

Thank You

Thursday evening last was a truly memorable experience. So many of you braved the cold to come and be with us – never has the Becket Centre seemed so full. Every aspect of the parish was here – the young, the not-so-young and the superannuated all coming from every part of the parish and beyond.

The evening began with Jeremy – Parish Council Chair – announcing a surprise presentation from the children and staff of St Antony's – with cards made by the children and with wonderful ingenuity personalised for the three of us. Dr Doherty spoke very kindly on behalf of Trinity School and indeed on behalf of the parish.

All three of us had our thank-yous to make; first and above all for the sense of really belonging we have all enjoyed through your friendship, joys and indeed sorrows too. We were reminded by the young – and others – you baptised me, your married us, you shared our grief in our bereavement. We too have our gratitude here through you inviting us to be with you on all these occasions.

As Michael pointed out – there is something here that is not normally elsewhere – a sensitivity which means not waiting to be asked to help but proactively anticipating needs and volunteering. Michael, your new parish priest, is inheriting this reassuring gift – with a wonderful Parish Office Staff, and volunteers for every aspect of parish life – too numerous to mention; though I can give examples from the teams for the Garden Fete and Christmas Bazaar – and for outreach beyond parish boundaries with the Soup-run teams and Telco...

We leave with that affectionate feeling of being missed – to be missed is to be loved, and that was abundantly present – many, many thanks.

Words that came to mind as saying something about this wonderful experience, are those of Yeats [Cloths of Heaven] ... Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths // Enwrought with gold and silver light // the blue and the dim and the dark cloths // of night and light and half-light // I would spread the cloths under your feet - but I being poor, have only my dreams // I have spread my dreams under your feet // tread softly, for you walk upon my dreams.

Brian, Michael and Austin

YOUCAT

The language of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is very theological. **Youcat** fills a gap for everyone. It is attractively presented with illustrations, interesting marginal quotes, accessible language, and is cross-referenced to the standard "big" Catechism. If you find the standard Catechism a bit too much, buy **Youcat** without hesitation and learn more about the Catholic faith. £9.95 in the Repository. There is also a youth Prayer book £7.95.

STEWARDS REQUIRED

We have a desperate need for more volunteer stewards at the 6pm Mass—children most welcome to help.

If anyone has mistakenly taken the silver clicker which is used during communion for counting numbers of parishioners please be so kind as to return it to the parish office. Grateful thanks.

DRAGON THEATRE COMPANY

Proudly present the nation's favourite pantomime Cinderella. With live music, rip roaring fun and a surprising twist to Buttons, a show not to be missed. Tickets available from the box office on 07960 676180 £7 and £5 concessions. Performances on 23rd, 24th and 30th, 31st January at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm St. George's Hall, Gants Hill.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

If anyone would like to join the rota for composing the Bidding Prayers at St. Thomas', please contact the parish office.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting at the Convent on Monday, 2nd February at 7.30pm to join with the Sisters in memory of the occasion of 3rd February 1822.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jan. 18th—25th

The service for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday, 25th January at 6pm at St. Paul's, Woodford Bridge. All are very welcome.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2015

Are now available from the repository price £2.75.

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 7th Feb

Buckhurst Hill Money Advice Service (BHMAS) is a free personal advice service for people with financial difficulties run by volunteers from various church groups located in the area. We are organising a quiz night to meet annual running expenses on Sat. 7th Feb. at the Baptist Church in Buckhurst Hill. Tables of 6-8 people are available so if interested in attending or putting a table together contact Miro on 0791 3754054.

MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained. Contact Tina 07957977380 for more information.

WORLD PEACE DAY

There will be a Diocesan Collection after all Masses this weekend for Pax Christi. Envelopes available from the back of the church.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2015—girls born between 1.9.11—31.8.12. Contact Admissions Secretary 0208 989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk for more information.

ST. ANTONY'S

The Governors are looking to appoint a cleaner to work with the children during the lunch-time break. The position is for 14hrs per week x 52 weeks per year at £8.32 per hour. Closing date 30th Jan. 2015. Successful applicants will need to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

ALSO

Required a Mid-day Assistant 1-1/2 hours per day during term time only. 7 1/2 hours a week £8.87 per hour. Application forms for both positions from the school Angela.Odunsi@redbridge.gov.uk. 0208 4706.

JEWELLERY AND CAKE CLASSES

For more information contact Lynette 07778953449 or mdlks@yahoo.co.uk.

ST. JOHN'S RC SCHOOL

Offers day provision for pupils aged 5-19 with a wide range of needs including moderate to severe learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorder and those with associated speech, language and communication difficulties. Located in Woodford Bridge on the borders of London and Essex, we have LEA funded places available and although we are a Roman Catholic School we welcome applications from all faiths and backgrounds. Further information please contact 020 8504 1818. www.stjohnsrgschool.co.uk.

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ray Finney, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Sr. Teresa (Holy Family), Grace Taylor, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, Jim Wilson.

and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Christina Callaghan, Mrs B Casey, Benito Castiglioni, Angelo de Cesare, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick (Angela Meyler's nephew), Harry Forscutt, Nicolai Gadzhev, Esther Gracia, Adela Musson, Andrew Jeffreys, Kathleen Johnson, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M. Lisa Maguire, Tommy Nicholls, Barbara Robbins, Andrew Jeffreys' Requiem will take place on Wed. 21st January at 10am at St. Thomas'. **May he rest in Peace**
Kathleen Johnson's Requiem will be on Friday, 23rd January at 10am in St. Thomas' **May she rest in Peace**

Anniv: Catherine & Joseph Gillham, Peter Hinton, Fred Khan, Richard & Ellen O'Neill, Joseph Rowley, Patrick & Elizabeth Turbitt, Victor Van Boolen

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, 9am 22nd January. Pat Bell, Lisa Ford, Amanda Rae, Melanie Miller, Emily Hannon, Stella Izu.

BARBER

Experienced Barber available for immediate start. Perm/part-time. Modern Trends & Classic
Contact Gee 07821624990

PILATES

Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Clare Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre). For more information contact davidrae56gmail.com.

KEEP FIT

Monday evenings in the Becket Centre 8pm. All levels welcome.

ASSISI LUNCH

Drivers, team leaders and helpers are invited to a social gathering on Wed. 21st January at 6.30pm in the Becket Centre.

BADMINTON CLUB

Come and get fit in 2015. We play Thursday nights between 8pm and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. For details please 'phone Liz 07759410304or turn up on the night.

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



St Thomas of Canterbury

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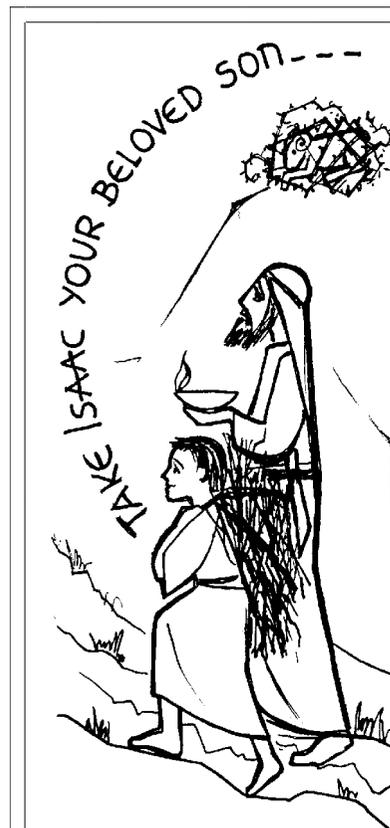
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SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B

18th January 2015



What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? First of all it means a willingness to listen to him, to accept that he is calling us to be with him and to act on his behalf. Secondly it means responding to that call, going out of our way to see what he wants of us.

First Reading (1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19)

The Lord calls Samuel to be his faithful servant.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20)

Our bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

Gospel (John 1:35-42)

Jesus calls his first disciples

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.