

PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

This year's Festival begins on 27th June. Please reserve the following Saturdays in your diary:-

27th June, 4th July, 11th July

We have three concerts which are offered in honour of the 70th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day. Please see noticeboard in the church porch for further details.

PARISH GARDEN FETE

We **URGENTLY** need volunteers to man the BBQ stall at the fete. Please contact the Parish Office if you can spare ANY time on Sat 13th June 2015.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (Sat. 23rd May 2015)

Join Bishop Alan and Mgr John Armitage. A coach will leave St. Anne Line Church, Grove Crescent, South Woodford E18 2JR at 8.30am. To book a place on the coach (£20) please ring 020 8 9 8 9 5 2 4 2 or email southwoodford@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Cheques payable to Catholic Church South Woodford.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

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

CWL

Meeting Wednesday, 6th May 8pm in the Assisi Room.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor 'phoned to thank you most warmly for the generosity of your response to their appeal two Sundays ago. Further donations by post brought the total you gave to £2,857.66. Only Farm Street has exceeded that sum.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, 9am 7th May Pat Bell, Lisa Ford, Amanda Rae, Melanie Miller, Emily Hannon, Stella Izu.

HELP!

43rd Scouts Group are making Go Karts as a Project. We desperately need old pram wheels. If you have a buggy or pram on its last legs, please donate the wheels to us. Ring Claire Hobbs 07905 406361.

ASSISI LUNCH

The next lunch will be on May 29th .

SUNDAY TEAS

A REMINDER there will be no teas after 10am or 11.30am Masses during the month of May except for the 17th May, due to 1st Communion Masses. Do pop in on 17th May and have a cuppa and tell us how we can improve anything for you.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Vivian Jesuthasan and Shophia Kuganoli-pava
AND Daniel Jarvis and Natalie Hodgskin who were married in St. Thomas' last weekend. We wish them a long and blessed married life together.

CARDIO TENNIS WORKOUT

The latest way to learn and burn. Fun high energy exercise—a great workout with music on court, burn the calories!! Sessions every Tuesday 9.30am—10.30am Cost £6. Tennis Racket provided at The Woodford Wells Club, Monkshams Lane, Woodford Green.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Please note there is NO Soup Run next week. We will be up London twice in May on the 13th and 27th. Thank you for your continued support.

URGENT APPEAL

CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend in support of CAFOD's Appeal

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May at 10.30am at St. George's Cathedral, Lambert Road, Southwark (see notice at the back of the church). Please come along to this very vibrant and moving Mass.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB

You may not be aware that there are two good courts and a clubhouse, idyllically situated in the friary gardens. If you would like to play tennis there, do please contact the club chair, Bernard Hunter, on 07968 173110 for details. We charge a small subscription fee to cover maintenance and other costs. Membership is open to anybody.

FIRE HAZARD

Two local churches—one St. Michael's in East Ham suffered fire damage last week from votive candles. In St. Thomas' recently 27 candles were left precariously burning before St. Anthony's statue. In addition children were observed playing with the fire. Please place candles only on the holders provided. When there is no space please light, extinguish and place your candle in the box provided, to be rekindled later.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Sunday, 7th June through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit pedalagainstpoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or 020 8502 9722.

MID-DAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

St. Joseph's Convent School, Wanstead. 7.5 hours per week, term time only. Closing date Mon. 11th May 2015. Interviews on Thursday 14th May. Contact the school for an application pack 020 8989 4700

OPEN MORNINGS

Wed. 6th and Thurs. 7th May 9.30am—10.30am at St. Joseph's Convent School, Wanstead. Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2015—girls born between 1.9.11 and 31.8.12 and Reception Class, birthdays between 1.9.10 and 31.8.11. Please contact our Admissions Secretary to arrange a visit on one of the above Open Mornings, where you will have an opportunity to view the school and to find out about our admission procedure. Please 'phone 020 8989 4700 or email enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk.

SOCIAL WORKER REQUIRED

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society needs a new Social Worker to join the excellent team. Experience of direct work with children and families is essential and for an information pack please contact the Director at swebb@bccs.org.uk. The role can be full or significant part time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams -Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Trish Gardener, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, 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, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Betty Norton, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Jim Philpot, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Pollica Thayarajan, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Mary Farnell, Geraldine Guinane, Mrs Raffaelina Lechmere, Oswaldo Rodrigues, Mary Wilkinson, John & Marie Wright

Anniv: Paul Alan Crick, John Leonard, Josie Leonard, Johnny Leonard, Ann Rose McGranaghan, Peter Hinton, Patrick Lennon, Jack Tyson.

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

FUNERAL

Mary Wilkinson's remains will be received into St. Thomas' on Wednesday 6th May at 5pm. Her Requiem will take place on Thursday 7th May at 10.00am in St. Thomas'.

10AM MUSIC GROUP

As yet no response to our request!! The group would like to encourage toddlers up to 7 years old to join them playing percussion during the recessional hymn. If you have any hand bells, small maracas, miniature tambourines etc. you could donate please give them to a member of the Music Group. No drums or saxophones!!!

DONATION

A Commode, brand new, not used. Colour is brown and has adjustable legs for varying height
Adjustable height toilet seat, used only once, clean and in excellent condition. Colour is white.
If these items are of use to you, please contact Graham on 07903 644255.

TUTOR REQUIRED

For an A level student (or above) to tutor a year 7 student from Trinity after school in Maths and English 2 evenings a week from our home anytime after 4pm. Please contact 07903674872.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

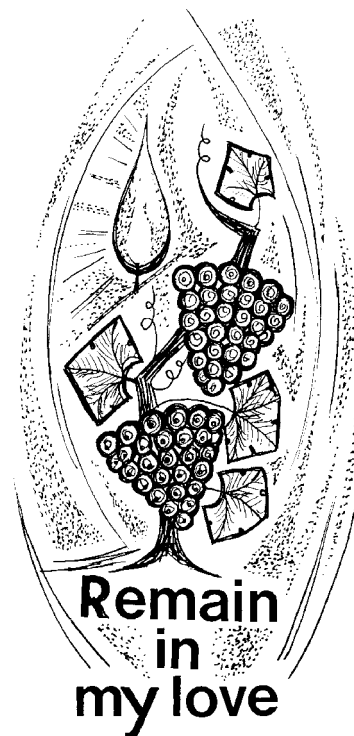
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE B

3RD MAY 2015



Remain
in
my love

What is the very heart of our faith? Today we are told that it is a close personal relationship with Jesus, for he is the vine and we are the branches.

First Reading (Acts 9:26—31)

Paul begins to preach but arouses hostility and has to leave Jerusalem.

Second Reading (1 John 3:18-24)

St. John says that if we keep his commandments the Lord will answer our prayers.

Gospel (John 15:1-8)

Jesus calls us to remain in him, for he is the vine and we are the branches.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You, Lord, are my praise
In the great assembly.