

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Peggy Carrig, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Antony Dover, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Charles Long, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Angela Meyler, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Janet Morris, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Cian Wright.

Anniv: Victor Charter, Pat Meyler, Teik Ghee Saw,

Lately Dead Lord Charles Spencer Churchill, Delia Hickey, Gabriel McCague, Roy Nolan, Michael Pearce.

KEEP FIT

Monday evening at 8pm in the Becket Centre. All welcome.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING



Thursday 10.30am 26th
January Jean Burke,
Mary Charter, Dorothee
Gabriel, Florence
Kiggundu.

*New cleaning rotas for 2017 are available
from the church porch.
Please take a copy.*

TENNIS/SPORTS CAMP



February half-term 13th—
17th Feb 10am—3pm daily at
Woodford County High
School, Woodford Green.
Age 4-11years. £100 for the
week or £25 per day. Tennis rackets and
equipment provided. Bring your child in
sportswear with a packed lunch. To book
or if you need further information email
tashaxargent@hotmail.com or
0794022966.

TINY TOTS MINI TENNIS CLASSES

For children 2—4 yrs at The Woodford
Wells LTC Monkams Lane, Woodford
Green held indoors every Monday morning
at 9.15am—10.15am. Contact Natasha
07904022966 for more information.

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

St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

Served by the Franciscans



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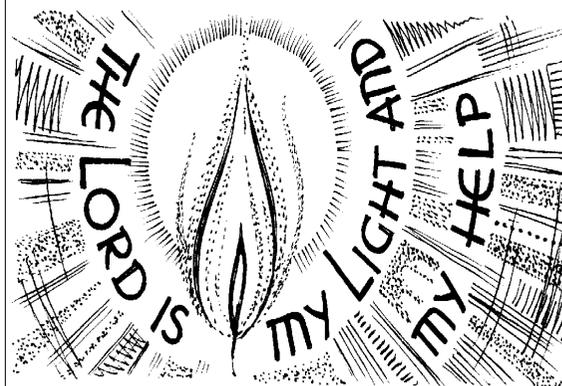
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

22ND JANUARY 2017



Jesus took ordinary and humble people and made them heralds and apostles of the kingdom of God. He can empower us all to become workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

First Reading (Isaiah 8:23—9:3)

The prophet foresees the great day of liberation when the Lord will visit his people.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:13-17)

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the person of Christ and his sacrificial death and resurrection are the basis of their unity.

Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23)

Jesus proclaims that the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled in his own person, and he begins to gather the apostles about him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is my light and my help

CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE

Several events are in prospect to celebrate this centenary. We are all asked to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday, 22nd July. Immediately the Bishop has asked every parish to have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Saturday, 11th February. This we will do.

PARISH PROJECT FOR 2017

Our aim this year is to take on board and put into practice the new direction of our church as urged by Pope Francis. We were a church dominated by scrupulous observance of laws. We have already started to move with Francis to be instead a church of thinking adults who follow Jesus not because we are compelled but because we love. We respond to the God of mercy. Our intention is to set up some serious discussion in Lent. We will try to become familiar with his Letter *The Joy of Love*. I hope you will start—or continue—reading it.

CHURCH REPAIRS

We have started! One stained-glass window in a state of collapse has been re-leaded and put back in place. Other damaged windows have been repaired. We are addressing the problem of raising the temperature in church. But for the moment keep wearing your thermals and a good coat!

ANCHOR HOUSE

Today there is a retiring collection for Anchor House in Canning Town. Originally a hostel for seamen, run by Apostleship of the Sea. Since the London docks declined it has developed into a residential centre for homeless persons, serving several hundred each year and equipping them with life-skills.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Service of Christian Unity will be held at Derby Road Methodist Church, South Woodford this evening (Sunday) 22nd January at 6.30pm. There will be light refreshments afterwards. All very welcome.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Franciscan Community and family of Fr. Ignatius, to all who attended the Requiem celebrations for Fr. Ignatius and helped in the church and Becket Centre, especially Kathryn and Choir, Fran and Joe, and the good ladies of the CWL.

May Fr. Ignatius O.F.M. Rest in Peace.

**Fr. Donal and Community
of Friars, OFM**

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 6th February at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 27th January in the Becket Centre.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

7 Nights half board, flight and airport transfers 22nd—29th April and 13th—20th May, Gatwick to Dubrovnik £459 p.p. Email jackiemulort@btinternet.com or call on 020 3239 8662.

SACRISTAN ROTAS

Sacristan Rotas for 8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am Masses are available from the church porch. Please take your copy.

PLEASE NOTE

All unclaimed lost property in the foyer of the Becket Centre will be donated to a charity shop on the 31st January.

PARISH NEWS



Our Communications group are publishing a quarterly newsletter to keep us updated with events and parish news. It will be sent out by email, with a few copies printed for those not having email access. If you would like to be among the first to receive it and keep up to date with what is going on in the parish, please send a mail to parishnews@friar.org or scan in the QR code.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 can now apply for the school year 2016/17. Those children born between 1.9.2014 and 31.12.2014 may also apply to start in January 2018 if there are vacancies. Application forms are available on the school website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk.

Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is Midday on Monday, 27th March 2017.

We will be holding drop in sessions for any parents/carers wanting to look around our Nursery on Friday 3.2.2017 (10am—11am & 2—3pm) & Monday 4.2.2017 (10am—11am & 2-3PM)

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

TUESDAY CLUB

FRANK'S QUIZ

Galvanise the Little Grey Cells! AND tea AND biscuits—not just for the winners. Becket Centre at 2pm on the 24th. Look forward to seeing everyone.

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.

IRISH DANCING

Is held in the Becket Centre every Monday. Any interested boys and girls should just turn up at either 4.30pm or 5.30pm (whichever time is more convenient). Further information can be had from Pauline Shaw ADCRG 07846603259.

UNDERSTANDING CAFOD

CAFOD is the official development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. But have you ever wanted to know more about how CAFOD chooses its projects and works with partners overseas? Have you wondered exactly where we get our money from? Or how we relate to the UK government? And just why are volunteers so important to us?

These are the sorts of questions we shall answer in Understanding CAFOD, a day for anyone interested in our work or who is thinking of volunteering for us.

Join us for a highly interesting and stimulating day at St. Francis of Assisi parish Hall in Stratford on Sat. 28th January from 10am until 3.30pm. Book your place by calling 01277 218730 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk.