

### **PARISH AGM**

Will happen on Sunday 11th October. The meeting sets the programme for the coming year, and also elects the composition of the Parish Council. The future of our parish depends on continuing the good tradition you have already set well in place. The church is yours: the parish is yours. The clergy are here to work with you. We do need new members. Give a thought now to what you could contribute, and let us know if you are interested.

### **MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

It is high time that we Ministers of Holy Communion meet to review the task and privilege we have been given. I ask you all to come to St. Thomas' on Wednesday, 23rd September at 7.30pm. We will have a short period of adoration, and then review our ministry to see if there are problems and how we may improve.

### **GETTING MARRIED 2016?**

If you are planning on getting married in St. Thomas' in 2016 and have not already contacted the parish office. Please do so a.s.a.p.

### **THANK YOU**

Chris Kurton would like to say thanks to all those who sponsored him in his recent 100 mile cycle ride. He raised £260 for CAFOD. If anyone would still like to sponsor him it can be done through the following link [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisKurton](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisKurton).

### **CANCER LARYNGECTOMY TRUST**

Quiz Night on 21st November 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Becket Centre. £5 per person. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Call Sheila 0208 504 7485 or 07826378519.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Will resume meeting on Mon. 21st September. If you would like to have a taste of what we do, come along on Monday week. No commitment, but you will find interesting people who are serious about searching for a deeper spirituality and exploring the meaning of life.

### **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Will restart on Saturday, 19th September at 10am upstairs in the Becket Centre. These are religious classes for primary school children who are attending non-Catholic Schools.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

The 2016 gathering will be in Poland. Pope Francis is going. It is for young people between the ages of 18 and 25. Hence, it will be brimming with vitality and enthusiasm. I know of several people whose lives were dramatically changed for the better by their experience of previous such meetings. It will happen next August. Not cheap, so you will need to start some fundraising.

### **ASSISI LUNCH**

Friday, 25th September in the Becket Centre.

### **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17**

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 14th October at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Head-teacher and find out about the Application procedure.

### **LIFTS TO MASS**

We have had a number of parishioners who would be grateful for a lift to Sunday Masses. If you can help. Please contact the Parish Office. Grateful thanks.

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository is now under the new management of Geoff and Bernadette Craft. Lucy, Bernie and a stalwart band of volunteers have kept the repository going for many years and we should like to show our thanks for this at a Cheese and Wine evening in the William Scott Room on Thursday, 17th September from 7.30pm—9pm.

This would be an ideal opportunity to meet some additional volunteers, ladies or gentlemen, to spread the load. If you can spare half an hour after Mass once a month please come and share a glass of wine with us. If you would like to help but cannot make the evening email us on [bunge@ntlworld.com](mailto:bunge@ntlworld.com) and we will put you on the roster.

There are a number of New Jerusalem Bibles available price £16.99. available from the repository.

### **OPEN EVENING TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Wed. 23rd Sept at Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around school between 6pm and 7.30pm. Presentation from Dr. Doherty at 7.30pm.

Closing date for applications is 31st Oct. 2015. Please note that applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own Local Authority.

This application will then need to be returned to the applicant's own Local Authority. For applicants wishing to submit a Priest's Reference, this Diocesan document can be obtained from the Brentwood Diocese website. Parish Office requires Part A & B, family photograph and copy baptism certificate.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Anayah Iromi Catherine Rodrigo, Jeremiah Yanzu, Awish Senuth K. Fernando and Finley Oscar Xavier who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **TEA PARTY**

*Saturday, 19th September 3pm in the Becket Centre.*

The TELCO Tea Party held earlier this year was voted a great success by all those who attended. Consequently, Gloria Gottschalk and her team have very kindly volunteered to host a second party.

All those receiving care, together with carers, who attended the earlier tea party are warmly invited to join us again on the 19th. We also wish to invite those who are housebound or cared for by friends or family to join the party as we celebrate together. We also warmly welcome all parishioners over the age of 60 to join us. For catering purposes please contact Gloria 07946652262 or Angela 020 8504 2138.



### **BRENTWOOD NEWS**

Copies are available from the back of the church. Please take one.

### **ST. JOHN'S R.C. SCHOOL**

Is recruiting for full time Class Assistants Level 1 to work with young children with special needs. 9.00am—3.30pm daily, term time only. Experience preferred. Job description and an application form available from school office on 020 8504 1818. Applications close on Friday, 2nd Oct.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, MaryMcKay, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Alex McVeigh, Jutta Menzies, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Polica Rajan, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Debbie Smythe, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall

### Lately Dead.

Joseph Bastiamillai, (Sr. Sophie's brother), Kevin Bennett, Florence Chadwick, Thomas Diviney, Mary Gallagher, Jimmy Glennon, Elizabeth Howard, Eileen Kenyon, Oona Lindemann, Sean Moran, .

Ann (Eileen) Kenyon's Requiem will be on Wednesday, 16th September at 10am in St. Thomas'.

**Anniv:** Seamus Hanley,

### NANNY?

Anna Lesniewska is looking for a position as a full-time nanny. Resident in Buckhurst Hill. CBS checked. Please contact her on 07849275974.

### NANNY?

Nanny looking for Family with a newborn or toddler. Immediate start, full or part time. First Aid, CBS. English and Portuguese spoken. Contact Rita 07912950991.

### 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

Thursday 9am 17th September Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French.

### IRISH DANCING

The Claddagh Academy of Irish Dancing resumes dance lessons in the Becket Centre on Monday, 7th September. Any interested boys and girls should just turn up 4.30pm—5.30pm or 5.30pm—6.30pm. All classes are pay as you go, no term fees,, fitness, fun and friendship. For more information contact Pauline Shaw ADCRG on 07846603259/0208 502 6294

### PARISH DIARY

Will all those groups and societies who use the Becket Centre on a regular basis, please submit their dates in writing for 2016 to the parish office. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried forward.

Grateful thanks.

### 15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES

Are you free on a Tuesday night from 5.20pm—6.20pm and would like to come and help with girls aged 5—7? Please contact Janet Morris 07803810666.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016

By air 2nd June 2016 4\* Hotel. Full board.  
£549 Contact Sue on 07979 746707.

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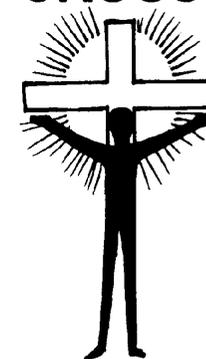
## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

13TH SEPTEMBER 2015



BE SURE  
IT WILL  
BEAR  
YOU

BE BRAVE  
BEAR  
YOUR  
CROSS



We know from experience that every life contains some suffering. Today Jesus invites us to join our suffering to his, sharing his faith in his Father, and thus breaking through to resurrection and eternal life.

### First Reading (Isaiah 50:5-9)

The prophet foretells Christ's total trust in his Father at the time of his passion.

### Second Reading (James 2:14-18)

The apostle teaches that faith in God should lead us to active charity.

### Gospel (Mark 8:27-35)

Jesus explains that suffering and surrender into God's hands are the necessary prelude to eternal happiness.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
In the land of the living*