

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Peter Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, 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, Joan Hayes, Margaret Jones, Baby Samuel Keys, Anna-Maria Intz-Trak, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniversaries: Kitty Blogg, Anne Digby, Isabel Dunleavy, Helena Greene, Sheamus Hanley, Ann Kenyon, Oona Lindemann, Mary McClean, Beryl Mahoney, Christopher Pumfrey, William Titmarsh.

Lately Dead: Norah Crow, Laura Ford (nee Pert), Patrick McGurk James Price, Hans-Werner Redwanz, We extend the sympathy of the parish to Patrick McGurk's wife, Elizabeth, and family on his death.

May he rest in peace

TUTOR REQUIRED

For child going into Year 4, help with Maths and English for an hour a week. Also tutor required for final year in A Level Maths.

Please contact 078903 674872.

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



Friday 9am 8th September
Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Frances Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

We are in need of someone to help clean our church on a Thursday morning at 9am. It would be once in 7 weeks on a rota. We need just one hour of your time. For more information please ring Pat Bell 020 8504 4577.

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will commence in October. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We congratulate Anne O'Gara who celebrates her 99th birthday on 13th September.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL BOOKS

(Good as New)

Psychology, Philosophy & Ethics,
Religious Ethics, Biology, (A Level)
French (GCSE Books)
Contact 07989180870

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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22ND SUNDAY CYCLE A

ORDINARY TIME 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

Our minds need to be renewed by God's grace, then we can begin to understand the significance of the cross of Christ and of our own cross too.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah has been overpowered by God's word and can find no rest unless he proclaims it.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Paul reminds us that our minds can be renewed by Christ and we can look at the world in a new way.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus emphasises the centrality of the cross in his own life and in ours.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

Welcome back! We have missed you. I hope your holidays were good. Now we have a busy programme for the autumn in our parish.

Among our priorities 3 stand high:

Our social life – a parish is a family - are we?

Understanding and taking on board the huge change Pope Francis is making.

Instruction of young and not-so-young and preparation for life's key moments.

For the first we start with prayer. From 6pm on Friday 15 September till 6 pm on the following day there will be adoration in St Thomas'. The ideal is that every single member will come at least for a visit. Do you care? A good way to find out is to come and sit with Our Lord for – an hour, 30 minutes. If that is too much come for what time you can. But do come. Then: An International night is in the planning. It will involve food and fun. Preparations are afoot.

On Friday 29th the movies come to the Friary garden. This will be a family event involving sitting on the ground (or a seat of your provision), possibly some thermals and blankets. We will see.

We left Pope Francis towards the end of Lent with many questions still hovering, unresolved. So we intend to pick up the enthusiasm you expressed during our discussions in Lent. What impressed you then is that you were being asked to say what you truly feel, without any inhibition. The framework will be one of open discussion. To start each session going we plan to mount a brief debate: Contrasting positions will be briefly outlined. Then the floor will be yours. Three evenings 25 October, 8th and 22nd November. The aim: to get real with our catholic faith, not with parody of it.

Life's key moments" - ?

Baptism is well provided with a huge contribution from Deacon Matthew Ives. But what are we doing to help our young people looking to choose and commit themselves to a life-partner? Our healthy Bereavement group looks to the issues surrounding the end of life. The bishop will be coming to minister Confirmation very early next year. Preparation for that will start in 6 to 8 weeks time. That leaves communion. Ah yes. that needs urgent attention.

Preparation for Communion. Note the omission of "First". The task is to help our 7-8 year olds as they begin to understand what Communion is. Or can be. It is a task that can only be done by the family. At present I do not see readiness to take on this task. So we must talk urgently about it, if there are to be any First Communions at all next May.

These are just a few of the items on our autumn agenda. The routines of church and homes and schools continue. Each demands that we be people not simply repeating what happened last year, but people who are looking to see: What can we do better? Do the present routines make sense? What should be in their place?

SICK, HOUSEBOUND, LIVING IN CARE HOMES

A Mass for the Sick, Housebound and those living in Care Homes (with anointing of the sick) will be held at St. Thomas' on **Sunday, 24th September at 3pm** followed refreshments in the Becket Centre.

If you require transport please contact the parish office.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

First session will begin on 20th September. Please contact alan_mair@yahoo.co.uk

CONFIRMATION 2018



This Year's Confirmation with Bishop Alan will take place on Wednesday, 31st January at 7.30pm. Application

forms are available from the back of the church or from the parish office. Because of the re-organisation of our Programme, no applications will be accepted after 1.30pm on Friday 22nd September.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Elsie Grace Merry, Ruth Rabey, Thomas McKean, Barnaby Ralph Austin Wooller, Oliver Martinez Boned and Stanley Frank Huggins who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

PARISH OUTDOOR FAMILY CINEMA EXPERIENCE

Come and see ZOOTROPOLIS on Friday 29th September at 6pm in the Friary Gardens. There will be a BBQ and licensed bar. Tickets for cinema will be £6 on the door (under 3 free). Advance bargain tickets can be purchased £8 per person for cinema, BBQ and soft drink or family ticket for 4 people for £30 to include cinema, BBQ and 4 soft drinks. All welcome. Please bring your own blankets. Popcorn and ice cream will also be available, alternative arrangements have been made in case of rain!!

Advance tickets must be paid to the parish office by Tuesday, 26th Sept. Please leave your name and tickets will be ready for your collection on the door. St. Thomas TELCO Group with our community sponsorship partners are raising money for the community sponsorship programme working towards bringing a Syrian family to Redbridge. Please come and support us.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Chigwell Convent urgently seeks the service of a person to cover general administration, secretarial and reception responsibilities on a full time basis. Some accounting and or payroll knowledge would be most advantageous. Please contact the convent on 020 8506 0329 for further details.

PARISH DIARY 2018

Will all clubs and societies who use the Becket Centre or Meeting Rooms on a regular basis and have not submitted their dates in writing, please do so as soon as possible. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried forward.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Paul Owen and Victoria Farmer who were married in St. Thomas' on 12th August. We wish them a very happy and blessed married life.

CWL

Meeting **Thursday, 7th September** at 8pm in the William Scott Room NOT Wednesday.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday, 4th September 7.30pm at the Convent.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Meeting on Monday, 4th September at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

SOUP RUN

The next Soup Run will be on Sept 13th.

SVP

The SVP thank you all for your generous donations to our collections over the summer holiday, the money will be put to good use helping those in need.