

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Anniv: Dominic Correia

Lately Dead : Mary Grisdale, Anne McCathy

Mary Grisdale's Requiem will be held at St. Antony's, Forest Gate on Monday, 27th March at 10.00am followed by cremation at the City of London Crematorium.

May she rest in peace

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 24th March
Rachel Varney, Lisa
McDonnell, Carole Burns,
Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM IN YOUR HOME?

Are you an individual or Family interested in hosting a student on a short term basis, 1,2 and 3 weeks. Do you live in Zone 4. No further than 10 minutes from Central Line Station. Contact Dee: 020 8989 8378.

MONKHAMS COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, 30th March 7pm for 7.30pm at Bancrofts School Great Hall. Please see poster on the noticeboard in the church porch.

CLASS TEACHER KS1 & KS2

St. Antony's Primary School wishes to appoint 2 Class Teachers for Sept. 2017 Please download application form <http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies-1> and return by post or email admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk.
Deadline Monday, 27th March 2017.

BADMINTON

Monday from 7.30pm—9.30pm Trinity School, Mornington Road. All welcome. Contact Michael 07941 479485.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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

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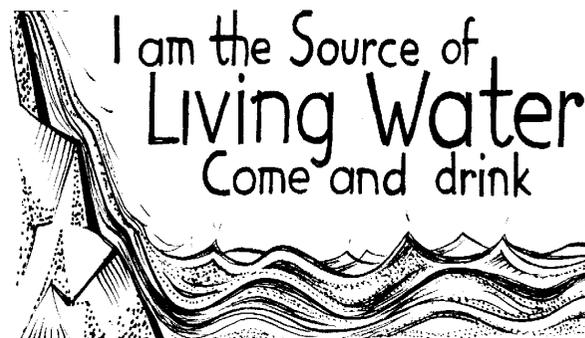


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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE A

19TH MARCH 2017



Jesus is the fountain we thirst for and the one who brings everlasting life to all.

Today's Readings

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

This is one of several stories about the Israelites complaining to Moses, in this case about being thirsty. God instructs Moses how to provide water for them.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, giving us faith and hope.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O that today you would listen to his voice:
Harden not your hearts*

HAVE WE LOST THE FAMILY FAST?

Traditional laws of fasting and abstinence no longer make sense. Instead our bishops have given us just two days each year of Family Fast. The intention is that the whole family think about what they are doing: a little self-denial that will serve the poor. Make it real—something that hurts just a little. Then calculate what you have saved and bring it as a gift to CAFOD. We used to know this and do it in Lent and Harvest time. It is disappointing that it seems to have been widely forgotten. I blame myself for not reminding you. There were 350 people at the 10am Mass last Sunday. The collection basket received just 8 envelopes and £3. We can do better. Despite the fewness of contributions however the weekend collections for CAFOD exceeded £900. It shows that the few are giving a great deal. Well done. It is however the family putting their heads together and planning that is important.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Today there will be a retiring collection for money to remedy the African famine. CAFOD ask apologetically in view of last week's Family Fast. Still CAFOD is our channel to send relief to the starving out of our abundance.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today and on the next two Sundays we hear St. John's instruction about baptism. In dramatic stories St. John directs attention first to the water God uses to give his life. Next the enlightenment that starts slowly and continues through life. And final the life. It is for our catechumen who will be baptised at the Easter the many parents who have sought or are seeking baptism for their child, and all of us who each day are living the sacrament.

TELCO 20 YEARS OLD

The event was a true Liturgy communicating with sharply-honed brief inputs of past success, present concentration, and future aims. Trinity orchestra performed with much maturity and verve. St. Antony's School sang and Francesca stole the show with a letter of appeal for affordable housing, read to the Leader of the Council. It made a huge impression. Three Council leaders, the ones with power, listened and promised and were politely told their performance will be watched and challenged. Our parish has contributed very significantly through these years and still continues to do so. We now understand that our Church has to lead inspire and influence the modern world, secular as well as religious. We bleat about the lack of youth in sharing our activities. They were certainly there on Thursday, and are at the heart of TELCO.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Every Tuesday until 11th April in the Becket Centre from 12.15pm to 1.30pm. Come and join us for home-made soup and French bread with butter, all for £3. All proceeds will be sent to Mary's Meals to provide lunches for schoolchildren in Haiti.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through Lent we will provide the mediation for this devotion each Friday evening at 8pm. Also the stations will be said every Friday in Lent after the 10am Mass.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents' Meeting on Wednesday 22nd March to discuss Masses in May and Fr. Quentin's Eucharist Talk 8pm in the Becket Centre.

FRANCISCAN VOCATION TALKS Saturday 1st April

Single Catholic men 18-43 years of age interested in the Franciscan Life.

Talks held in the Francis Room upstairs in the Becket Centre.

12 Noon Franciscan History.

2.30pm Franciscan Formation

4pm—5pm Franciscan Ministry and Mission

7.30pm-8.30pm Franciscan Spirituality

If interested in attending these talks and you are seriously considering a Religious Vocation then contact by 29th March.

Br. Donal O.F.M. (Vocation Director)
brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk.

SOUP RUN



7pm.

Will be on Wednesday, 22nd March. Donations of men's clothing, sandwiches, fruit, sweets, cakes, toiletries gratefully received. Please bring to the parish office up to 1.30pm on Wednesday or to the Becket Centre at

GCSE INTENSIVE MATHS TUITION

April 17th and 18th in the Clare Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) 9.30am—3.30pm with Deepah Kalic and Alan Mair. More details from Ask@Mrkalia.com

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sheila and Allen Charles celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

ASSISI LUNCH

March 31st in the Becket Centre.

MUSIC GROUP CAKE SALE

Will be on Sunday, 2nd April after all Sunday Masses to raise funds for maintenance of equipment. Please come along and buy some cakes and help support us in providing music at Mass every week. *Thank you.*

LENTEN DISCUSSION

Thank you for coming again last Wednesday in large number. We will meet for the final session this week not on Wednesday but Thursday. Some common themes are emerging and these we will pursue. Some key words need exploring: Accompaniment, Gradualness, Conscience Discernment. We know what they mean in general, but the precise function they serve the Pope needs deeper thought. We will try to clarify by examples. You will find the powerpoint presentations from our discussions on the website: www.stthomaswoodford.org.

ADMISSIONS TO ST. ANTONY'S SCHOOL NURSERY 2017/2018

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 can now apply for school year 2016/17. Children born between 1.9.2014 and 31.12.2014 may also apply to start in Jan. 2018 if there are vacancies. Application forms www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk. Enquiries will be dealt with after 1.30pm. Closing date mid-day Mon. 27th March 2017.

SVP COLLECTION

There will be an SVP collection next weekend after all masses. If you would like to donate specifically to their baby-feeding programme in Sudan please can you put your donation in an envelope marked 'Sudan'; any cheques should be made out to 'SVP Twinnage'. Gift aid envelopes are available if you would like to use them.