

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, Teresa Daly, Nigel Dillon, Carla Doherty, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Lenny Finney, Garrie Godkin, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Jane Kirk, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins, Cian Wright.

Anniversaries:- Lucca Marrai, Maureen Noden, Marianne West.

Lately Dead: Pauline Bellone, Malcolm Bowdidge, (Madeleine Sydric's son-in-law), Richard Bolger, Elisa Heredia, Alice Knock, Barbara Maxwell, Neil Millward, Sandra Thompson.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, 9am 10th November Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Amanda Rae, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes.

Parish Diaries 2017 are available from the back of the church. Please put your donation in the basket provided. Grateful thanks.

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

BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS

At St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone on Monday, 14th November 2016 at 11.30am.

THE GREAT TRINITY GHOST LECTURE

Will take place on Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm in the Ratcliffe Hall, Upper Site, Mornington Road, Woodford Green. Admission £2. Tickets can be reserved by contacting Sally Parry, sally.parry@fc.tchs.uk.net or 020 8504 3419. Dr. Doherty will raffle copies of his latest novels. Wine, tea and other beverages will be on offer. All proceeds to the School Fund.

WORKS OF MERCY

The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be held on Sat. 12th Nov. at St. Thomas'. Mass will begin at 9am followed by our Rosary Procession to Marie Stopes, Buckhurst Hill, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approx 12noon we return to St. Thomas' for refreshments. See poster on church notice board.

STEWARDS ROTA

We have had two people drop off the 10am Stewards' Rota. If you feel you can help, please contact David Underwood 8504 1575.



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Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

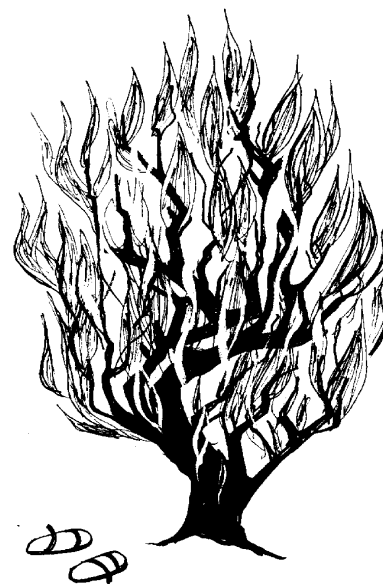
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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

6th November 2016



At every Eucharist we celebrate the mystery of Christ's passing over from death into life. That mystery is made present here for us today, so that we too can journey with him into the fullness of life. Let us give thanks to the God from whom all life comes.

First Reading

(2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14)

The seven brothers place their trust in God and in the resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading:

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5)

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their faith.

Gospel

(Luke 20:27-38)

Despite the mocking of the Sadducees, Jesus shows that God's very nature means there is a resurrection from the dead for those who are worthy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

Pope Francis has changed nothing of the doctrine of the church. Nor have we. The church teaches that human beings are made to live together in love. God gives to each the virtue of chastity to regulate and achieve great depths of love. Single, approaching marriage, married; consecrated, celibate; of any sexual orientation—each have their own way of practising chastity and striving to achieve the highest ideal of its realisation in their way of life. What has changed is a recognition of how this unfolds only gradually; of encouragement to affirm whatever is loving and good without condemnation of failures.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A large number have expressed their wish to be commissioned for a further 5 years as ministers of Holy Communion. I ask all to come to one of the sessions either Thursday, 17th or 24th November at 7.30pm to prepare for the commissioning on Sunday, 27th November, First of Advent. If you cannot come then I will provide another opportunity. For it is a ministry we must not treat lightly.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Bereavement Service to remember our departed loved ones will be held in the church on Sunday, 13th November at 4pm.

Names of family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory during the service. The list will be initially compiled from the deaths notified to the office in the last year. If you have other names you would like to be read out please submit them to the office by email or in person by Thursday, 10th November.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

YOUTH

Our young people will parade next Sunday at the 10am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. The following Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King is also set aside to remind us of what we owe to our young people. The parish has been fortunate for decades to have had a very strong team, regularly reinforced with new recruits, who have provided good enthusiastic leadership. Sadly we seem to be running out of leaders. Think what you can contribute. Helping young people outside school activities is a very enriching experience and you will enjoy it.

WE NEED YOU

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Nov. 26th

To make this a success we need

- A Man with a Van
- Willing volunteers
- Raffle Prizes
- Good quality donations—no clothes or books.

Ring Jackie 07952077546.

HOME PRODUCE

Mary Charter and Catherine Bissmire would welcome donations of jam, marmalade, chutney, relish, cakes, breads etc. Bring on day or for collection 'phone Mary 01085043798 or Catherine 07085590281.

THANK YOU

The SVP would like to thank parishioners who gave so generously last weekend. Over £700 was raised.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ

Almost here! Do please come and bring your friends: a good evening is absolutely guaranteed. Sat. 19th November, 7.30pm Becket Centre. Cost £7 pp, licensed bar, optional fish or chicken and chip supper. Please contact Bernard Hunter on 07968 173110 or Bernard.hunter@which.net for more details or to reserve your place(s).

READERS' WORKSHOP

On Sat. 19th November between 10.30am and 1.30pm we will be holding a Workshop for all Readers of the parish (St. Thomas' B.Hill and Chigwell). There are still a few places remaining, so please 'phone the parish office as soon as possible to book your place.

IN TOUCH

Contributions for Christmas edition of In Touch to the editor by Nov. 9th. Contact 077343 08925. Would a member of the "SHINE" Charity get in touch urgently.

CHURCH PARADE

Next week at 10am Mass at St. Thomas' there will be Church Parade with the Guide and Scout groups. There will also be a cake sale after Mass in the Becket Centre.

LIFT TO ST. THOMAS'

An elderly parishioner, new to the parish, would like a lift to church on a Sunday. She lives in Snakes Lane West. If you live nearby and have room in your car, would you contact this lady's daughter, Karen by email KARENWILLO@GMAIL.COM or 'phone 07966 223752.



JOURNEY OF FAITH

Will not meet this Tuesday

CAFOD ART SALE

Many thanks for your support. A handsome cheque is on its way to CAFOD.

REPOSITORY

We have restocked with lots of good items for Advent. Thinking of the children in particular, there is a display of Advent candles, calendars and wreaths for you to inspect. Christmas stock has also arrived.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We are up London on Wednesday and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, fruit, sweets, toiletries, tins and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre between 7pm & 8pm. On Wednesday evening.



A big thank you to the staff and pupils of St.

Antonys for the donations of food following their Harvest Festival.

One of our soup run groups are looking for more volunteers who would be willing to drive the minibus. If you think you can help please 'phone Ray on 07770 797250.

CWL

Would like to thank all those who helped and supported the jumble sale. The proceeds went to children's charities, mainly the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We also sponsor a boy's education in Burma through the Charity "STAND BY ME".

TUESDAY CLUB

(Or Culture Club)! Your FAVOURITE POEMS on the 8th at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

Please remember the menu and money.