

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela Bromfield, Claire, Teresa Daly, Karla Doherty, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patrick McGurk, Yomi McEwen, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Roswitha Wagener, Rita Watkins,

*And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Anniversaries:-** Tony Keane, Oona Lindemann

**Lately Dead:** Patrick McGurk, David Millar, Daniel Vick.

David Millar's Requiem will be on Tuesday 20th Sept. at 10am in St. Thomas'.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday 9am 22nd September Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Amanda Rae, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes.

### **GARDEN SHED**

In the Friary garden, being dismantled. Quite good condition. 8' x 6'. If you can use this, please contact the Parish Office.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Any items that have been left all summer on the clothes rail in the lobby of the Becket Centre will be removed and disposed of at the end of September.

### **KEEP FIT**

Get in shape for Christmas after the indulgence of the summer holidays! Come to the Becket Centre every Monday at 8pm for a workout.

All ages and fitness levels welcome. Price £3 per session.

### **BADMINTON CLUB**

Badminton has restarted for the autumn term. Why not come and join us for a game on Thursday nights between 8 and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. For details 'phone Liz 07759 410304.

### **HOUSEHOLD DUTIES**

Cleaning/ironing etc. Good rates, references available, CRB checked, works in all areas. Please contact 07960 077452.

### **LOW COST**

Counselling Sessions available for those on low income, unemployed or a student. Contact 07769328745 or Darceywilliams@aol.com.



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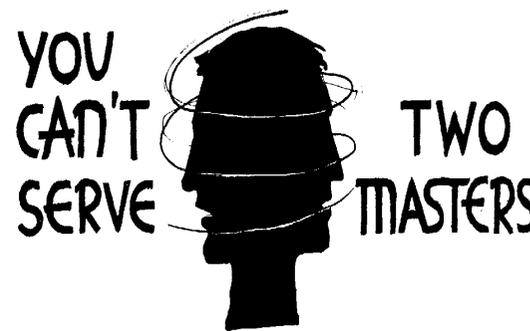
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**25th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C**

**18th SEPTEMBER 2016**



God has entrusted us all with many gifts. Let us make sure we use them well and generously, not deceitfully for our own profit but for the good of all.

**First Reading  
(Amos 8:4-7)**

The Lord does not forget a single thing we do.

**Second Reading:  
(1 Timothy 2:1-8)**

We are to offer prayers for everyone.

**Gospel  
(Luke 16:1-13)**

We are asked to use God's gifts wisely.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

### **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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The role of families whose children will receive the sacrament next May is now closed. There are over 100 children. I ask all parents who have submitted an application form to come to the meeting this Wednesday in the Becket Centre at 8pm. There we will explain how we go about preparing your children. Or rather: how we intend to help you to prepare your children. For they will only take in and build on what they see you doing. The preparation demands much of you. You in turn will draw much joy and benefit from taking it seriously.

### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Parents applying for a place in Trinity or St. Antony's schools need to present a certificate of Catholic Practice. I find it a delicate task to supply this. I shall offer you many opportunities starting in the final week of September giving times when I will be available to greet you individually. For me this is a welcome opportunity, for at least a fleeting personal encounter. Please tell me frankly where you are in your Catholic Faith and practice. The legal criteria lean heavily on regular attendance at Sunday Mass. But is this a true measure of Catholic practice?

### **PARISH DIARY 2017**

We would ask the following Groups to submit in writing the dates for their meetings for 2017.

Parish Council, Finance Committee, SVP, Assisi Lunches, Lenten Lunches, Soup Run, Guides.

Please do not presume that your bookings will be carried over.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Our need is to take stock of where we, the journeying pilgrims, are on our journey to discover meaning in life. So will it be possible for anyone who is interested in joining the group to come to the William Scott Room on Tuesday, 27th September at 8pm? I hear many who have journeyed for a year and more want to continue. But we look eagerly for newcomers to join us.

### **ST. ANTONY'S FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

In order to raise much needed funds for new IT equipment at St. Antony's School the parents have organised numerous hampers and prizes to be raffled at a school ball on Sat. 24th September. Prizes include a mini iPad, Fortnum & Mason hampers, meat, wine & pamper hampers, Hypoxi, Space NK, Prezzo & Bel Sit vouchers to name but a few. Tickets are being sold after Masses on Sunday as well as at the school office and playground at £5 a strip. All funds raised will go to the school.

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

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1.09.12 and 31.08.13 and who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept. 2017. Applications are made on line on the Redbridge website [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) and then follow the link for Admissions, or if you live in another authority please apply direct to them.

The Supplementary Form can be downloaded from the School's website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk).

*The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wed. 12th Oct. at 1.45pm.*

### **MASS FOR THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND AND THOSE LIVING IN CARE HOMES**

We are not sufficiently providing you with opportunities to receive this important sacrament. So to make a new start:

On Sun. 25th Sept. there will be a celebration of this sacrament in St. Thomas' at 3pm. Afterwards tea, cakes and chat will be provided in the Becket Centre by the ever-ready CWL.

During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for those wishing to receive it. We are keen to invite as many of our sick and housebound parishioners to this Mass, so please take a flyer giving details of the Mass from the back of the church and invite any neighbours you know who might like to come along. Many will be frail and find the benches hard so it will not be a lengthy service.

Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the sick: please ensure that you invite those you Minister to. Anyone wishing to attend the Mass and requiring transport, please call the parish office on 020 8504 1686.

### **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

For children 5—11 years of age who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools. 10am—11am upstairs in the Becket Centre.

### **ASSISI LUNCH**

30th September in the Becket Centre

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

The Filipino community wish to thank parishioners for their generous support of the cake sale last weekend. They raised £420 for Cancer Research.

### **ACROSS PILGRIMAGE 2017**

The next Jumbulance Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be in April 2017. We have places for anyone wishing to travel as a pilgrim. Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to travel with us.

### **AWARENESS MONTH**

September is SVP Awareness Month. If you or anyone you know needs help from the SVP please contact us via the Parish Office or on 07543 088950.

### **GIFT AID**

If you donate via Gift Aid your Gift Aid Donation Statement for the Tax Year ended 5th April 2016 is available from the back of the church.

### **IRISH DANCING**

Any interested children both boys and girls, should just turn up at the Becket Centre either between 4.30pm—5.30pm or 5.30pm—6.30pm Contact 07846 603259.

### **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office.

### **GEORGE - THE HANDYMAN**

If you need something for repair, painting or decoration – also garden work, please contact text sms or call 07405787338. George “handyman” . References available also Certificate of Disclosure.

### **MINI TENNIS**

Woodford Wells Club. Come and have some FUN! For ages 4 and upwards. Please contact Natasha Argent on 07904022066 for more details or email [tashaxargent@hotmail.com](mailto:tashaxargent@hotmail.com). LTA licensed coach.