

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela Bromfield, Teresa Daly, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Camille Malone, Patrick McGurk, Yomi McEwen, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Roswitha Wagener, Rita Watkins,

*And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Anniversaries:-** Seamus Hanley, Oona Lindemann (24th Sept), Beryl Mahoney, Edward John Scott.

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Constantinou, Harold George Ebb, Raj Kaur, Gerry Murphy, John Patrick O'Brien, Maurice Troy,

## CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 16th September Margaret Chung, Jwenifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

## HOUSEHOLD DUTIES

Cleaning/ironing etc. Good rates, references available, CRB checked, works in all areas. Please contact 07960 077452.

## LOW COST

Counselling Sessions available for those on low income, unemployed or a student. Contact 07769328745 or Darceywilliams@aol.com.

## 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

## LOST PROPERTY

Any items that have been left all summer on the clothes rail in the lobby of the Becket Centre will be removed and disposed of at the end of September.

## KEEP FIT

Get in shape for Christmas after the indulgence of the summer holidays! Come to the Becket Centre every Monday at 8pm for a workout. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Price £3 per session.



## WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Hector Morgan Pickett-Prieto, Myla Georgina O'Donovan, Oliver Hayward and Aoife Bridget Ciara Smith who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To Carter de Freitas who celebrates his 90th Birthday on 14th September.

## TUESDAY CLUB

Quiz EHR . Royal Thinking Heads on Please!! Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

11th SEPTEMBER 2016



Today all three readings are about mercy. Mercy is the gift God has given us to recover what was lost, and so mercy enables us to escape the past and find a new future.

### First Reading (Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14)

For the Lord to break his promise to Abraham would be to deny God's own self.

### Second Reading: (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

Paul is himself a sign of God's mercy. He lived in God's mercy.

### Gospel (Luke 15:1-32)

In the human heart, no matter how perverse, there is always an echo of God's mercy.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will leave this place and go to my father

**There will be a Diocesan Collection for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses this weekend.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**HOLY** The closing date has passed and **no more application forms will be accepted.**  
  
**COMMUNION** Meeting for all parents is on 21st September at 8pm in the Becket Centre.

### **CATECHISTS' MEETING**

Will be on 22nd September at 8pm in the Assisi Room upstairs in the Becket Centre.

### **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Open Evening for parents of Prospective Year 7 Entrants on Wednesday, 21st September at the Lower School, Sydney Road, between 6pm and 7.30pm followed by a presentation from Dr. Doherty, at 7.30pm. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2016.

### **Catholic Practice Certificate.**

Next week we will inform you of the arrangements for obtaining the Certificate of Practice.

### **THANK YOU**

Natalie & Bethany are off for 3 months volunteering for the VSO in Ghana & Nepal. They could not have got there without the generous support of the parish. Their cake sale in July raised £300. Thank you to all who bought cakes and to Bernadette who so generously made so many to sell.

### **ASSISI LUNCH**

30th September in the Becket Centre

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

We hope to invite newcomers to this Journey. It is for those of other faiths, churches or none; for anyone who feels they want to explore in greater depth the big questions of life.

Each year it starts afresh, and starts from where the new participants are. So please if you are interested, or know someone who could be interested, let Quentin know a.s.a.p. We can only shape the programme when we know who will come, and roughly where they are. It is stimulating and consistently generates a sense of deep peace.

### **MUSIC TRAINING DAY**

Next Saturday from about 10am we will have the services of Frances....expert in liturgical music to give us a Masterclass in creating liturgy, finding new resources. All are welcome. It will be a good all-day experience so you might need to bring a sandwich. Drinks provided. And if you can bring an instrument even better.

### **PARISH DIARY 2017**

We would ask all groups and societies who book the Becket Centre on a regular basis to submit their dates in writing for 2017 to the parish office.

Please do not presume that your bookings will be carried over. Grateful thanks.

### **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY**

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm.



*Thank your continued support.*

### **MASS FOR THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND AND THOSE LIVING IN CARE HOMES**

We are not sufficiently providing you with opportunities to receive this important sacrament. So to make a new start:

On Sun. 25th Sept. there will be a celebration of this sacrament in St. Thomas' at 3pm. Afterwards tea, cakes and chat will be provided in the Becket Centre by the ever-ready CWL.

During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for those wishing to receive it. We are keen to invite as many of our sick and housebound parishioners to this Mass, so please take a flyer giving details of the Mass from the back of the church and invite any neighbours you know who might like to come along. Many will be frail and find the benches hard so it will not be a lengthy service.

Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the sick: please ensure that you invite those you Minister to. Anyone wishing to attend the Mass and requiring transport, please call the parish office on 020 8504 1686.

### **REGULAR BECKET CENTRE USERS**

Please note that you are requested to attend a short meeting on either Thursday, 15th Sept at 8pm or Sat. 17th Sept. at 3.30pm when the responsibilities and liabilities of hiring the Becket Centre will be explained. It is very important that each group that uses any of the rooms in the Becket Centre is represented at one of these meetings. Contact Bernard.hunter@which.net to book in, or if you have any queries.

### **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

For children 5—11 years of age who attend non-Catholic Primary Schools. 10am—11am upstairs in the Becket Centre beginning on 17th September.

### **ACROSS PILGRIMAGE 2017**

The next Jumbulance Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be in April 2017. We have places for anyone wishing to travel as a pilgrim. Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to travel with us.

### **ACROSS JUMBULANCE QUIZ**

On Sat. 17th September 7.30pm for 8pm in the Becket Centre. Tickets £5. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables of 8—10. Ring Sheila 020 8504 3839 or Moira 8529 1533.

### **AWARENESS MONTH**

September is SVP Awareness Month. If you or anyone you know needs help from the SVP please contact us via the Parish Office or on 07543 088950.

### **GIFT AID**

If you donate via Gift Aid your Gift Aid Donation Statement for the Tax Year ended 5th April 2016 is available from the back of the church.

### **CAKE SALE**

There will be a cake Sale in the Becket Centre (Sunday) after 8.30am, 10am and 11.30 Masses. Donations are to support the Filipino Community in our parish who are taking part in the Shine Night Walk for Cancer Research.

### **IRISH DANCING**

Resumes for the new term on Mon. 12th Sept in the Becket Centre. Any interested children both boys and girls, should just turn up at either 4.30pm—5.30pm or 5.30pm—6.30pm Contact 07846 603259.

### **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office.