

READERS COURSE

An excellent course is on offer for readers of much or little experience. At St. Joseph's, Leyton on Sat. 2nd April 10am—3pm conducted by Christine Hammersley of Brentwood Rites & Ministries Commission. We can all read: but there is nearly always room to deliver the Word of God better, with a little training. If you are attending, please bring packed lunch. Please see poster on noticeboard. All welcome.

BLESSING OF FOOD

This is particularly a much-loved Polish custom but everyone is welcome. On Holy Saturday bring your Easter food to church at 12noon and Fr. Michael will arrange the special Easter Blessing.

LENTEN LUNCHES

So far, thanks to the generous support of our parishioners and friends from other churches, over £1,200 has been raised for Mary's Meals. This charity, which feeds schoolchildren in some of the most desperate parts of the world, is shortly to initiate a programme to feed Syrian refugee children in camps in Lebanon. Do come along on Tuesday for the final lunch and help us to equal last year's total of £1,500. Between 12.15pm and 1.30pm, we will be serving home-made soup and French bread, all for just £3.

SOUP RUN FOR HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, fruit, sweets and toiletries. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre on Wednesday evening between 6.30pm & 7.30pm.

REPOSITORY

On Low Sunday we will be available after all Masses to take orders for First Holy Communion gifts.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Many thanks to everyone who offered their services; the rotas for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are located at the back of the church (on the left as you leave the church). Please ensure that you check the rotas before you leave. If you volunteered your services but your name hasn't been included, this is due to the response to last weekend's appeal resulting in all services being oversubscribed.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Washing of the Feet

Many thanks to all who volunteered, can you please ensure that you arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass and report at the back of the church. If you have volunteered and are unable to attend this Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 020 8504 1686 as soon as possible.

GOOD FRIDAY Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Morning Prayer St. Thomas' 10am
Children's Stations of the Cross
St. Thomas' 10.30am

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in St. Thomas' at 3pm.

Please note that at this service the front benches will be reserved for those with mobility problems.

The collection after the veneration of the Cross is for the upkeep of The Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Stations of the Cross St. Thomas' 8pm

Please take a flyer, available from the back of the church, giving you the times of all the services and Masses during Holy Week.

24 HOURS EXPOSITION

The Pope has asked parishes to have a 24 hours Exposition in the Year of Mercy. Is there any interest for such in this parish? Please let me know. Quentin.

WOODFORD BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Invites you to a Service of Remembrance for the benefit of bereaved families at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. This service is to remember children and siblings of any age who have died. We invite you to join us on Sunday, 17th April at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and afterwards in the Becket centre for refreshments. Any enquiries—please contact Kathie at Kathie.teahan2@gmail.com.

TEA ROTA

We need additional people to help serve teas on a 7 week rota basis after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. If you feel you can help, please contact Sheila on 8504 3839.

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 22nd March, we'll be treated to **PETER'S MUSIC**. No Big Bands—just Peter. Combine it with the Lenten Lunch! Look forward to seeing you all at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

ROOM TO RENT

A male student is looking to rent a room in a Catholic home. Please contact 07790880077.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine is on sale next weekend. We urgently need volunteers to sell after every Mass, especially St. James and Chigwell. Please call Kathy 077343 08925.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14th—19th August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or via cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Once again the Mother and Toddler Group are collecting Sainsburys vouchers and would appreciate your help. Please hand them into the parish office. Thank you.

OLD BICYCLE IN THE SHED?



The Jesuit Hurtado Centre in Wapping arranges repair and distribution of bicycles to refugees and asylum seekers in the London area.

If you have a bike, any condition, that you are willing to donate to the Bike Project please contact Arthur Catterall on 020 8508 9834 who can collect it from you and deliver it to the centre.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are in need of ladies who would be prepared to learn how to arrange the church flowers on a rota basis. If you are interested, please contact Barbara, Parish Office.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Will parishioners pick up their envelopes for the next financial year from the back of the church. Grateful thanks.

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Franca Francioni, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Anneli Prowse, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine,

Anniversaries John Burnham, Don Copping, Mary Fitzgerald, Alec Murphy, Julian Roja-Figueiredo, Stan Weston.

Latently Dead Daniel Arenal, Liz Browne, Gennaro Casolare, Carmel Cork, Josephine Emelogu, Garbo Hayes, Vera Joyce, Patrick Mahoney, Josephine Mullan, John O'Connor, Georgia Perera, Eileen Mary Sullivan, John Thomas Talty, Mr K. Walker. **Liz Browne's requiem will be on Wednesday, 23rd March at 12 noon in St. Thomas'.**

Patrick Mahoney's Requiem will take place on Wed. 30th March at 10am in St. Thomas'. Georgia Perera's Requiem will take place on Thursday, 31st March at 10am in St. Thomas'.

Carmel Cork's Requiem will take place on Tuesday, 5th April at 11.30am in St. Thomas'.

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

Audrey McDonnell would like to thank parishioners and friends for their Masses, cards and prayers for Paul. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

CHURCH CLEANING

PLEASE NOTE

*Due to Liz Browne's Requiem on Wednesday, 23rd March, the **EASTER CLEAN** will now take place on Tuesday, 22nd March at 10.30am. Please come and give a little of your time to give the church a good clean for Easter. We do need your help.*

Thursday, 10.30am 31st March. Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu

HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained. Contact 07957977380

CLEANER

With 20 years experience cleaning schools, pubs and offices is available for cleaning duties as from 5th April 2016. Minimum 2 hours per session. References available. For more information please contact Lydia on 07549156797.

MATHS TEACHER REQUIRED

Key Stage 3 Qualified Maths Teacher required for 1 to 1 personal tuition for year 8 child. Must have the ability to build up a child's confidence, be aware of the current GCSE syllabus. Required one hour weekly until the end of the academic year. Chigwell area 07838 666 424.



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PALM SUNDAY CYCLE C

20TH MARCH 2016



Today we begin Holy Week. We greet Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the recitation of his passion, which tells of his suffering and death.

First Reading (Isaiah 43:50:4-7)

The Lord's servant takes on the insults of those who persecute him.

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Christ humbled himself even to the cross and God raised him on high.

Gospel

(Luke 22:14—23:56)

The passion according to St. Luke tells us of Christ's sufferings, which lead to his death.