

SYNOD

Our contribution to the Synod is now definitely on the web: www.stthomaswoodford.org. I thank David Underwood for presenting it so clearly. As you have said: communication is everything.

Family Life

St. Francis said: "Preach the Gospel; use words if you have to". The first three dignified and prayerful First Communion Masses would have pleased him much. They expressed well your evident conviction that what happens in the home and what happens in church are of one piece. At home you share a meal, learn to listen, to care, forgive, share with the less fortunate, enjoy and respect God's creation. Your liturgies were a mirror of that. Both speak what God is doing to us, with us and in us. That is more powerful than yards of talk and theory. **Quentin.**

SPECIAL MASS

Monday 10am Mass will be a special Franciscan Mass of the Community to mark the start of the General Chapter and Election of a New Minister General. This Mass on 11th May will be celebrated by Fr. Patrick, Custos of the Custody of G.B.

PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS

The sponsored walk for BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) is taking place this year on Saturday, 6th June. Our walk from the Becket Centre through lovely Epping Forest is the best supported in the Diocese and is suited for all ages. It's a great family event. If you would like to take part or sponsor the walk, please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 11th May at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10.30am 16th May Charmain Turnell, Rosie O'Connor, Eweline Allen, Debbie Bryant.

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.

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

We are up London next Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office between 9.30am—1.30pm or in the Becket Centre between 7pm—8pm on Wednesday night. Thank you for your continued support.

FIRE HAZARD

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.

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.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Aimee Mikayla Spencer-Promesse. Mia Daley, Bridget Rita Hanshaw, Maxwell Oliver Garcia, James Anthony Connolly, Fintan McDonnell who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course please contact the parish office for details. After the completion of a course, baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month.

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 e n t r y p e r p e r s o n pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk or brentwood@cafod.org.uk. 020 8502 9722.

ORGAN RECITAL

Martyn Noble a very gifted young organist from the Royal College of Music in London will be giving a Recital next Wed. 13th May at 1pm in Brentwood Cathedral. Refreshments in the Song School afterwards.

1ST COMMUNION MASSES

Sat 16th May 6pm Fr. Michael

Sat 23rd May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

Sun 24th May 11.30am Fr. Antoine

Sat 30th May 11.30am Fr. Michael

Sunday 31st May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

We ask you to remember in your prayers the 1st Communion children who will be receiving Communion for the first time this weekend.

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.

GRATEFUL THANKS

From the Philippines to all parishioners for your continuous generosity and support. Much needed and much appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be held in the Henrietta Suite (our usual place) on Thursday, 14th May at 7.30pm. Please ring Angela on 020 8508 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small, supportive group is welcome to 'phone for more details.

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 12th May there will be another afternoon of **FAVOURITE POETRY**. Look forward to seeing everyone at 2pm in the Becket centre for rhymes and refreshments!

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, Ben Perez, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Robert & Anne Power, Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Laurence Daly, Mary Farrell, Jim Philpott, Lena, Richard Wheeler

Anniv: John Holland, Christopher Wright

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.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REQUIRED

To succeed Mgr George Stokes. Based at Cathedral House, Brentwood. Information about the post and an application pack may be obtained from the Education Commission 01277 265284 janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications 4th June 2015.

FULLY TRAINED THERAPIST

CRB checked. Fully trained. Member of BACP working towards Accreditation offering short term counselling. For more information, please call Catherine on 07952 977230.

REQUIRED FOR JULY 1ST 2015

Assistant Facilities Manager/Caretaking & Site Maintenance. Full Time 35hrs x 52 weeks. Scale 3 Circa £18,045—£19,182. Full details from All Saints Catholic School, Terling Road, Dagenham RM8 1JT 020 8270 4242.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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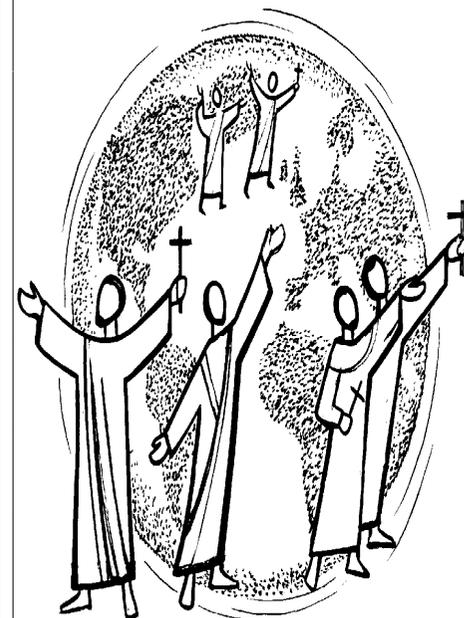
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE B

10TH MAY 2015



Life is a matter of love. Nurtured in love, we bloom, Neglected in love, we die. The Lord, who is love, calls us to love one another.

First Reading (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

Peter visits the house of a Roman, Cornelius, and learns that God does not have favourites.

Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10)

It is through the experience of love that we can come to know God.

Gospel (John 15:9-17)

The Lord commands us to love and so to bless the world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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