

## **REDBRIDGE CITIZENS**

On Saturday afternoon we held our Social Care Tea Party in the Becket Centre. Many thanks to those who contributed to making the afternoon such a memorable occasion. Along with the dignitaries: Iain Duncan Smith MP, the Deputy Mayor of Redbridge, the Bishop of Barking and councillors from Redbridge we had many of our housebound parishioners most of whom receive care in their own homes. The purpose of the tea-party was to promote the Citizens UK Care Charter, which comprises of four main points:

1. **Training:** Better training for Care Workers
2. **Consistency:** Provision of names care workers.
3. **Living Wage:** Care workers should be paid the Living Wage and for their travel time.
4. **Enough time:** at least 30 minute care visits.

We asked our MP, Iain Duncan Smith that if he was re-elected to parliament would he "support the aspirations of the Social Care Charter"

Not only did he agree to this, he promised that he would promote the charter with his cabinet colleagues, the Secretaries of state for Health & Local Government. A resounding success!

## **MASS FOR MIGRANTS**

The annual Mass in celebration of Migrant workers and the contribution that they make to our country will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May at 10.30am at St. George's Cathedral, Lambert Road, Southward( see notice at the back of church). Please come along to this very vibrant and moving Mass.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
WILL MAKE THEIR APPEAL AFTER  
ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.**

## **ASSISI LUNCH**

Friday, 24th April in the Becket Centre.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday 9am 23rd April Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French.

New Church Cleaning Rotas are available from the back of the church.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Woodford Bereavement Support Group invites you to a Service of Remembrance for the benefit of bereaved families at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. This service is to remember children and siblings of any age who have died. We invite you to join us on Sunday, 26th April at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and afterwards in the Becket Centre for refreshments. Any enquiries please contact Kathie on 07778 216212.

## **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS**

We are up London again next Wednesday for the last soup run of April. We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, fruit, toiletries, unwanted Easter eggs and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30pm or in the Becket Centre from 6.30pm on Wednesday night. Thank you for your continued support.

## **HELP!**



43rd Scouts Group are making Go Karts as a Project. We desperately need old pram wheels. If you have a buggy or pram on its last legs, please donate the wheels to us. Ring

Claire Hobbs 07905 406361.

## **MOTHER & TODDLERS**

Are collecting Sainsburys vouchers, please hand them in to the Parish Office.

## **T h a n k     y o u**

For your very generous support of our cake sale last weekend. We made the grand total of £407, which contributes to our fund raising to assist the elderly and infirm of the Brentwood Diocese in their pilgrimage to Lourdes this July. BRENDAN, OLIVIA & JAMES

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Join us on Thurs. 30th April at Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Wanstead, 7.30pm—9pm. No charge wine and nibbles are provided. Further details Roderick Sime 020 8530 8474.

## **Our contribution to the Synod**

Thank you to all who came at such short notice to the meeting last Thursday, and you who wrote in. The notice was short because the deadline for receiving contributions fell last Wednesday. I tried to relate your views, expressing them as answers to a selection of the 46 questions of Rome's lineamenta. That seemed the only feasible way to get them into a form which the collators could manage. There was not time for me to let you see and edit what I wrote. It is to some extent repetitive, but that is deliberate. The submission, arranged with the relevant questions is available today in church. I think you did well. In all nearly 90 people contributed. I believe at least some of what you said has now gone into the collating process and will be read by the participants of next October's session.

That is only part of our task. We hope to continue the conversation. After all, we said that we - you the lay church - teach true doctrine by your practice. That still needs much reflection. We complained about bad communication. We now have to prove we are good at it. How shall we engage in this work? Quentin

## **IN TOUCH**

The summer issue of the parish magazine will be on sale on Saturday, 27th June. Articles and letters for publication should reach the editor at the very latest by Friday, 3rd June. The current editor has given notice that this will be the last issue he will edit. Would any person interested in taking over as editor please provide the parish office with their details so that they can be contacted.

