

Austin, ofm

Sister Death [to use St Francis term] visited last Sunday evening. Austin Kinsella died in Whipps Cross [Mary Ward] with Fr. Michael [Copp] and one of his nieces at his bedside. He slipped away peacefully, just stopped breathing. A good man has gone to God.

Austin had great affection for this parish – and it is abundantly clear that he was and is held in great affection here. He served here as Guardian and Parish Priest; and though I don't even know the half of it – what I do know is that whenever and wherever he became aware of need, he was there in very sensitive, practical and unobtrusive ways.

His demeanour was always affable – he loved to be part of bringing enjoyment as well as being a good pastor and loyal friend. His name became virtually synonymous with BBQ.

We are immensely grateful to all who willingly cared for him over the last couple of years. To Nuala, Jan and all the carers at Forest View – to you his many friends who made sure he was never left lonely. Latterly, to the nursing and specialist care in Whipps Cross.

Please keep Austin's family in your prayers.

He will be sadly missed – but he hasn't gone very far; he's gone to God and God is very near. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Austin's remains will be received into St. Thomas' on Tuesday 7.30pm and his Requiem will be on Wednesday at 10.00am. Parishioners are warmly invited into the Becket Centre for refreshments afterwards.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 13th January after 10am Mass in the Francis Room.

PLEASE NOTE MOTHER & BABY GROUP

The Mother & Baby Group on Wednesday, 14th January is cancelled due to Fr. Austin Kinsella's funeral reception being held in the Becket Centre.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Catechist's Meeting on Wednesday, 14th January in the William Scott Room at 8pm.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN

Thank you to the **THREE** ladies and **FOUR** children who helped with cleaning our church for Christmas. With the large congregation we have at St. Thomas' it was so very disappointing that we had so few turn up. We are **ALL** busy at this time of year but just a little of your time would have made the task so much easier.

Friday 9am 16th January

Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

BIG THANKS

To those who donated to Tom Kennedy's collection for Haven House. As requested a sponsorship form is now available at the back of the church for his marathon run and donations can still be made at www.justgiving.com/TomHH

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The JOF sessions will recommence Monday, 12th January at 8pm in the William Scott Room.

ENGLISH TEACHER REQUIRED

Loyola Preparatory School is seeking to appoint an experienced and qualified teacher to take the lead in English commencing Sept. 2015. For more details contact finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Wednesday, 14th January. We would be grateful for sandwiches, cakes, sweets, biscuits, fruit and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the Parish Office between 9.30am and 1.30pm. or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday night.

Please note due to health and safety regulations, we are unable to accept cooked meals i.e. cooked pasta, shepherd pies, curry etc. This does not include cakes, biscuits.

BADMINTON CLUB

Come and get fit in 2015. We play Thursday nights between 8pm and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. For details please 'phone Liz 07759410304 or turn up on the night.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



Have you every prayed to St. Anthony? If after Fr. Austin's words on St. Anthony in the last newsletter you feel compelled to make a donation to St. Anthony's Bread as a gesture of thanks, you will find a coin slot on the back wall of the church marked S.A.B. Our church collects this money throughout the year and then divides it among 5 or 6 worthy causes at Christmas.

TUESDAY CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone and looking forward to seeing you all again. **FRANK'S QUIZ** will shock brains into action for 2015! We'll be at the Becket Centre for rumination and refreshments on the 13th at 2pm.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Farewell Celebrations for Frs. Austin, Brian and Michael will take place on Thursday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Do come along to say a fond and sad farewell to the three friars who have served us well. Refreshments will be provided.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Finley Milo Harmer, Alfie Terence Green, Gracie Rose Hart, Ivy Anne Hart and William David Hart who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

Please take a copy of "The Troubadour" and a 2015 mission calendar as you leave church today. In the year just ended the parish sent £10,124 to the FMU office in Glasgow for the Franciscan Missions. Half of that total came from the annual appeal, a quarter from the mission boxes (some available from the back of the church) and £1,330 from the Gift Aid tax reclaim. Thank you to all who have supported us during the year.

FREE MINI-TENNIS SESSION

At Woodford Wells LTC, Monkams Lane for children 4 upwards given by Natasha Argent LTA Licence Coach. To book your free place contact Natasha on 07904022966 or tashaxargent@hotmail.com and mention W.GPREP.

CHIGWELL CONVENT

Please note change of Mass time for Tuesday, 13th January: 10am Requiem Mass. Wednesday, 14th January NO morning Mass. Evening Mass 5.30pm.

St THOMAS' SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you all for your very generous donations to their Christmas collection, over £1000 was raised.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Teresa Bonaventhor, Rosette Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Kevin Godkin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Cynthia Gregory, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Della Kerr, Linda & Grandson Jenson, Mary Luxton, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Sr. Teresa (Holy Family), Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Grace Taylor, Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright,

Lately Dead.: Benjamin Bonaventhor, Angelo de Cesare, Mary-Ann Gleeson, Freddie Hayes (Kay Prendergast's Uncle), Abby Horn, Babe Jarvis, Baby Sienna Jordan, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., James Pamplin, Glad Reynolds, Mary Scannell, Maria Thompson, (Bob Thompson's Mother),

Angelo de Cesare's body will be received into Chigwell Convent on Mon. 12th Jan. at 5.30pm. His Requiem will be on Tuesday, 10.00am at Chigwell Convent.

May he rest in peace.

Anniv: Marcial Castro, Mary Dionysius

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

BARBER

Experienced Barber available for immediate start. Perm/part-time. Modern Trends & Classic.

Contact Gee 07821624990

VACANCY

For a temporary Secretary (28 hours per week) at Brentwood Religious Education Service. Further details available from Mgr. George Stokes/Sr Jude at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood.

Tel 01277 265285/01277 265284.

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Closing date Friday, 16th January 2015.

Please advise family and friends of this opportunity.

PILATES

Has now restarted Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Clare Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre). For more information davidrae56gmail.com

KEEP FIT

Monday in Becket Centre 8pm. Come and work off those Christmas indulgences!

ASSISI LUNCH

Drivers, team leaders and helpers are invited to a social gathering on Wed. 21st January at 6.30pm in the Becket Centre.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD CYCLE B

11th January 2015



Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth, travels to the River Jordan and, standing in line with all humankind, is baptised by John.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-11)

A vision of salvation: listen to the Lord and your soul shall live.

Second Reading (1 John 5:1-9)

Faith in Christ Jesus leads us to love all God's children

Gospel (Mark 1:7-11)

The gentle carpenter of Nazareth is empowered as God's beloved Son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.