

I think we made a good celebration of Holy Week and Easter. My first wish is to thank so many people who worked from well before Palm Sunday to make the liturgies worthy celebrations. The choir and the music group; you who cleaned the church, spent many hours moving furniture and preparing the rarely used artefacts required; the deacons, servers, readers, sacristans, catechists caring for the children, typists and printers of the liturgy sheets—just to pick out a few. Jesus could only do his active ministry because of the faithful women in the background who cared for him. So it is today.

The liturgies are not for spectators. They demand that everyone takes a part. So we tried to introduce some small ways of helping everyone to take part more completely. The Palm Sunday procession was a jolly. With more preparation we can and will hope to do better next year, as perhaps also with the complicated Vigil service of Saturday night though you did sing really well—and it was very good. On Thursday your renewal of commitment was impressive, as was the quiet prayer following the Mass. So well done and thank you. I hope you have had a rest. With schools still closed I hope we have another week to gather strength.

*Quentin*

### **CHILDRENS' LITURGY AT SUNDAY 10AM**

It is a great boon both for the children and you parents that they go off for their own simple liturgy while we listen to readings and homily at 10am on Sundays. The success of this brings an added need. Fully to ensure their safety, we need more adults to help, supervise and care for the 50 or so children in the Becket Centre. We are relying on a very small number of leaders, and they need help just to cope, but also some relief so that they do not always miss out on the adult liturgy of the Word. Volunteers please.

### **BAPTISMS**

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Three young adults from the parish (Trinity pupils) are volunteering in Lourdes, along with Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in August. They need to self fund and are therefore hosting a fundraising Quiz Night on 7th May at 7pm in the Becket Centre and would love if you could support them by booking tickets or a table! Please text/telephone Margaret on 07478 868 871 to book your tickets/table. Thank you for your support.

### **MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

Tuesday, 5th April after 10am Mass in the Francis Room.

### **CWL**

Meeting on Wednesday, 6th April at 8pm in the William Scott Room.

### **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE 2016 10th-17th May 2016**

Spiritual Leader Fr. Stefan  
7 Nights Half Board in 4\* apartments and Airport Transfers £236. Contact Jackie 020 3239 8662.

### **SVP**

Wish to thank parishioners for their very generous donations collected for the poor at the Holy Thursday Mass.

### **SOUP RUN**

Please note there is **NO** Soup Run next week. We go out on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month so the next Runs are on 13th and 27th April.

### **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.

### **10AM MASS**

The Music Group regret that we are unable to play this week as we are short of singers. We need both more singers and instrumentalists to join us so that we can always be available. If you have any musical skills, however minimal, please consider joining us.

### **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.

### **REPOSITORY**

Many of our young people will be making their First Holy Communion in a few weeks' time. After all Masses this weekend the Repository will be featuring appropriate cards and gifts and we will be on hand to take orders for items not already in stock.

### **IN TOUCH**

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

### **NEW TO THE PARISH**

Please register with the parish office.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Thank you to the ladies who have offered to help arrange the flowers in St. Thomas'. Barbara will be contacting you all to arrange a suitable time when she can guide you through the process. Grateful thanks.

### **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 4th April at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

### **TELCO**

**28th April 2016**

We urgently need 10 more people to come to the Copper Box, Olympic Park, in Stratford for the London Citizens' Mayoral Accountability Assembly. The free coach leaves St. Thomas' at 5pm returning approximately 9.30pm. Please support your parish efforts. There is a list at the back of the church to add your name.

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, 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, Wendy Holland, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine,

**Anniversaries** Raymond Stokes, Michael Miller, Rosa Meriano, Harry Kenyon, Alice Bryant.

**Lately Dead** Ooi Chu Chin, Carmel Cork, Declan Milligan, Nicholas O'Neill, Noel Woods,

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

### LIFT TO CHURCH

If you are able to give a lift to a parishioner to Mass who lives in Prospect Road, Snakes Lane East, please let the parish office know.

#### 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 8th April Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

### 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.

### TENDER SOLE

Foot Care Treatments in the care of your own home by Jan Youngman MCFHP MAFHP. Contact 07974 508380. CRB checked.

### TOYAKWAQI KARATE

Contact 020 8985 6228 for details. All ages and abilities

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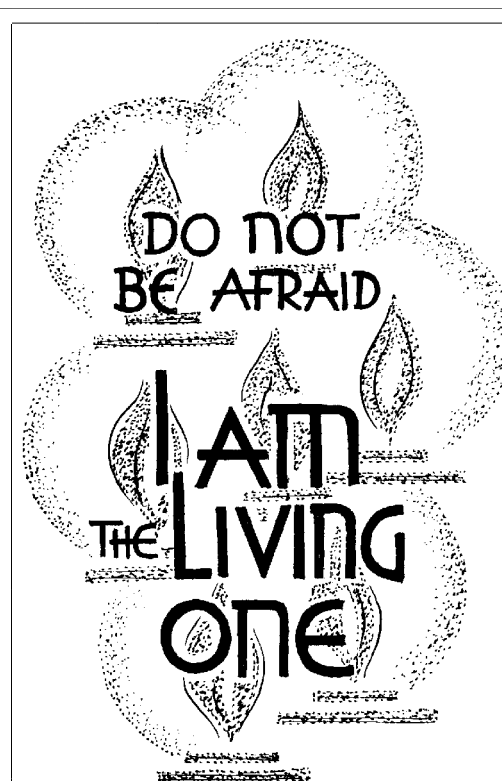
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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C

3RD APRIL 2016



Our Lord is not put off by the weakness of the Twelve. As we shall see today, after his resurrection he comes to find them and makes them true apostles.

### First Reading (Acts 5:12-16)

The apostles, filled with the Spirit, are full of courage.

### Second Reading (Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19)

A vision of the risen Lord who has the keys of death and of the underworld.

### (Gospel) (John 20:19-31)

The risen Jesus gives the power to forgive sin, and convinces doubting Thomas.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
For his love has no end.

**There will be a Diocesan Collection for Lourdes Sick & Helpers after all Masses this weekend.**