

AFTER MASS TEAS & COFFEES

From now and including Sunday 1st June, there will be no refreshments after Mass to accommodate the First Holy Communion celebrations.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE NO JUMBLE

We ask again for parishioners NOT to leave jumble in the church porch. We cannot accept items due to lack of storage space. Please only leave jumble when it is requested. Due to fire risk, unrequested items will be put in the bin. We ask you for your co-operation in this matter. Grateful thanks.

NEED A RELIABLE BUILDER?

No job too small - All work guaranteed. Phone 07903 068959 or email www.justrightworks.co.uk

15TH WOODFORD GUIDES RANGERS

We have some places for girls aged between the ages of 10 and 15. We meet on Friday nights in the Becket Centre. If you would like more information, please call Janet Morris 07803810666.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Many thanks for the donation which was left at the Parish Office. This has been sent to Mary's Meals and this brings our total raised for this year to £905.

1ST COMMUNION



Would the parents of the children whose books were taken up at the offertory on Saturday, please collect from the parish office.

Please remember in your prayers the children who are making their 1st communion this weekend.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We urgently need more Sacristans for the 10.00am and 11.30am Sunday Masses. Could you commit to this ministry once a month? Please contact the parish office if you are able to join the rota—full training will be given.

The new Sacristan's Rota is available for collection from the Sacristy this weekend.

IN TOUCH

Issue 2, the summer issue for 2014 of the parish magazine, is due out at the end of June. Please submit articles, letters and reports on parish events by Friday, 6th June at the latest. If articles and letters particularly, are submitted in hard copy please see that the address as well as the name or at least a 'phone number of the author is provided. Would David Emerson please provide the editor with his contact details?

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Join our new Bishop on his first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As Director of a Marian Shrine, we could ask for no better spiritual guide than Bishop-elect Alan Williams in this 25th Anniversary Year of the Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage. Leave on Sat. 26th July returning Thursday 31st. Full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking 01206 501146.

ACROSS JUMBULANCE QUIZ

In St. Teresa's Parish Hall, Chingford Sat. 24th May 7.30pm for 8pm. £5 per ticket. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book ring Sheila on 020 8504 3839.

KEYS FOUND

A set of house keys, with a grey electronic fob, have been left in the disabled toilets. Please collect from parish office.

CHRISTIAN AID

There will be a collection after all Masses for Christian Aid. Please give generously.

PLANT WATERING ROTA

We have volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday but still need volunteers for the rest of the week. If you can spare a few moments of your time once a week, we would be grateful to hear from you. Please contact the parish office.

CHILL AND BE FILLED WITH THE LORD

You are welcome to join us for a day of discovery in prayer on 7th June 2014 from 10.30am—4pm at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. This guided retreat led by Sr. Ann O'Sullivan (Sisters of St. Gilda) will focus on the essential and walking with the Lord. A suggested donation of £18 per person includes a light lunch and all refreshments. Please call Abbotswick on 01277 373959 or Sr Ann on 07752563520 for further information. Booking is essential and all are welcome!

The Oblates of the Assumption



Are holding once again their annual Garden Party in aid of the work at the Congolese Orphanage. This will take place Sunday 1st June from 12.30pm to 3.30pm at 20, Higham Station Avenue, Chingford, E4 9AZ. Hot

meals served.

CAFOD

Have received £215 given in memory of the late John Burnham. May he rest in peace.

The Life of Christ

The Journey of Faith group are hoping to make a trip to see the re-enactment of the Life of Christ by the Wintershall Charitable Trust at Bramley, Guildford in Surrey. This will take place on Sunday 15th June in the afternoon. The cost of entrance is £16 for adults and £8 for children. If you are interested please contact Debbie O'Brien on 8505 1383 with name, number of tickets required and contact details to see if the trip will be viable. A coach will be organised dependent on numbers.

PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL

Performed by Didier Hennuyer, Master Organist, Boulogne Cathedral will be at St. Thomas' on Saturday, 5th July at 7.15pm for approximately one hour. This concert is supported by sponsorship and is offered free of charge to parishioners, their guests and neighbouring parishes.

At St. Thomas' The Aurelian Ensemble presents A Summer Promenade Concert in celebration of Sea Sunday. Audience participation will include Handel's Alleluia Chorus, Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem. Tickets £12 centre aisles, £10 side aisles including programme and interval refreshments. Family tickets available at concessionary prices. Some sponsored tickets will be available via the SVP. Profits from this evening's event will be donated to The Parish Jumbulance Appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Jamie Xavier & Kelly Leedham ALSO to Bernard Hade and Joyce de la Cruz who were married in St. Thomas' recently. We wish them a very blessed married life together.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Irene Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Ollie Gaynor, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Maureen Howlin, Desmond Kavanagh, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, John Moneghan, Jean Morgan. Trisha Morgan-Smith, Maureen Moss, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Betty Norton, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Paul McDonnell, Mick O'Hara, Una O'Mally, Janet Pinfold, Anneli Prowse, Ram Ramsey, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

Anniversaries. Dominic Correia, Catherine & John Holland, Craig & Chevonne Lobo, Jack Tyson.

Lately Dead. Paul Crick, Aaron Law, Mary McNally.

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

Paul Crick's Requiem will take place on Wednesday, 21st May at 10am in St. Thomas'. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10.30am 24th May
Charmaine Turnell, Rachel Woolf,
Siobhan Daly, Rosie O'Connor,
Eweline Allen.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Evening at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Sunday, 25th May 7.30pm to 9pm. Everyone welcome.

IN THE FOOTSEPS OF JESUS

First Full Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 1st—9th July 2015. Visit the sites of Jerusalem and Galilee as well as visits to Christian Communities to see and hear about what is really happening in their lives. Detailed itinerary to follow soon. Cost £1,595. Please contact Fr. Paul Fox at St. Mary's, Hornchurch 01708447761.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office in order for us to keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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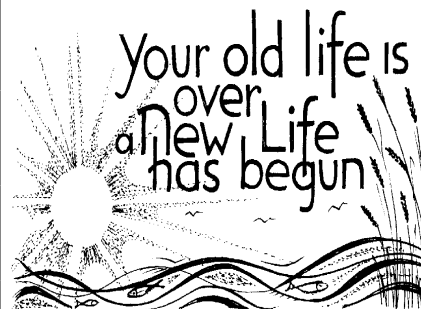
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE A

18TH MAY 2014



The Lord Jesus is a living stone, St. Peter tells us. Set close to the Lord, we too become living stones making a spiritual house, praising God with our very lives.

First Reading (Acts 6:1-7)

The Church runs into the problem of human favouritism, and appoints a body to ensure fair shares for all.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9)

Greater than any physical building, the Church is made of living stones, all set close to Christ Jesus, the precious cornerstone.

Gospel (John 14:1-12)

The Lord goes through suffering and death to prepare a place for us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.