

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Peter Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Lesley Beerli, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Margaret Jones, Baby Samuel Keys, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Greta O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Joan Reynolds, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniversaries: Colette Collins, Tony Burcham, Ray Finney, Dr. Desmond Leahy, Kathleen & Murtagh Meyler, Christopher Quinn, Manuel Augusto Rocas, Hugh Slavin, Frank Wilson.

Lately Dead: Honourable Rachel Blyth, Lol Walters, Sheila Ferrari

EMMA RAYMOND

We send our best wishes to Emma and hope that she is settling in well with her family in New Jersey.

We continue to pray for her and her late husband, Salih. *May he rest in peace.*

KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes.

Contact Nicola Gilbert 07792 933953

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



Saturday 10.30am
5th August

Charmaine Turnell,
Christine Pinnock,
Rosie O'Connor,
Deborah McNamara

Church Cleaning Rotas are at the back of the church. Please take one.

There will be no Assisi Lunches during August

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will commence in September. If you need to attend a course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays in each month.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be open during August from 9.30am—1.30pm.

HARTS HOUSE SUMMER FETE

Sat. 12th August from 1pm—4.30pm at Harts House Care Home, Woodford Green.

Everyone welcome

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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17TH SUNDAY
CYCLE A

ORDINARY TIME

29TH JULY 2017



What do we truly value in our lives? Let us cherish the beauty of human life, the splendour of creation and the joy

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

God offers Solomon a gift and is pleased when he chooses the gift of wisdom and discernment.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God works in all things for good and intends us to be images of the Son

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

The kingdom of God is compared to a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price and a plentiful haul of fish

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Lord, how I love your law!

WALSINGHAM

Last Saturday 60 coaches brought 3000+ from our Diocese to Walsingham to celebrate the centenary of Brentwood. Our parish group managed to stay more or less together, sharing a picnic in a grassy carpark, lone voices singing in the procession and the main responders to a cry for help in clearing up at the end. I was proud of you. The sun shone till the last prayer of the mass when down came the rain. It was a good start to the new parish year when we hope to work hard at sharing our social life: our fun as well as our prayer and work. Thank you for coming.

The newsletter will take its holiday for the next 4 Sundays, in common with many of our services and activities. A break and a rest are essential. Then we can return refreshed in September for what I hope will be a full year.

SEPTEMBER

The Parish Council is making encouragement of community sharing and cohesion one of its principal aims for the coming year. Among things in preparation are the 24 hours adoration on Friday-Saturday 15th-16th September.

We hope for a movie night in the grounds on September 29th. An International evening is in the pipeline which promises some interesting menus.

More suggestions will be welcomed. But for the moment: Thank you for all you have done and given to us in the parish this year. Travel safely and come back refreshed.

**Happy
Holidays**

A DAY FOR LIFE

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Day for Life after all Masses this weekend.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2017-2018

Applications are now available from the back of the church. If your child will be in Year 3 in September, please take one and return it to the parish office a.s.a.p. Closing date for applications is Friday, 1st September 2017.

Applications after this date will not be accepted

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Holy Communion preparation will begin before the end of September. We shall have to look hard at what exactly this means. If you are prepared to commit yourself to help in the programme, it will send Jackie Reilly off on holiday with a wider smile on her face.

PLEASE NOTE if you would like to help contact Jackie Reilly on 07952077546.

BECKET CENTRE HIRE

If you have a group or society that wishes to hire the Becket Centre on a regular basis from September 2017, please submit your dates in writing to the parish office. Bookings will not automatically be carried over.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 7th August at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

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

ENGLISH TEACHER AVAILABLE

Very experienced English teacher available over the summer holidays for tutoring. If your child is transitioning from primary to secondary school and needs some preparation to make sure they are well equipped for challenges they will face, if your child is preparing for their GCSE or A level years, or if you simply want to give them some more support in any area of their English education, I am able to adapt my teaching for what they need. I can travel to you and am flexible with times and days. Call Jennifer on 07590078130.

IN TOUCH

Please send articles for IN TOUCH magazine to the Editor by August 1st. Photos of the Parish Fayre would be most welcome editor@myintouch.co.uk.

SUNDAY TEAS

This will be the last Sunday we will be serving teas after 10am Mass until 3rd September. Teas will still be served during August after 11.30am Mass. Look forward to welcoming you back in September. If you have never popped in for a cuppa and a chat give us a try.



MUSIC GROUP

We will return on Sunday, 10th September.

SOUP RUN

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SOUP RUNS DURING AUGUST

Due to lack of storage, we ask you not to bring items to the parish office other than when requested.

Grateful thanks.

TELCO

St. Thomas of Canterbury TELCO Team are working with a team of other faith organisations in Redbridge in a community sponsorship project. This is a government scheme whereby local communities are involved in the welcoming and resettlement of a vulnerable refugee family fleeing war.

The group is looking to recruit befrienders for the family and would welcome applications from parishioners who would be willing to dedicate some regular time to the family; experience in working with refugees vulnerable people would be helpful but not essential. If you have any additional experience/skills helpful to such a family (teaching English/translating/play therapy/house maintenance for example) contact gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com.

WANTED

Person needed from 7.30am—9am three mornings per week to drop off at St. Anthony's School from Buckhurst Hill. If interested please 'phone 07769328745.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A Mass for the Sick & Housebound (including those living in Care Homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St. Thomas' on Sunday, 24th September at 3pm; followed by tea and coffee. More details will be provided in early September.

NEWSLETTER

Please note there will be no newsletter during the month of August. A prayer list will be put on the notice-board at the back of the church.

If you have an urgent notice please hand it to a priest to be read out after Mass.

Grateful thanks.