

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

The first of the Masses for children receiving our Lord for the first time has already been celebrated. Others follow through this month. Please pray that for each of these children it will be the beginning of a regular weekly encounter with Jesus for the rest of their lives.

1ST COMMUNION MASSES

Sun. 1st May 11.30am Fr. Michael
Sat. 7th May 6pm Fr. Michael
Sun 8th May 11.30am Fr. Donal
Sat. 14th May 11.30am Fr. Quentin
Sat. 21st May 6pm Fr. Quentin
Sun. 22nd May 11.30am Fr. Antoine
Sat. 28th May 11.30am Fr. Michael
Sat. 28th May 6.00pm Fr. Antoine
Sun. 29th May 11.30am Fr. Quentin
Chigwell Convent
Sun. 22nd May 10am Fr. Donal

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Please take a leaflet explaining the arrangements for our 24 hours starting at 6pm on Friday, 20th May. Are you daunted by the thought of just sitting with Jesus for an hour, half an hour even? Then tell us what we can provide to help you. A few prompts maybe? It is not a time for reading, but just thinking lovingly with Jesus. Ideally you will come with the family. Whatever else: do come.

AMORIS LETITIA

Copies are available in the repository and going like “hot cakes” It is a truly mind-blowing letter from the Pope building on the 2 year sharing of the whole church about family and marriage. Tell me what we are going to do in this parish about Chapter 6.

URGENT NEED

*Leaders for the Sunday 10am
children's liturgy*

Please tell Jackie Edwards or Quentin if you are ready to take your turn on a rota basis.

QUIZ NIGHT & CAKE SALE

Three young adults from the parish (Trinity pupils) are volunteering in Lourdes, along with Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in August. They need to self fund and are therefore hosting a fundraising Quiz Night on 7th May at 7.30 for 8pm start in the Becket Centre and would love if you could support them by booking tickets or a table! Please text/telephone Margaret on 07478 868 871 to book your tickets/table.

REPOSITORY

We have a large stock of rosary rings in the repository and, May being the month of Our Lady, we will be happy to give one to any child who calls in to help with the “Hail Marys”. A gift from the parish—no charge. AND if you have yet to buy First Holy Communion cards and gifts it is not too late—we still have some in stock.

BAPTISM

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

CWL

Wednesday, 4th May at 8pm in the William Scott Room. New members welcome.

JUMBLE

We ask parishioners not to leave jumble in the church porch unless requested as we do not have storage space and it presents a fire risk. Grateful thanks.

GRATEFUL THANKS

From Natasha Argent to all those who supported the charity night at the Woodford Wells Tennis Club recently for the london-youth.org charity. It was a great success.

10AM MASS

We need both more singers and instrumentalists to join us so that we can always be available. If you have any musical skills, however minimal, please consider joining us.

15TH WOODFORD GUIDES

We are looking for guide uniform that you may have grown out of or you don't need any more. If you have any, please contact Janet on 07803810666.

We are also seeking an additional Assistant. We meet in in the Becket Centre on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested please contact Julie Woodman. julie.traynor@btopenworld.com.

PLEASE NOTE

Teas and coffees will not be served in the Becket Centre during the month of May due to 1st Communion Masses.

LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL BUCKHURST HILL

Is seeking to appoint a KS2 Teacher with a responsibility for English. For further information please see the school website: www.loyola.essex.sch.uk. For an application pack please either call 020 8504 7372 or email office.loyola.essex.sch.uk. Closing date 9th May by 10am.

PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS

This year's walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 18th June. Approx 9 miles through lovely Epping Forest. Suitable for all ages. Families especially welcomed. Join us at 10.30am in the Becket Centre for registration for 11am start, returning at approx 3pm for refreshments. Contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more details.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Require a talented, dynamic and exceptional teacher, who is a practising Catholic to join our Senior Leadership team. Visits to the school are encouraged and welcomed. Please contact the school on 020 8504 4706 for more information. Closing date 3rd May.

PARISH GALA CONCERT

Saturday July 2nd in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

Please put the date in your diaries.

IN TOUCH

Parish magazine on sale at the back of the church—price £2.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday, 9th May at 7.30pm at Maureen's House.

BIBLE STUDY PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Bible Study Prayer Group will be on Thursday, 5th May in the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

*In Honour of St. Joseph
the Worker*

His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls is the Principal Celebrant at the Mass for Migrants in Westminster Cathedral on Monday, 2nd May at 10am. You are invited to join with Fr. Quentin to represent our Parish at this Mass.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Meeting in the Francis Room on Tuesday, 3rd May after 10am Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Maria Birbeck, Dominic Correia, Ted Craft, Anthony Fair, Patrick Lennon, Jack Tyson.

Lately Dead:- Melina Bridet, Betty Bere, Desmond Coleman, Ellie Feeney, Patricia Greene, Paddy Harte, Vera King, J. Keogh, Florie O'Brian, Rotimi Olateju, Phil Potter, Kathleen Preston, Sandra Sifflet, Tom Stafford, Eileen Sullivan,

NEW TO

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

Saturday 10.30am 7th May Charmaine Turnell, Rachel Woolf, Christine Pinnock, Rosie O'Connor, Eweline Allen, Debora McNamara

HOUSEHOLD DUTIES

Available to do household duties cleaning/ironing etc. Good rates, references available, CRB checked, works in all areas. Please contact 07960 077452.

FOUND

Large white vtech watch. Please collect from parish office.

WORKS OF MERCY

The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be held on Sat. 21st May 2016 at St. Thomas', Woodford Green. We begin with 9am Mass, followed by our Procession at 9.45am to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx 12.30pm to the church for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their next meeting at Chigwell Convent on Monday, 9th May at 2pm due to the Bank Holiday on the first Monday. All new members are welcome.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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Served by the Franciscans



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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C

1ST MAY 2016

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, sent by the risen Lord, gives the Church the grace and courage to spread the Good News through the apostles and their fellow workers.

First Reading (Acts 15:1-2. 22-29)

After the great Council of Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas continue to work for the inclusion of the Gentiles in the new covenant.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23)

The apostle John shares his great vision of heaven, where Christ will reign for ever and we shall see God face to face.

(Gospel) (John 14:23-29)

Jesus teaches his apostles that they will become temples of the Holy Trinity, and the Holy Spirit will be the guiding light of the Church.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.*

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