

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Sean Harte, Joan Hayes, Margaret Jones, Annie Keenan, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Kayleigh Linnane, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies, Tom Moran, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Dymna O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Nino Jomaa, Alice Knock, Barbara Maxwell, Elisa Heredia,

Lately Dead: Eileen Everett, Bernie Rogers, Sheila Murphy

We extend the sympathy of the parish to the family of Eileen Everett, a well known and active member of the parish community for many years who died in Newport Pagnell last week.

We also extend the sympathy of the parish to Mike Murphy and family on the sad loss of his mother Sheila who died peacefully last week. **May she rest in peace**

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 19th October Dorota Marcewicz, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Luiza Sanchez.

If your name is on the rota (copy on the notice board in the porch) and you no longer come can you please let me know. Thank you Pat Bell 020 8504 4577.

TROUBLE BREWING

CAFOD is dismayed by Sainsbury's move away from Fairtrade. As a Fairtrade parish, however, we are delighted that Waitrose has recently announced a strengthening of its commitment to Fairtrade. All their own brand tea will in future be Fairtrade. For the next 6 months Buckhurst Hill branch has donated all the Fairtrade tea and coffee for Sunday 10am and 11.30am Masses.

Come and join us for a Fairtrade cuppa and a chat after Mass today and sign the petition we are organising to the manager of our local Sainsbury's. Alternatively, click the link on our parish website and sign the petition online.

TENNIS AND SPORTS CAMP

23rd/27th Oct. 10am—3pm daily. At Woodford County High School age 3-12 years. £100 for the week or £25 per day. Equipment provided. For more information email tashaxargent@hotmail.com



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28TH SUNDAY
CYCLE A

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

15TH OCTOBER 2017



The kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast to which the Lord invites us, not because we are worthy but because he loves us and wants us to be his guests.

First Reading
Isaiah 25:6-10
The prophet recounts what God has done for us, inviting us to God's banquet and causing us to rejoice.

Second Reading
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
In the hardships of his life St. Paul knows that God gives him strength

Gospel
Matthew 22:1-14
The wedding feast is ready and we have been invited to it

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I thank Cathy Mair for the huge task she has done so well in organising provision of Holy Communion to the housebound. I am still looking to find more of our elderly or infirm parishioners who endure long hours tied to home and who could benefit so much from receiving regular communion. For we now have quite a few ministers ready and eager to provide a regular visit.

But now we are looking at organising more efficiently the large list of commissioned ministers now comprising more than 120 names. We do not know how many of these are still active but intend to slim down the number to those who are regularly willing and able to commit to a regular service.

To achieve this you already know that all commissions will end at midnight on Saturday December 2nd. I propose providing several occasions in the next six weeks so that everyone currently holding a commission for this ministry will be able to come and hear what the new arrangements will be.

CERT. OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Have I provided all the certificates needed for your children's entry to secondary and primary schools? Arrangements for Davenant are now in the hands of that school. We can do nothing till they send me their list. This week less than expected came for the certificate. I hope that means we are finished. I will only provide another session if there is need.

SOUP RUN

Huge thanks to Normanhurst School in Chingford and Loyola Preparatory School for their Harvest donations which will keep us going for many months.

The next soup run will be on 25th Oct.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish Council discussed arrangements for the masses on Christmas Eve and day. Various suggestions were made and some of these seem to have circulated as if the decision has been made. That is not so. We are still seeking the best way to accommodate the large number of families and individuals who wish to enjoy our Christmas mass. Safety is one big concern. We cannot tolerate repeating the chaos of some recent years

IMPORTANT DATE

Parish Annual Service of Remembrance
26th Nov. at 4pm.

This date is a change to our normal practice of holding the service on the Sunday nearest to Remembrance Sunday so please share this information with friends and relatives.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING MEAL

On Sat. 18th Nov. 2017 7.30—10.30pm. Reserve this date for your diary. A chance to try dishes from all over the world. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £5 adults £3 children available after Masses very soon.

PARISH SPONSORED WALK

We are currently estimating that once all sponsorship forms have been returned for the annual walk in June, the total sum raised for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be approx. £3,000. If Gift Aid can be claimed this could rise to over £3,600. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the parish walkers.

ABBOTSWICK COLLECTION

An amazing sum of £1,290 was raised in response to the appeal. Grateful thanks.

GIFT AID DONATION FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

To save printing costs, envelopes and time we are moving towards a new system of distributing the annual statements. This will be done on a request basis. If you would like to receive a copy of the statement we would prefer to send it to you by email. Please email your request to sue@friar.org and ensure that you also confirm your current postal address. If you do not have access to a computer or email address please put your request in writing, specifying your current postal address and we will post the statement to you.

The use of this email address is solely for year end Gift Aid Statement request.

ASSISI LUNCH DATES CHANGED

Due to events in our parish the dates are being changed for the last 3 months of this year. The new dates are:

Friday, 20th Oct.

Friday, 17th November

Friday, 1st December (Christmas Lunch)

All those who receive lifts, please do not worry, the drivers will be notified.

CWL JUMBLE SALE (Note change of time)

This annual event will take place on Sat 28th Oct in the Becket Centre at 2pm. As usual, we need your support BUT we no longer have any storage facilities. Therefore we can **ONLY** accept your donations on **FRIDAY 27th Oct** in the Becket Centre from 9.30am until 7pm or **SATURDAY 28th Oct** in the Becket Centre from 9am onwards.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE ANYWHERE - BEFORE THESE TIMES

There will be a Diocesan Collection after all Masses this weekend for Prisoners' Sunday.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

To be held on 25th November in Trinity Lower Site. Volunteers need to help organise/man stalls. Those interested in getting involved please come to the Becket Centre on Tuesday 17th October at 8pm or contact Jackie 07952 077546

DO YOU KNOW WHERE POPE FRANCIS IS LEADING US?

On Wednesday, 25th October at 8pm I hope many will come to the Becket Centre to continue the discussions we left off last Lent. Our church is moving fast, as is our Diocese. We need to keep up with it and we do it best by sharing our understandings of our faith as it has to be lived in 2017 and beyond. Please make a note of the date and the two subsequent evenings:-

8th November 8pm

22nd November 8pm

ACROSS JUMBULANCE QUIZ

Sat. 28th Oct. in the Becket Centre 7.30pm for 8pm. £5 entrance. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables 8-10 or make up a table. To Book ring Sheila 0208 504 3839.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL WANSTEAD

Requires a Mid-day Assistant. 7.5 hours per week, term time only. Please contact the school for details 0208 989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

ALSO Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2018. Girls born between 1.9.14—31.8.15 and Reception Class birthdays between 1.9.13—31.8.14. For further information contact the above numbers.