

PARENTING

Alison Webster returns to St. Thomas'. Parents are invited to attend a combination of talks and small group work entitled "Time out for Parents" theme: resilient children. This is a one off, half day session on Sat. 9th Nov. 1-4.30pm in the Becket Centre. It is prepared especially for the parents of primary and secondary school age children. No booking required.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in the church on Sunday, 10th November at 4pm. Names of family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory. The list will be compiled from the deaths notified to the office in the last year. If you have names you would like to be read out please submit them to the office. All are welcome to join us in the Becket Centre for a cup of tea afterwards.

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. Grateful thanks.

REQUIEM MASS

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, will be on Monday, 11th November at 11.30am.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday, 4th November at the Convent, 5 The Green, starting at 7.30pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 10.30am 7th November Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Rowena Li.

IN TOUCH

Letters and articles to be with the editor by Nov. 19th at the very latest.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Church parade will be at the 10am Mass on 10th November followed by a cake sale in the Becket Centre. Additional parking will be available in the Trinity School Lower Site, Sydney Road.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept 2009 and 31st August 2010. Applications are made on line www.redbridge.gov.uk.

The parish office requires completed Forms A & B, together with copy of child's baptism certificate and non-returnable family photo. Closing date is 15th January 2014.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The latest issue of the Troubadour is available at the back of the church. It contains an article originally written by Fr. John Harding. Please take a copy as you leave church.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We would like to say a big thank you for the fantastic response we had for the two soup runs in October. Everyone went away with some food and clothes. Please note there is **NO SOUP**

RUN next Wednesday. We have 2 runs in November on the 13th and 27th.



CWL JUMBLE SALE

A big thank you to all who helped at the Jumble Sale and to everyone who made it possible by donating jumble. A fantastic £1,572.50 was raised which will be donated to Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society.

TELCO

We had a most informative meeting with Cllr. Sue Nolan to discuss, among other related topics, the findings of Silver Sunday: she will be putting a question regarding the carers' working conditions and pay to Redbridge Council on 21st November. From the information gleaned from your responses Redbridge does appear to be, overall, a good provider.

FR. AUSTIN LINUS

Fr. Austin is as well as can be expected. He suffered a spinal stroke which has also been described as a T.I.A. and it has affected the use of his legs. He sends this message:-

"Many thanks for so much prayerful support and kindness—hopefully, I'll be around again ere long!"

ACTION AGAINST CANCER THANK YOU

David Spencer, James Moore and families would like to say a massive thank you to all the parishioners who supported their cake sale last Sunday. Along with the raffle a massive £650 was made. Particular thanks to all who donated cakes and raffle prizes. Thank you to the ladies who served the teas and coffees and everyone for their most generous donations. They couldn't have been more delighted with the response. The following are the numbers of winning raffle tickets. Prizes can be collected from the parish office: White tickets 6 and 46, Yellow tickets 406, 426, 436 and Peach ticket 456.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Will take place on 30th November 1pm—4pm. We need helpers on the stalls at the Fayre. If you can give just one hour of your time please contact Jackie on 07952077546 or 0208

529 5637. We are also looking for Christmas Puddings and Christmas Cakes to raffle so if you are making (or buying) puddings and cakes soon, please make an extra one and donate it to the Fayre.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

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

CWL

Meeting on Wednesday, 6th November 8pm in the Assisi Room upstairs in the Becket Centre.

1ST COMMUNION

The next children's session is 9th November for Group B.

TOWARDS ADVENT

Festival of Catholic Culture 2013

The Towards Advent Festival is on Sat. November 23rd at Westminster Cathedral Hall. Entry free, all welcome. Books, DVDs, Christmas goods, rosaries, holy cards, Advent calendars and more on sale. Speakers Edmund Adamus (Westminster Diocese) and Sr. Hyacinthe (Dominicans). Come and celebrate the Year of Faith! Opens 10am.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course please contact the parish office. Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays of each month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Channer, Chris Callow, Elsie Carey, Veronica Carroll, Claire, David Clancy, Violet Clark, Sue Crail, Kathie Crowley, Chanelle Conway, Alan Cornish, Noreen Coyle, Kate Crowley, Mary Cullis, Siobhan Davids, Tomoko Dawson, Karen Davies, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Rowland Hill, Veronica Hutchison, Stephen Jannece, Derek Jones, Laura Kennedy, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Jacqui Lebaz, Lauren, Fr. Austin McCormack O.F.M., Dennis McMullen, Mary McKay, Ron Mallett, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kathleen Meyler, Pat Meyler, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Mary O'Connor, Katie O'Neil, Lucy Owen, Lily Reding, Mark Pateman, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Sandra Sifflett, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Taylor, Alfi Thompson, Eileen Vallely, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

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

GRATEFUL THANKS

Ray and Marcella Finney wish to thank parishioners for their kindness and prayers during Ray's recent hospitalisation.

A Triduum of Masses will be offered for the intentions of the Clergy, Sisters and parishioners.

Lately Dead:-

Fr. Peter Hall O.F.M., Paddy Kelly, Ruban & Regis-Bonaventoor, Peggy Halfpenny, Concepta Mulligan.

We are sorry to announce the death of our Brother, Fr. Peter Hall O.F.M. He died peacefully on 29th October.

His Requiem Mass will be at Ladywell Convent, Godalming, on Monday, 4th November at 11am. He is being buried at Chilworth.

May he rest in Peace.

CLEANING AND IRONING

No job too small. Domestic chores and Ironing—very reliable cleaner—good rates and references available. Please call Lisa on 07988453839.

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31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE C

3RD NOVEMBER 2013



We have been given this time and space to come together to celebrate. This Sunday, let us make room in our hearts to come closer to the Lord in the Eucharist, and allow his word and presence to open our lives in new ways.

First Reading (Wisdom 11:22-12:2)

The Lord delights in all his creation. Because of this joyous love his compassion towards us is infinite.

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2)

As the Christians of Thessalonica live in hope and expectation of the Lord's coming, Paul urges them to be at peace, and allow the Lord to bring to completion his goodness in them.

Gospel (Luke 19:1-10)

Crowded in by so many people, Zacchaeus finds a space so that he can see Jesus; and Jesus sees him, and Zacchaeus' whole life is turned around.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King