

Austin, O.F.M.

Pope Francis took possession of his Cathedral, the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran on Divine Mercy Sunday (Second of Easter). The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. The local Church or diocese established in Rome was founded by the two Apostles Peter and Paul and sanctified by the lives of many martyrs. As the spiritual leader of the worldwide Catholic Church, the Pope is also the Bishop of Rome who follows in the footsteps of St. Peter the Apostle, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome.

The prime title of Pope Francis is “Bishop of Rome”, a role he has emphasized on many occasions since the beginning of his Petrine ministry. At the start of his pontificate, Francis said, “the diocesan community of Rome has its Bishop and now let us begin this journey: bishops and people—this journey of the Church of Rome which presides in Charity over all the Churches.”

He concluded his homily: Buona sera! I thank you so much for your company in today’s Mass. Thank you so much! I ask you to pray for me. I need it. Don’t forget this. Thanks to all of you! And let us all go forward together, the people and the Bishop, all together, going forward always in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. He is always at our side. May God bless you! Many thanks! See you soon!

Don’t forget to pray for him!

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 15th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £6 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Please contact Bernard on 07968 173110.

IN TOUCH

The deadline for articles and letters to the editor for the Christmas Issue of In Touch is the 15th November. If you intend writing, please do so as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sat. 29th November 1pm

We are looking for any businesses which might have appropriate surplus stock we can sell. Also interested stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

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—it is secure) or the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

This afternoon in St. Thomas’ at 4pm. The Bereavement Group would like to welcome everyone in the Becket Centre for a cup of tea and a scone afterwards.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Lilian Mary Davies, Blake Ciaran Kelly, Sienna Angela McKenna and Alaina Rose Welfare Shepherd who were baptised in St. Thomas’ last weekend.

INLAND REVENUE

The Inland Revenue have now refunded £32,544.04 in favour of the parish. This is a direct result of people joining the Gift Aid Scheme. Our grateful thanks. If you would like to join this scheme and are a taxpayer, please contact the parish office for information.

TUESDAY CLUB

11th November 2pm in the Becket Centre. Remembrance and “A Visit to Ypres”. All welcome.

Please remember to bring along your Christmas Lunch Menu. Many thanks.

CAKE SALE

After 10am Mass today in the Becket Centre.

SOUP RUN

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets and warm clean men’s clothing. Items can be left in the parish office or in the Becket Centre on Wednesday evening between 6.30pm and 8p.m. Thank you for your continued support.

INTERNATIONAL TRIP

One of the Guiders (Marie Morris) from the 15th Woodford is going to Switzerland with 40 other girls and leaders. She is holding a cake and homemade preserves sale as a way to raise money for this amazing opportunity. It will be after every Mass at St. Thomas’ on Sunday, 16th November.

JUMBLE SALE

CWL would like to thank everyone who donated to the jumble sale and sends special thanks to the many helpers who made it such a fantastic success. The money raised stands at £1,231.78.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED

Mother seeks employment preferably as a carer/or doing some domestic tasks for up to 10 hours per week. Good references supplies. Contact 07975720279

10AM WEEKDAY MASS AT ST. THOMAS’

Please note that commencing on Monday 10th November—Friday 14th November inclusive, the 10am Mass will be replaced by an Eucharistic Service celebrated by Deacon Matthew Ives.

WALK WITH ME

A Journey of Prayer for Advent. Price £1 from the back of the church.

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Please note

The meeting on Tuesday, 11th November at Trinity High School, Mornington Road, has been re-scheduled to the New Year. We apologies for any inconvenience the change of date has caused.

BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS

St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Leytonstone, Mon. 17th Nov. 2014 at 11.30am.

BENCH APPEAL

We are short of £525. Please come and support our last fundraising effort on Saturday, 22nd November in the Becket Centre between 2pm and 5pm. It’s an International Afternoon with foods from around the world. Taster plates available for donations.

Thank you

Mothers of St. Thomas’ (MOST)

HISTORY MYSTERY LECTURE THE FALL OF MASADA

Dr. Paul Doherty will be delivering a lecture on this most dramatic confrontation between the Zealot party, the last remnants of Jewish resistance against Rome, who took refuge in the fortress of Masada overlooking the Dead Sea. An event which echoes down the centuries as well as one still shrouded in mystery.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, 13th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall at King Solomon High School. Admission is free.

Refreshments will be served. Dr. Doherty shall raffle signed copies of his novels with all monies going to the school fund. If you wish to reserve seats please contact Mrs Tracy Rubery on 020 8498/1312 or email truberty@kshsonline.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfiled, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Fr. Tommy Flynn, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, David Shepherd, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr, Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Ken Hobbs (Ros Sonderskov's Dad), Bernard Kelly, Patrick Madden Galway, Marie Pagent, **Anniv:** Patrick Chee, Charles Green, Patrick & John Kivineen, H. Mathieson.

KEEP FIT

Enthusiastic new Instructor. Come and join us in the Becket Centre on Monday, 10th November at 8pm for approximately 1 hour. Only £3—Come along and give it a try.

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 13th November Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French, Frances Branch.

VALENTINE SINGERS

Sunday, 16th Nov. 2014 at 5pm in Gantshill Methodist Church, Gantshill Crescent, Ilford IG2 6TU. Tickets include tea and cake. £12, £7 (£14/£9 on the door).
Box Office 020 8550 4654
www.valentinesingers.org.

LOST

Either in the church or car park. A pair of leather gloves. If found, Please contact Patricia on 07906267321.

CLASSES

Cake making classes for beginners £25 per day also Jewellery making classes for beginners £20 per day. Contact 07475336769 for more information

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 11th November in the Francis Room after 10am Mass.

CWL

Meeting Wed. 12th Nov in the Assisi Room at 8pm.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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Served by the Franciscans



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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. In celebrating that church today, we also celebrate the Church gathered in every local place.

First Reading **(Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12)**

A vision of the Temple, God's House, where a stream of living water makes all things grow.

Second Reading **(1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-16-17)**

St. Paul likens us to a building, founded on Christ, where everyone has his or her part to play.

Gospel **(John 2:13-22)**

Jesus drives the traders from the Temple and speaks of the new "holy place" the sanctuary of his risen body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
The holy place where the Most High dwells.