

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire Merrins, Teresa Daly, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Antony Dover, Lenny Finney, Garrie Godkin, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Cian Wright.

Anniv: Patrick Anthony Lennon

Lately Dead: Angela, Alexander Quattek, Jean Causton, Cicely Croxton, Pat Higgins, Jimmy Leahy, Peter Sayers.

We remember in our prayers all the bereaved families who have lost their loved ones at this time.

CAN YOU HELP?

Needed—help to drop off 3 children (Years 6,3 and Reception) to High Road, Buckhurst Hill on Mondays and Thursdays after school. Happy to pay. If you can help or know anyone, please call Stu on 07968119783

CHURCH CLEANING



Saturday 14th January
10.30am. Charmaine
Turnell, Rachel Woolf,
Christine Pinnock, Rosie
O'Connor, Ewelina
Allen, Deborah
McNamara.

*New cleaning rotas for 2017 are available
from the church porch.
Please take a copy.*

IRISH DANCING

Will resume on 9th January 2017

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date.

BADMINTON

Recommences on Monday, 9th January
2017 at Trinity School,
Morningside Road.
7.30pm—9.30pm.
New players welcome.
Please contact Michael
0794 1479485.



KEEP FIT

Re-commences Monday, 9th January 8pm
in the Becket Centre. All welcome.

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

St Thomas of Canterbury

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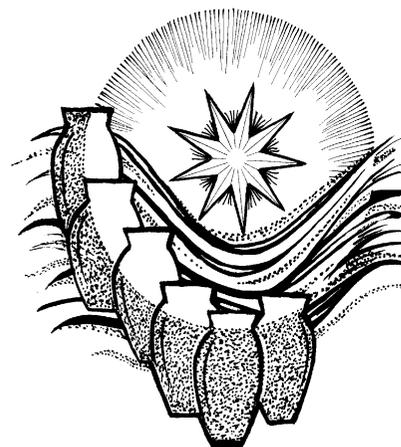


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8TH JANUARY 2017



We come together on the Feast of the Epiphany to celebrate the revelation of Jesus as saviour of all people, represented by the wise men who were guided to him by the light of the star.

First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

Israel will return from exile in Babylon and Jerusalem will be restored. God's presence in the new Jerusalem will radiate such a light that it will attract all nations through faith.

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6)

Paul announces the hidden mystery revealed to him through the Spirit: Jewish and non-Jewish people are no longer divided but united in the body of Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

Matthew recounts the quest of the wise men to find the infant king of the Jews and pay him homage. It then compares their courage and faith as Gentiles with the fear and falsity of King Herod.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

CHILDREN PRAY FOR PEACE

In accord with the request from our Minister General that I reported last week, we begin a monthly exercise of prayer for peace, especially in the Middle East. He asked that the children pray. Today at the 10am Mass we will make special intercessions when they rejoin us from their own liturgy. And then we will all join in reciting the prayer for peace in the spirit of St. Francis as follows:-



*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt true faith in you*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.*

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*



PARISH COUNCIL

For many months there has been talk of needed repairs to our church, friary and surrounds. Investigations and preparations have been under way quietly in recent months. Already some of the work is beginning. But there are now major decisions to be reached. So this month's meeting of your Council will be a very important one. Please pray that we be guided in the direction which is truly for the good of All.

MORNING MASS

Please note that on Monday, 9th January Morning Mass will be at 8.30am. This is due to the Stain glass workers putting up scaffolding in the Sanctuary.

SVP

Thank you to parishioners who were extremely generous at the Christmas SVP collection. Over £900 was raised to be put to good use as soon as possible.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The latest issue of the FMU magazine "The Troubadour" is available at the back of the church. Please take one as well as a calendar for 2017 as you leave.

FRANCISCAN VOCATION TALKS

Proposed dates Wednesday, 25th Jan — Friday 27th January at St Thomas of Canterbury.

For single Catholic men 18-43years of age interested in the Franciscan life .

If interested in attending these talks and are seriously considering a Religious Vocation then contact by 22nd January Br. Donal OFM (Vocation Director)
Email only brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk.

THANK YOU

The Franciscan Community of Friars at Woodford Green thank all the very kind people who gave gifts and donations for the Brothers here. We shall remember you all in our prayers and wish you many blessings of the Lord in this New Year!

Fr. Donal O.F.M.

PARISH NEWS

Our Communications group are publishing a quarterly newsletter to keep us updated with events and parish news. It will be sent out by email, with a few copies printed for those not having email access. If you would like to be among the first to receive it and keep up to date with what is going on in the parish, please send a mail to parishnews@friar.org or scan in the QR code.



BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

*The next Assisi Lunch will be on 27th
January 2017.*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be held in the Henrietta Suite (our usual place) on Thursday, 12th January at 7.30pm. Please ring Angela on 0209 8505 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.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY



The next soup run is on Wednesday, 11th January 2017. We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, fruit, sweets, biscuits, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre from 7pm on Wednesday.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA ST ANTONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The consultation for our Admissions Criteria for 2018/2019 is now available on our school website on the Admission page. www.stantonyscatholicdps.co.uk.

If you wish to comment please send your responses by emailing admin.st-antony@redbridge.gov.uk or posting it to the school address.

Deadline for all responses is
27th January 2017.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP



Next meeting 19th January in the Francis Room 7.30pm. All are very welcome to study and share the Word of God.

TUESDAY CLUB

10th January 2pm in the Becket Centre. Tea, cakes and chat. All welcome.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL

If you, a family member or friend would like to see a Catholic Chaplain or receive Holy Communion whilst receiving treatment at Whipps, please contact the Chaplaincy Team 020 8535 6988 or St. George's 020 85295877.