## **ST THOMAS' SVP CONFERENCE**

We urgently need more members to help us in our work. For more information please contact Gerry Curran on 07754 100149 or email gerrycurransvp@hotmail.co.uk.

## **WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL**

If you, a family member or a friend would like to see a Catholic Chaplain or receive Holy Communion whilst receiving treatment at Whipps Cross Hospital please contact the Chaplaincy Team 020 8535 6988.

## **WANTED URGENTLY**

A busy family house in Woodford requires someone to look after the garden and general outside maintenance. If you can help please contact without delay Orla on 07931 775455.

## **Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 - The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**

has two remaining places in the 'Ride London 100' taking place on Sunday 2nd August 2015. The deadline is fast approaching so please contact Julie on 01268 784544 asap for further information. We ask cyclists pay a registration fee of £50 & pledge to raise a minimum of £600.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams -Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Baby Frankie in Great Ormond St Hospital, Trish Gardener, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Michael Hehir, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Betty Norton, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Jim Philpot, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

**Lately Dead.:** Ron Briggs, Christina Costa, Mary Mangan, Michael Moyse, Joan Green, Ralph Dale, Mary O'Donnell & Rowland Hill.

**Anniv:** Hazel Wilding, Chu Chin Ooi, James Brown

### PARISH GARDEN FETE

We URGENTLY need volunteers to man the BBQ stall at the fete. Please contact the Parish Office if you can spare ANY time on Sat 13th June 2015

#### 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

### HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING

On Monday, April 27th at 7.30pm at Maureen's house. Please bring your 'Joy of the Gospel' booklet

### KEEP FIT CLASS

Mondays 8 till 9pm in the Becket Centre - ONLY £3. Why not come along - fun Class - you have nothing to lose but pounds!!!!

### 10AM MUSIC GROUP

As yet no response to our request!! The group would like to encourage toddlers up to 7 years old to join them playing percussion during the recessional hymn. If you have any hand bells, small marrakas, miniature tamberines etc. you could donate please give them to a member of the Music Group. No drums or saxophones!!!

### 1ST COMMUNION OUTFITS

Wanted boys or girls communion outfits. Sr. Anne (Chigwell Convent) is going to El Salvador in May and would be grateful for any offers. Contact 07849 279882 or anneshjm@yahoo.com. Thanks to the family who gave a lovely little suit advertised in the bulletin.

### WOODFORD BOWLING CLUB

#### Open Day

Sunday 26th April 10am - 3pm . Come and give lawn bowls a try. Refreshments available all day. We are located in Kings Ave., next to Broadway Shops

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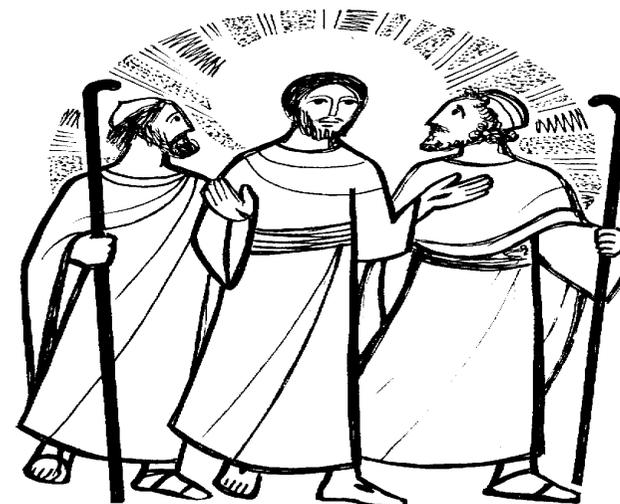
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**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**19TH APRIL 2015**



**First Reading**  
(Acts 3:13-15. 17-19)

You killed the prince of life. God raised him from the dead

**Second Reading**  
(2:1-5)

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away and not only ours, but the whole world's.

**Gospel**  
(Luke 24:35-48)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*