

HOLY COMMUNION THE HOUSEBOUND

I believe there are many in our parish who once came regularly to Mass, and now unable to stir abroad but are not receiving Holy Communion simply because we do not know of them. Please think hard. Perhaps you visit someone even occasionally. If they were once active, ask them if they would like to receive Our Lord regularly. Then let me know.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

The Deanery has organised talks for those intending to marry in 2016. Each course comprises two evening sessions, 12th and 19th Nov. 2015 or 14th and 21st April 2016. Attendance at these is now required in addition to the personal-relations course provided by Marriage Care. If this seems a lot: just think how many driving lessons you took before you passed your test.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING Nov. 22nd 2015

This is Youth Sunday. It would be a good thing if you young people planned to take over some part of the parish liturgy for that Sunday. If any are willing talk to Quentin please.

FRANCIS IN THE BECKET CENTRE

A stained-glass window now graces the Becket Centre. Beside it is an explanation of all the references in this fine piece of artwork, produced by Quentin's brother.

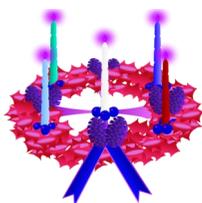
TELCO

We thank all the parishioners, 20 in total, who took part last Tuesday in the action in front of Parliament Square, where we joined 900 citizens from across the country. Our presence and a letter from Anglican Bishops had the desired effect. PM Cameron agreed to resettle 1,000 Syrian refugees before Xmas and announced it on the media on MONDAY!

TELCO Parish Group

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Adults, would you like to make an advent wreath? Come along on Thursday, 26th November at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Please bring a large bag/box of foliage and secateurs/scissors. Wreaths will be for sale on Sat. 28th November at the Christmas Fayre and all proceeds will go to parish funds. Christmas refreshments will be provided.



WELCOME TO THE 10AM MASS

We are looking for volunteers to join the Stewards' Rota. Working in a team of 4 once every six weeks, duties include welcoming people, handing out service sheets, conducting the Offertory (collection) and guiding the congregation to communion. We are particularly keen to involve young families. To find out more and join this important ministry, contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

CANCER LARYNGECTOMY TRUST

Quiz Night on 21st Nov. 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Becket Centre. £5 per person. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Call Sheila 020 8504 7485 or 07826378519.

LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL

Require a part-time School Secretary as part of a job share. For further details and an application form, please call 020 8504 7372 or email office@loyola.essex.sch.uk. Closing date 13th November 2015.

MONEY FOUND

Please collect from Parish Office.

HOLY FAMILY

Lay Associates Meeting on Mon. 2nd Nov. at the Convent at 7.30pm. Please bring Phase II and III of the Congress booklets.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

Fr. Quentin will be seeing parents re Certificate of Practice on Tuesday 3rd November between 2pm and 3pm in the parlour. Just come along.

Please note Fr. Quentin will not be dealing with Davenant until they contact him.

CONFIRMATION Sunday, 15th May 2016

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The programme will commence on Thursday, 4th Feb. 2016 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in Year 10 or above. The closing date for applications is Wed. 4th November 2015.

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 14th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £7 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Our regular professional quizmasters guarantee this will be a great quiz for everybody, as usual. Please contact Bernard Bourdillon on 07867 908814.

MISSING

Would anyone who has borrowed the large metal baking tins and saucepans from the Becket Centre Assisi cupboard, kindly return them to the parish office a.s.a.p.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

For the tax year 2014/2015 are available at the back of church for collection.

PARISH DIARIES

Available from the back of the church. Please leave your donation in the basket provided.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the parish community Niamh Eliza Cott who was baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

TUESDAY CLUB

Jenifer Plummer (of many amusing talks in the past) will launch into "THE NORWEGIAN COAST" on the 27th Oct. Everyone welcome at 2pm in the Becket Centre, where our travels will be followed by a smorgasbord of refreshments—O.K.—tea, coffee and biscuits!

REPOSITORY

The Anniversary Cards and Marriage Candles requested should be available next weekend. We also have plenty of Mass Books for children and, for the little ones, colouring Mass Books and Christmas Cards.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again next Wednesday and would be grateful to receive, sandwiches, cakes, fruit, biscuits, sweets, toiletries and tins (beans, tuna, soup etc). Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours 9.30am—1.30pm or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday night.

*The next Assisi Lunch will be on Friday,
the 30th October in the Becket Centre.*

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in the church on Sun. 8th Nov. at 4pm. Names of family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory. The list will be initially compiled from the deaths notified to the office in the last year. If you have other names you would like to be read out please submit them to the office. Everyone is welcome in the Becket Centre afterwards for tea and scones.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Maria Ashley, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Yvonne Carpenter, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Dr Courtney Price, Pauline Tuite, Astrid Turner, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall.

Lately Dead. Rose Cane, Vera Finan, Alex McVeigh, Maria Murphy, Ann Nazareth.

Anniv: David Forsyth, Elsie Valles.

THANKS

Della, Leo and Sophia Tudisca would like to thank parishioners for their support, generosity and prayers during the last three difficult months.

IN TOUCH

The new In Touch Team hope to produce a Christmas edition of In Touch at the beginning of December. Contributions, articles, photos all most welcome. The deadline for copy is likely to be Nov 10th so please start collating any pieces you think might be of interest to include.

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

Friday 10.30am 30th October Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Domus Mariae Retreat & Conference Centre (annexe of Chigwell Convent)

Help in the dining room and the Centre. Duties include, but not limited to, serving and cleaning in the dining room and surrounding areas, assisting the housekeeper with the preparation of bedrooms and rooms within the centre and the occasional overnight stay. This is a paid position. Please send CV to Ann Daly, Retreat and Conference Centre Manager, 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge IG8 8AU.

ST. ANTONY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Requires Mid-Day Assistant Fixed term contract 7-1/2 hrs per week. Term Time only £8.87 per hour. Please contact the school office by email for an application form: admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk. Closing date Mon. 2nd November 2015. Interviews to follow immediately.

ST. THOMAS' YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Year 1/2/3/4 and 5 girls and boys are needed Contact Matt Tallon 07855170256 for more details.

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

25TH OCTOBER 2015



We are all called to be of service to one another as disciples of Jesus. This means being prepared to cast aside our comforts and security.

First Reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

The Lord has saved his people, gathering them from the ends of the earth.

Second Reading (Hebrews 5:1-6)

With Jesus as our high priest, we can have confidence in approaching the throne of grace when we need help.

Gospel (Mark 10:46-52)

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is healed by Jesus

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad

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