

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Sam Barter, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Chris Fitzgerald, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Roseanne O'Connor, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

**Lately dead:** Kathleen (Kitty) Mallott

**Anniv:** Maria Birkbeck, Paul Crick, John Dunbar, Anthony Fair, Joe Greene, John Holland, Patrick Lennon, Rose McGranaghan, Maureen Morgan, Anthony Murphy, Ann Starr & Christopher Wright.

## Parish Summer Concert

Save the date: June 30th, 7.45pm. More details to follow shortly.

### 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.

## SAFEGUARDING

You can find contact details for our Safeguarding Officers and also Brentwood Safeguarding information on our website by going to About Us and the Safeguarding Representative.

## St Thomas of Canterbury YFC

Are looking for boys & girls to join our expanding football teams. Reception to Yr11 players welcome to our friendly club. No shouting parents allowed as we strive to provide the players with a pressure free environment where they can develop their potential as players and thrive as confident young people. Training at Ashton Playing Fields every Tuesday. For more info contact Matt Tallon: chairman@stcyfc.com or 07855 170256.

## Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS

This year's walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Sat 23rd June. The walk is suitable for ALL ages, families are especially welcomed. These walks are a major fundraiser for BCCS, last year we raised over £3000. Please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more info & for registration and sponsorship forms.

## SVP

Would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to the collection last weekend, over £800 was raised.

### 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



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6th Sunday of Easter  
Cycle B

6th MAY 2018

In these days of Easter we reflect on how the apostles grew in their awareness of the risen Lord in their lives, and we pray for the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to know that Jesus is with us today, helping us to love one another just as he has loved us.



### First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter comes to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit is not limited to a select few, but is meant for all people.

### Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-10

God's love was revealed when God sent his only Son so that we could have life through him.

### Gospel

John 15: 9-17

The disciples are not servants but friends of Jesus whom he has chosen and sent into the world to bear fruit that will last.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

### ***Migrants' Mass***

The annual Mass to celebrate migrants' contributions to London's catholic community is at St Georges Cathedral Southwark. It starts at 11.00 tomorrow, Monday.

### ***FEAST OF ASCENSION***

This holyday is now to be celebrated on its proper day: 40 days after Easter, rather than the recent transfer to Sunday. Mass of the feast will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening; at 10 am and 8 pm on Thursday, and 10.00am on Chigwell Convent.

### ***Thy Kingdom Come***

A world-wide novena of prayer, from Ascension to Pentecost 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May is being widely promoted. Some literature is in circulation in the parish. You are invited to join in this surge of prayer for evangelisation. I know plenty are already doing this in your homes and in church.

### ***TELCO***

You really turned out in force to support Telco as it pressured our Borough leaders to adopt Telco policies. Thank you. It was noticeably the senior members of our parish who responded to the call. Last Sunday the Gospel image - of Jesus the vine, we the branches and the good fruit produced - has I hope prompted the next generations to heed God's word. We are only good catholics if we are actively going out to others. Telco gives us a healthy lead to know how to contribute to the shaping of our troubled world.

### ***Mass on the Grass***

There is some anxiety about how drastic the suspension of masses will be on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please rest assured. There will be Mass at 6 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> there will be Mass at St James Buckhurst Hill at 9 and Chigwell convent at 10 am. It is only the three morning masses customarily in St

Thomas that will be suspended on that day. All the same it would be nice if the whole parish could be united in a single enthusiastic mass, and then some fun afterwards.

### ***An Occasion for all to meet***

We plan to hold the mass at 11.30am followed by a picnic and perhaps some entertainment. Should the weather be inclement we would transfer to the church and Becket Centre. Please keep this date in your diary as we want as many as possible to come along and meet with others in the Parish. We shall be having a country market stall at the outdoor mass. Will anyone willing to make jam, marmalade, chutneys, pickle, cakes, bread rolls etc please contact Solange on 0208 505 5171.

### ***REJOICE AND BE GLAD***

Pope Francis' most recent apostolic exhortation. We hope copies of this must-read letter will be available today in the Repository.

### ***NEW CHALICES***

Our chalices enabling you to receive Communion in both kinds have become sadly worn. We now have four new shining chalices fitting for such a holy purpose. I thank two families who have generously paid for them. Please handle them carefully. Be careful of sharp finger nails – and rings on fingers as you care for the vessels.

### ***GDPR Compliance***

New regulations regarding data protection come into force later in May and this will affect our Parish. Various members of the Parish are working together with Brentwood on this & will be giving guidance for everyone in the weeks to come.

### ***CHURCH CLEANING***

Friday 11th May, 10.30am:

Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles & Janet Walker

We are in real need of help with the cleaning of our church: please can you give one hour of your time on a rota once every 7 weeks. We would welcome any men who could help. If you can help on a Thursday or Friday (9am or 10.30am), or on Saturday at 10.30am please call Pat on 0208 504 4577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com for info.

### ***Catholic Fellowship AGM***

Will be held on Thursday May 17th at St Anne Line church hall at 7.30pm.

### ***BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP***

Our next meeting will be held in the Henrietta Suite of the Becket Centre on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small supportive group is welcome to phone for more details. Please call Angela on 0208 505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting.

### ***CAFOD***

is urging us to join in stages of a walk around London over 24 days May 15 to June 23 in support of refugees and migrants. Information in porch.

### ***DIY***

The Parish fabric team need 1 or 2 new volunteers to help with simple maintenance jobs around the place. Please email fabricteam16@gmail.com with some details about your skills & experience or if you want to know more.

### ***REPOSITORY***

Orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.

### ***LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL***

Are looking to appoint an Experienced Reception Class Teacher to start Sept 2018. Please see the school website for full details [www.loyola.essex.sch.uk](http://www.loyola.essex.sch.uk) closing date for applications is 8th May

### ***TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL***

The following post is currently available: **Teacher of Media MPS/UPS** Sept 2018 Please see school web site for more details.

### ***Dr Paul Doherty***

Is writing a script for a play about the persecution of Catholics in the 16th century. He is looking for a secretary/ typist to work outside school hours. If you are interested please contact [sally\\_parry@fc.tchs.uk.net](mailto:sally_parry@fc.tchs.uk.net)

### ***Part time pilgrimage admin job***

ACROSS are recruiting an administrator (15 hrs/week) at their offices in Beckton. Good organisation & excellent communication skills required, salary £10/hr. To apply please send your CV & a covering letter to [Geraldine@across.org.uk](mailto:Geraldine@across.org.uk). Closing date: 9.00am, Friday 11th May.

### ***TUESDAY CLUB***

Relaxation this Tuesday, 8th May, the Loughton ladies' choir are here again. Always a prompt start, at 2pm in the Becket Centre so if you arrive a little late please creep through the kitchen!

### ***SOUP RUN***

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 9th May. Please leave your donations of food and warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm please.

### ***PLANT WATERING***

A parishioner has kindly donated plants for the pots outside church. If you can volunteer for the watering rota once a week, please contact the Parish Office.