at the back of the church. If you are interested in finding out more about the Parish Council or would like to put your name forward as a potential new member please contact the Parish Office for more information.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 1st Oct. after 10.00am Mass in the Francis Room.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine will be on sale at all Masses this weekend Price £2. This issue carries a transcript of Father Austin's interview on BBC.

CAFOD

Family Fast envelopes are at the back of the church. Please take one and return it next weekend.

TELCO

The parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury has been an active member of TELCO for a number of years. Our parishioners have contributed to a number of successful campaigns including an Ethical Olympics which has delivered the first ever Living Wage Olympics, affordable housing and post-Olympic job opportunities for the local workforce. In the coming months TELCO, 90 membership organizations will participate in a London wide Social Care Campaign. This campaign aims to put pressure on Local Councillor's and others to improve the quality of care given to dependent persons in their own home or in Care Homes. Success of this campaign locally will be enhanced by the collection of information from a cross section of parishioners. Sunday 6th Oct. is "Silver Sunday", a day when we nationally recognize and celebrate our senior citizens. On that day we will be hosting a listening campaign after Mass to hear your stories about experiences of care, both from care workers and anyone who knows somebody who has received care. The plans to gather these stories and present them to Council Representatives and others as part of the campaign to hold them accountable for improving the quality care they commission. We thank you for supporting the Social Care Campaign. Together we can make a difference. For more information contact Bernadette Harris 07754477532 or Bernadette.

YOUR LOCAL SCOUT GROUP

The 43rd Epping Forest South Scout Group is sponsored by our parish and it operates from the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. It supports 3 sections Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts. Application forms available from the parish office. If you would like to become a leader contact Peter Brown 0208501 0332.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Walter Blackwell, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Channer, Chris Callow, Veronica Carroll, Claire, David Clancy, Violet Clark, Sue Crail, Kathie Crowley, Chanelle Conway, Alan Cornish, Noreen Coyle, Kate Crowley, Mary Cullis, Siobhan Davids, Tomoko Dawson, Karen Davies, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Angela Francescotti, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Rowland Hill, Veronica Hutchison, Stephen Jannece, Derek Jones, Michael Kennedy, Jacqui Lebaz, Lauren, Dennis McMullen, Patricia McGurk, Mary McKay, Ron Mallett, Hannah Martin, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kathleen, Meyler, Pat Meyler, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Mary O'Connor, Katie O'Neil, John O'Niones, Lucy Owen, Lily Reding, Mark Pateman, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Sandra Sifflett, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Taylor, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

Lately Dead: Beryl Mahoney

Anniv: Brian Howes, Bridgett Kildeea, Ellen Moroney, James Moroney, Mary O'Donnell, Mary & Michael Sullivan

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.

HOW ISLAM VIEWS CHRISTIANITY

You are invited to a talk with discussion by Fr. Damian Howard S.J. in the Becket Centre on Sat. 2nd Nov. at 2.30pm.

ST. THOMAS' PLAYGROUPS

The under 2's meet on Wednesdays from 9.30am until 11am. The 2-5 year olds meet on Tuesdays from 9.30am until 11am in the Becket Centre. Both groups have places available. The cost is 50p per person i.e. £1 mum & child. Please come along to meet local mums.

SPANISH TUTOR

CRB checked offers Spanish tuition. Contact anaflt@hotmail.com or 020 8220 5257.

PARENTING

Alison Webster returns to St. Thomas'. Parents are invited to attend a combination of talks and small group work entitled "Time out for Parents" theme: resilient children. This is a one off, half day session on Sat. 9th Nov. 1-4.30pm in the Becket Centre. It is prepared especially for the parents of primary and secondary school age children. No booking required.

SUNDAY TEAS

We need one new person to help with teas after 10am Mass on a Sunday. It would be on a rota once in 7 weeks with 2 other people. If you think you can help please ring Pat Bell 8504 4577.

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

St Thomas of Canterbury

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26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE C

29th SEPTEMBER 2013



What comfort and security do we find in our possessions and money? God warns us not to be too materialistic when so many people in human society suffer hardship.

First Reading (Amos 6:1.4-7)

A warning to those who are complacent and who pamper themselves at the expenses of others.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

A call for those who love God to be loving and generous

Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

The story of the rich man and the beggar, commonly called Dives and Lazarus. The rich man is punished for his indifference to the poor man at his door.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord

There will be a collection for the S.V.P. after all Masses this weekend.