

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join the creative hands in our parish in an evening to make an Advent Wreath. Come along at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre on Thursday, 28th November with a large bag of decorative foliage and get busy.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 29th November Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

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.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office on Wed. morning or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wed. evening. With more and more people struggling to live on their current income we find they are turning to soup runs to help them with food. We are making a special appeal for tins of beans, tuna etc.

SYNOD OF THE FAMILY 2014

To get the views and opinions of Catholics everyone is invited to complete a questionnaire. You can get it on line at surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014. You do not have to answer all the questions even one is enough! Make sure you put the Diocese (Brentwood). Queries Phil Butcher familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Deadline 30th November 2013.

WALK WITH ME

A Journey of Prayer for Advent. Booklets are available at the back of the church—price £1.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept 2009 and 31st August 2010. Applications are made on line www.redbridge.gov.uk.

The parish office requires completed Forms A & B, together with copy of child's baptism certificate and non-returnable family photo. Closing date is 15th January 2014.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend the January Baptism Course, please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Josh Joseph Drinkwater, Grace Tilly Drinkwater, Ethan Feliks Fall and Matthew Minut who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

MESSENGERS' MEETING

Can you spare 2 hours every quarter? If so please join our Messenger Team. Come along on Thursday, 28th November at 8pm upstairs in the Becket Centre to find how you can help.

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 26th November its "Music & Mince Pies". We'll also be collecting the balance for the Christmas Lunch. See you all at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

HOLY FAMILY

Lay Associates of the Holy Family meeting at Maureen's house on Monday, 2nd December at 7.30pm. Please bring phase III booklet with you.

DISASTER IN THE PHILIPPINES

This Sunday after all the Masses 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am our Philippino Community are holding a "sweet and savoury" sale to raise funds. There will be a cake sale table and a noodle and other similar savouries table. You can sample or take away traditional Phillipino noodle dishes. Mothers/Wives take note as you won't have to cook Sunday lunch! We thank those who supported our cake sale last week and we were really touched by your generosity. To date we have raised around £800.

A special collection after all Masses will be taken up for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is working with local Catholic Church partners in the Philippines to provide emergency shelter, food and water. We know you will respond with your usual generosity. Please keep the people of the Philippines in your prayers.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



Sunday, 8th December at 4.30pm with the choirs of All Saints Church and Loyola School, followed by refreshments in the Becket Centre. All welcome.

Donations of mince pies would be appreciated.

RAINBOWS

If you desire for your daughter to join a Rainbow Unit and she is 3 or under we would recommend that you apply using the following website to register your interest. <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteer/registryourinterest.aspx>.

A Leader will contact you and will answer any questions you might have.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Will take place on 30th November 1pm—4pm. It is a great day for the Parish to get together as a community. We do ask for your support, firstly by coming along and secondly, by donating generously. This year we need donations of any unwanted gifts, toiletries and jewellery but request that no jumble or videos are donated. We have a special request for any Christmas puddings/cakes homemade or shop bought. Jams, pickles breads etc., are also required as we are going to run a stall just for them! Please bring on the day or contact Mary Charter 8504 3798.

CWL

Need cakes to sell at the Fayre. Please bring on the morning.

JEWELLERY AND TOILETRIES

We require costume jewellery and unused toiletries for these very popular stalls. Last year we were very short of toiletries so any donations however small will be most appreciated.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

The Christmas Fayre Team.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The November collection last weekend raised £624.00. Grateful thanks to St. Thomas' parishioners for continuing generosity.

CATECHUMENS:

**Ready to pass through the door of Faith,
Nov. 23rd St. Peter's Basilica.**

At the conclusion of the Year of Faith, Pope Francis will meet with those, who as adults, have decided to become Christians. This gathering will serve as a sign: that as the Year of Faith has come to an end, what continues is the commitment of every Christian to respond daily to the Lord Jesus, who calls us to be his disciples, sent into the world to announce the Gospel and to bear witness to the joy of a life lived in faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Channer, Chris Callow, Elsie Carey, 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, Francoise Duprey, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, 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, Laura Kennedy, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Jacqui Lebaz, Lauren, Daniel Lucey, Fr. Austin McCormack O.F.M., Dennis McMullen, Mary McKay, Anne McShea, James McTierwal, Ron Mallett, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, 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, Lucy Owen, Lily Reding, Mark Pateman, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Ann Rowley, Sandra Sifflett, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Taylor, Alfi Thompson, Eileen Vallely, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

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

Lately Dead:- George Burnett, Luca Marrai, Peggy Ryan, Tony Worricker, Luca Marrai's Remains will be received into the Church on Tuesday, 26th November at 4.30pm. His Requiem will take place on Wednesday, 27th November at 10am in St. Thomas'.

Anniv: Kathleen Murchan,

LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL BUCKHURST HILL

Require Finance Assistant 3 days a week 8.15am till 4.15pm. Term Time only (35 weeks), plus 3 inset days.

The Finance Assistant is required to have use and knowledge of computerised accounting packages and Microsoft packages. Must have good organisational and communication skills. Candidates must also be flexible in their approach to work and have the ability to work well on an individual basis as well as part of a team. Applicant must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Closing date 2nd Dec. Interview date 9th Dec. For application pack email finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk.

MATHS TUITION

Trinity Maths/Further Maths AS student (A* at GCSE) available to tutor from KS1—GCSE level. DBS cleared. Contact Brendan 020 8504 1708.

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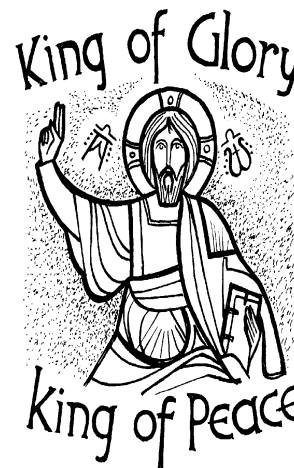
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST OF THE UNIVERSE

24th NOVEMBER 2013



God's plan is to reconcile all things in heaven and on earth and to bring us into the peace of the kingdom brought about by Christ's death on the cross. Today we celebrate the fulfilment of God's plan as we acknowledge Christ as our King.

First Reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

All the tribes of Israel choose David and anoint him as their king.

Second Reading (Colossians 1:12-20)

All things were created through Christ and for him. God's plan is for all things to be reconciled through him so that we may take our place in the kingdom of the Son that God loves.

Gospel (Luke)

In the face of persecution and hostility Christians are called to bear witness to their faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.*