

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a Diocesan Collection after all masses this weekend.

AUSTIN O.F.M.

Many feel it is right to criticise the employer in today's story - we worked harder and longer - but this is another way of seeing things.

What would it mean if that applied to us in our relationship with God? Would I protest that I am not getting what I deserve? Would I want simply what I've earned?

The work and the task of the Church is to reconcile 2 ways - we actually live in a meritocracy, you get what you earn - not wrong - but it does have consequences which we must accept if that is how we choose to live. But however we choose to live the Gospel foundation says simply this - no matter how late you turn to God, you will always receive everything God gives - because God doesn't know how to give less than everything! Some say this is unreal - and yet it is present in every family! This is the privilege of being mother, father, sister and brother - how sad that on a daily basis we find ourselves having to leave such values at home when we go to work!

SOUP RUN

We will be in London again on Wednesday night and would welcome donations of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, toiletries and clean men's clothing. With many people struggling to make ends meet we find they are turning to soup runs in ever increasing numbers. **Please continue to support us.**

FLAT NEEDED FOR RENTAL

A member of Trinity Catholic High School is looking to rent a 3 bedroom flat ASAP. Anyone able to assist should contact Deirdre Smith on 07739 008330

PILATES CLASSES

Restart in the Clare Room on Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm and Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The Journey of Faith sessions will commence again at 8pm in the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) on Monday, 22nd September. These sessions are for those adults who wish to be received into the church as well as for those who simply wish to know what the church teaches whether they are already Catholic or not. There is no need to register in advance, simply turn up on the night.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine will be on sale next weekend, price still only £2.00

Are you interested in 'Community Organising & Catholic Social Teaching'?

Citizens UK is running a day conference on Weds 8th Oct from 10am to 15.15pm in Trinity High School - Upper Site, Mornington Road - in light of Pope Francis' vision.

The day will be a mix of formal presentations with workshops & case studies. Attendance is free of charge. As our parish is a member of Citizens UK (TELCO) we have been assigned 10 tickets. If you would like to secure a place, please contact the parish office ASAP.

TUESDAY CLUB

On 23rd Sept we're having a POETRY AFTERNOON. Just bring along your favourite cultural or humorous odes. If you'd prefer not to read them - someone else (probably Ros!) will. Everyone is welcome to the Becket Centre at 2pm.

Experienced Maths Tutor

Further Maths A Level student at Trinity available to tutor maths to GCSE Level. References available. Contact Brendan 0208 504 1708

CAKE SALE

There will be a Cake Sale in the Becket Centre after 6pm mass on Saturday and after all Masses today, Sunday, 21st September in support of 3 charities:-

- Towards the "Bench Appeal"
- For displaced Christians in North Iraq
- For Breast Cancer.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH

Open Evening for prospective entrants to Trinity Catholic High School will be held on wed. 24th Sept. at the Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around the School between 6pm and 7.30pm. This will be followed by a presentation from Dr. Doherty at 7.30p. We anticipate that there will be a high level of interest and we therefore ask parents to stagger their arrival between the above times so that they can be escorted around the School in small groups. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2014. Applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own local authority. This application then needs to be returned to the applicants own local authority.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the two happy couples that were married in St Thomas' last weekend. Guy Garnett & Gaynor Newman and Michael Barratt & Melissa Trim. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

ABBOTSWICK RETREAT

13th - 17th October 5 day retreat led by Fr Matthew Blake OCD. Discover more about St Teresa of Avila on the 500th anniversary of her birth. Residential £250pp Non - Res £175pp inc all meals & refreshments. Call 01277 373959—booking essential.

BADMINTON CLUBS

Badminton has re-started on Thursday night between 8m and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. New players welcome. For details please 'phone Liz on 07759410304.

ALSO

Monday evening 7.30pm—9.30pm. All welcome, mixed group and mixed ability. Contact Michael 07941479485.

St Antony's School Admissions

For those children born between 1st Sept 2010 & 31st Aug 2011 who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept 2015. Applications to be made online at www.redbridge.gov.uk for Redbridge residents. If you live in another authority please apply directly to them. If you need access to a computer you can use those situated in all the libraries in the borough. The deadline for applications is Thursday 15th January 2015

If you have any queries please contact the school on 020 8504 4706

The Supplementary Forms & Priest's Reference Forms can be downloaded from the School's website www.st-antony.net or collected from school.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 9th October at 1.45pm**

PARISH AGM

The parish Annual General Meeting is being held this year on **Sunday 19th October 2014** at 12.30pm in the Becket Centre. The AGM is open to everyone and is an opportunity to understand what has been happening in the parish over the last year and look forward to the coming year. The meeting will also present the Presidents report, the parish finances and some of the parish groups will talk about their activities. The AGM will last about 1 hour and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, John Burton, Julia Croft, Thomas Crusz, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Ros Drew, Fr Austin Kinsella, Fr Austin McCormack, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Bert Suffield, Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren.

Lately Dead. Joan Spalding, Sean Mangan, Teddy Clifford
Joan's funeral will take place on Fri 26th Sept at 12 noon at Forest Park Crematorium

Anniv: Michael Power & Rita Roudette

FREE MINI TENNIS TASTER SESSION

At Woodford Wells LTC

Given by Natasha Argent for children from 4 upwards. Courses running during the week after school starting at 4pm. To book your free place please contact Natasha on 07904022966.

Email tashaxargent@hotmail.com. invited.

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 25th September Cathi Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis & Sheila French.

ASSISI LUNCH

The next Assisi Lunch is Friday 26th September in the Becket Centre.

BCYS Youth Gather

Anyone in Year 10-13 is very welcome to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Danbury Outdoor Centre for the weekend of 11th-12th October. There will be an opportunity to have a go at exhilarating outdoor activities such as High Ropes or Mountain Biking as well as activities & discussions on the theme - 'The Way, The Truth, The Life' more info and forms available at www.bcys.net or email info@bcys.net or call 01277 265286

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SPANISH 4U

Tutoring GCSE, A Level Aqa, Edexcel (Exam Board). Adults start next week. Please call 020 8505 3069

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are looking for people with floristry/flower arranging skills to join a rota for arranging the church flowers. If you would like to become involved, please contact Barbara in the parish office.



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

21st SEPTEMBER 2014



God's forgiveness and generosity go way beyond our human reckoning. We are asked to imitate the Lord in our goodness and compassion to each other, but to do so we need his continuing support and guidance.

First Reading

(Isaiah 55:6-9)

The Lord takes pity on all who turn to him.

Second Reading

(Philippians 1:20-24, 27)

Whether alive or dead, our lives are in Christ.

Gospel

(Matthew 20:1-16)

We may be envious, but God is always generous.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is close to all who call him.