

ASSISTED SUICIDE

On Friday, 11th Sept. the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the church.

Bishop Alan Williams sm.

GRATEFUL THANKS

From the Jumbulance Team for the very generous contributions over the two concerts. The total amount raised was £975.21.

KEYBOARD PLAYER WANTED

Once a month Rotary host an afternoon in Chigwell Convent for people in the early stages of memory loss. They urgently need a keyboard player to help them. See notice in porch.

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

We have not said much of this recently. And yet our thinking about it and what the church seems to be (or should be) teaching is never far from our daily routines. It is reported that an Instrumentum Laboris for next October's meeting has been drawn up but so far we have not seen its content. Keep thinking: We are the church. And keep praying that new light will emerge.

OPEN GARDEN SUNDAY

26th July in aid of St. Francis Hospice at 254 Ashurst Drive, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1EW from 12.30 till 5pm. Come and see this award winning garden. It has a model village and railway. Refreshments available. Entry fee £2.50.

IN TOUCH

The summer issue is still available at the back of the church after all Masses today. Copy for inclusion in the autumn issue should continue to be sent to editor@myintouch.co.uk. These will reach the new editor.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Some of our young people in the parish are travelling to Lourdes on 25th July. If you would like them to bring a Prayer Intention on your behalf then please place this in an envelope marked "LOURDES 2015" and leave it at the parish office on Monday, 20th July, and they will ensure that your petition makes its way safely to The Grotto.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Though the meetings do not resume till September we are urgently looking for enquirers so that we can tailor our preparations to suit. Please tell Quentin if you would like to join, or even just sample the weekly meetings. We anticipate restarting on a Monday in September. It is genuinely for all: those describing themselves as believers, unbelievers, half-way; having some knowledge of the practice of faith and prayer or none. The greater the diversity, so much the richer will our discussions be.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We desperately need more volunteers to organise this year's event and bring fresh ideas to the table! Please contact the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you used to be an altar server but have not returned your alb may we ask you to do so as soon as possible. Many Thanks.



1st COMMUNION 2016

Application forms are now at the back of church. Please complete one and return it if you live in our parish and have a child who will be in Year 3 in the next school year ie from Sept 2015

The closing date for applications is Friday 11th September 2015. No applications will be accepted after this date.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that there will be no newsletter during the month of August. Urgent items should be given to a priest or parish office to be included in the notices read out after Mass.

There will be a prayer list for the sick, lately dead and anniversaries on the notice board each week in the church porch.

FLOWER ARRANGERS?

We are in need of more people to join a rota for church flowers. If you feel you would like to become involved, please contact the parish office. Help will be given.

PRINTERS REQUIRED

We would be grateful to have more volunteers to help print the newsletter. The printing machine is very easy and straight forward to use and the printing for the weekend would only take an hour of your time. If you wish to volunteer to join the rota, please contact Mario Chung 07957278613.

LONDON RUN

Craig Lobo's brother and friends are running the London 10K next month to raise money for SADS UK. This charity supports the work investigating sudden adult death see: www.justgiving.com/10ksforLobo

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London on Wednesday night for the last soup run until September. We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, fruit toiletries, clean men's clothes and shoes. Items can be left in the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30pm or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday night.

The numbers needing help has increased dramatically this year and we are very grateful for your continued support.

A pair of reading glasses were found in some clothes that were donated. If these are yours, please give Ray a ring on 07770 797250 and we will return them to you.

PARISH DIARY 2016

Will all groups and societies who have regular bookings with the Becket Centre please submit their dates in writing for 2016. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried over.

BIBLE ALIVE

There are copies for August available from the back of the church—price £2.25

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date. Forms are available from the back of the church. Grateful thanks.

MID-DAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

For St. Antony's RC Primary School. Fixed term contract 7-1/2 hours per week. Term Time only £8.87 per hour. Contact 020 8504 4706. admin.st-antony@redbridge.gov.uk. Closing date Friday, 14th August 2015.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Baby Leo Francescotti, Trish Gardener, Stephen Grave, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Desmond Kavanagh, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anne Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Gary Sinclair, Debbie Smythe, Jodie Stokes, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Rose Tonkin, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Thank you for all the prayers. Ben Perez has returned to work after the spinal surgery.

Lately Dead: Victor Burkwood, Paddy Callanan, May Martin, Sebastian O'Brien, Jim O'Gorman, Tony Purslow, Doug Turner.

Anniv: Phil Archer, Claire Gray.
And all anniversaries that occur at this time.

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 24th July, Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

PRAYER REQUEST

From Fr. Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad for the people of Quaragosh, the biggest Christian city in Iraq, which has been taken over by ISIS. Hundreds of men, women and children are being beheaded.

Please take a minute to pray for them in their suffering.

PARISH FETE 13TH June 2015

Bar	£262.77
BBQ	£355.32
Childrens Entertainers	-£210.00
Gate Admission/Raffle	£758.58
Children's Refreshments	£156.07
Win a Bottle	£1,060.05
Photobooth	£28.00
Choc Fountain	£105.98
Funfair	£205.00
Plants	£66.10
Pimms	£374.39
Coconut Shy	£172.90
Toys	£126.50
CWL	£244.85
Books/Videos	£363.95
Popcorn	£107.85
Cuddly Toys/Ping Pong	£236.67
Inflatables	£26.08
Numbers & Key to Door	£83.95
Advance Program Sales	£1,041.00

Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard.

St Thomas of Canterbury
557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB
Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

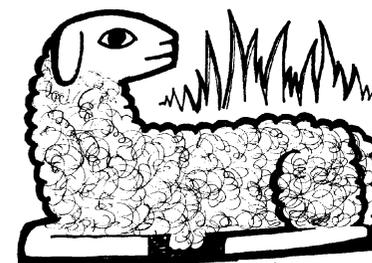
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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B**

19TH JULY 2015



near restful
waters He leads
me ps.22:2

We gather in the presence of Christ as his word is proclaimed to us, as the Eucharist is celebrated. We prepare once more to be drawn into the ministry of Jesus, the true shepherd of God's people, who provides us with rest, refreshment, pasture and leadership.

**First Reading
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)**

Jeremiah does not think much of the "shepherds", the leaders who are supposed to be looking after God's people. His vision is that one day God will be a true shepherd.

**Second Reading
(Ephesians 21:3-18)**

The author stresses that although his Gentile readers used to be very far from the Jews Jesus, in his death, has now united the two groups so there is only one humanity in Christ.

**Gospel
(Mark 6:30-34)**

In the prelude to the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus is cast in the role prophesied by Jeremiah: he is the shepherd who leads his disciples to pasture and a place of repose near restful waters.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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