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The last two Saturday evenings brought us two outstanding musical performances.

First, we enjoyed a virtuoso organ recital by Didier Hennuyer, Master Organist, Boulogne Cathedral. The organ was challenged at every level and rose to the occasion through a varied selection and the consummate skill of our guest organist.

The second performance was a change of gear. We had a Gala evening, a promenade experience led by the Aurelian Ensemble (Conductor Graham Chambers) during which we heard a delightful solo and duet for violin and oboe. Gwendoline Ross, soprano, joined the orchestra for two pieces from Handel's Messiah, and led us in a rousing rendering of Land of Hope and Glory. This was the first time we have hosted such a sparkling event, and judging from audience reaction, certainly should not be the last.

Thank-you Kathy for following your instinct in organising both events and for the helpers and supporters who rallied round you; and our CWL for looking after us so well during the interval break. A major contribution came from our parish choir, who joined the orchestra on two occasions—you were outstanding and excelled yourselves. How fitting it was to see Kathy take up the baton for the penultimate choir and audience sharing. Thank-you.

A massive thanks to the sponsors—just under £1,000 was raised for the Jumbulance Appeal.

1st COMMUNION 2015

Application forms are now at the back of church. Please complete one and return it if you live in our parish and have a child who will be in Year 3 in the next school year.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th September 2014. No applications will be accepted after this date.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Wednesday, 23rd July. We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets, toiletries and men's clothing.

We especially ask if you could spare a few tins, such as tuna, beans, soup et., as we are often faced with people who are turning to soup runs to help with everyday living. There will also be two soup runs in August, 13th and 27th. Many thanks for your continued support.

A RACE FOR JUSTICE

Parishioner, Caroline Rose, will be leading a team on the Department for International Development's International Citizen Service programme in Burkina Faso for seven months. To help raise awareness and funding for the two social justice projects; rights of the disabled and women's rights, Alan Mair will be racing 100 kilometres on Sat. 19th July, Race to the Stones, a running race. Support Caroline's project at www.justgiving.com/caroline_rose5. All donations go directly to the projects in Burkina Faso.

Caroline is also holding a Quiz Night in the Becket Centre on the 9th of August—to find out more, contact her: 07906572680

ALTAR SERVERS' ALBS

Josephine has kindly made eight more albs of varying sizes. If your child has recently joined the ministry and requires an alb please contact the parish office.

Also if your child has outgrown their current alb please contact the parish office as Josephine is willing to do alterations.

The albs are expensive to produce so we would be most grateful for the return of any forgotten and unused albs hanging in wardrobes.

JUMBLE

Please do not leave jumble in the porch unless it is requested. The next Jumble Sale is on 1st November.

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The stories say something about God's Kingdom among us: It is going to be, on the whole, a messy business in which the good and bad, the strong and the weak, the clean and the corrupt will rub shoulders both inside the Church and outside.

Don't be over zealous in weeding-out, criticising or condemning—such weeding not only damages the wheat, but allows no room for conversion. Remember—every saint has a past; and every sinner has a future. We must not get in the way of the movement from one to the other—that is purely the work of the Spirit.

PARISH DIARY

The parish diary for 2015 will be compiled during the month of August. Will all those groups and societies who use the Becket Centre on a regular basis, please submit their dates in writing for 2015 to the parish office. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried forward. Grateful thanks.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

Please put your FMU envelopes with your offering in the basket at the back of the church. There are spare envelopes beside the basket if needed and you can bring them back next week. Thank you for your support.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our request for Sainsbury's Vouchers. We have ordered an Octopus Rocker and two Sit & Ride Scooters. We appreciate all your support and the children will enjoy their new toys.

Thank you from Mother & Toddlers, Group Leaders: Rachel, Lizzie and Sheila.

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will run in September. If you need to attend a course please contact the parish office. If you have attended a course with a previous child the baptism can be booked. Contact the office for a form. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We do recommend that parents attend a baptism course before the birth of their child.

CITIZENS UK (TELCO)

We sincerely apologise to those who turned up for the meeting on Wed. 16th July. Unfortunately the conference was cancelled due to lack of response. The next meeting is scheduled for 8th October. More details shortly.

RETREAT

Friday, 1st August Christ the King Church, 455 Chingford Road, Chingford E4 8SP

11am—4pm

Faith that does the Impossible

19.00—21.00

Drawing Down the Presence of God.

Preached by Lalith Perera, International speaker, lay evangelist and founder of the Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka. Admission free. All are welcome. Retreat conducted in English. No registration required. Refreshments provided. Please bring your bible and a note book. Please see poster on church noticeboard.

RADIO 4

David Dimpleby will be appealing on Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage—the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday, 27th July at 7.55 and 21.26 and Thursday 31st July at 15.27.

MUSIC GROUP

finishes this week for the holidays and will start again on Sunday, 7th September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Irene Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Violet Clarke, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Ollie Gaynor, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Maureen Howlin, Desmond Kavanagh, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Della Kerr, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Janet McGee, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, John Moneghan, Trisha Morgan-Smith, Maureen Moss, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Paul McDonnell, Mick O'Hara, Una O'Mally, Janet Pinfold, John Potter's sister who is seriously ill, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Terry Wauer, Ron & Annelise Webb, Richard White, Monica Worsfold.

Lately Dead. , Kevin McGrath, Simon Ofield, Trudy Rodgers, Basil Tellwright.

Anniv: David Barouch, Elisabeth & Michael Bergin, Pam Taylor, Stephanie Walsh, Dr. Anthony Walsh.

REQUIRED

A man with a van required to move a piano from South Woodford to Woodford Green. Please call with your quote 07841 863702 hemaseq@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, 10.30am 24th July Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Rowena Li.

CHILDMINDER

I'm a local childminder and mum of 2 boys in Woodford living in Kings Avenue (less than 5 mins walk to Woodford station). I'm Ofsted registered, DBS/CRB checked and recently trained in paediatric first aid. We have a great routine and more importantly a very loving and welcoming home with lots of fun activities and tasks to ensure your VIPs are kept busy through learning and exploring while at the same time being very comfortable and well looked after. Currently doing the St. Anthony's school run. Contact Gabby 07985 196320.

SUMMER WORK REQUIRED

Student looking for work cleaning, baby sitting, dog walking etc., Flexible hours. Contact Lucy on 07475893341.

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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Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH



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16H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE A

20TH JULY 2014

IN YOU IS FOUND FORGIVENESS



It would be so easy for God to tidy up this world, to annihilate the wicked and reward the good; but God is immensely patient, and there is a lesson in this for us.

First Reading
(Wisdom 12:13. 16-19)

God is infinitely powerful, but combines power with kindness and gives us time to repent.

Second Reading
(Romans 8:26-27)

When we find it hard to pray, the Spirit is there.

Gospel
(Matthew 13:24-43)

Jesus uses the agricultural seasons to teach us patience.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
O Lord you are good and forgiving