

LENTEN EXERCISE

The Pope wants us to contribute to next October's Synod. This is something quite new. You could say the Synod aims to formulate a Catholic understanding of sexuality, family and marriage fit for the 21st Century.

What have we to say? How do we go about it? Come to the Becket Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 25th February—Wednesday week that is. Fr. Quentin will lead the search.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

(Distribution of Ashes)

*Obligatory Day of Fasting, and Abstinence
from all meat.*

*Mass 10.00am St. Thomas'
Chigwell Convent 9.30am.*

Solemn Opening of Lent 8pm St. Thomas'

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT

*St. Thomas' 10am Morning Prayer 9.45am
Chigwell Convent*

9.30am Monday—Friday

10am Saturday

Trinity School

(Lower Site)

8.30am Monday—Friday

Parents and children of St. Antony's School are most welcome to join the Mass in the Chapel of the Divine Child.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Tuesdays in Lent, starting February 24th 12.15pm—1.30pm in the Becket Centre. Come and join us for a choice of three delicious home-made soups, French bread and butter, all for just £3. Proceeds to Mary's Meals.

LENTEN FLYERS

Please take a flyer as you leave the church giving you details of services and Masses during the Lenten period.

FR. AUSTIN KINSELLA O.F.M.

The extended Kinsella family would like to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

A special thanks to Fr. Patrick, fellow Franciscans and other members of the Clergy who gave him such a moving send off. Our thanks to Nuala Heath and the staff of Forest View Nursing Home who looked after Austin with such care and compassion; we are eternally grateful.

We were overwhelmed by the number of friends of Austin who came to the funeral and particularly those who travelled significant distances. Thanks to those who sent cards, prayers and flowers and generally gave such support at a difficult time. Our thanks too, to The Catholic Women's League of Woodford, for their much appreciated catering. As it would not be possible to thank everyone personally, we hope that you will accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and sincere thanks to you all.

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

We ask all groups and societies who advertise on the website to please send in updated information and contact details to the parish office a.s.a.p. Grateful thanks.

IN CONVERSATION WITH FR. CHRISTOPHER JAMISON

Tuesday, 31st March (Tues of Holy Week) 7.30pm—10.00pm, Church Hall, St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB Open to everyone aged 17-35 especially those discerning a vocation to Priesthood and the Religious life.

For more details please see poster at back of church.

Flyers are available from the back of the church.

NEARLY NEW & JUMBLE SALE ONE WEEK TO GO!!

**Sat. 21st February at 2pm
in the Becket Centre**

We require mens/womens children's clothes
Gifts and nearly new items

Household linens

Bric-a-Brac

Tooks/Toys etc.,

All Proceeds to go to the Chigwell Sisters' Feeding Programmes in El Salvador, Zambia, Uganda and Philippines. Grateful thanks.

ST THOMAS' SVP CONFERENCE

We are urgently in need of new members to help us in our work. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Gerry Curran on 07754 100149 or gerrypcurransvp@hotmail.co.uk.

TRINITY 6TH FORM

Completed Priest's reference forms to be sent to the parish office.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

It is Diocesan policy that Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound, undergo a "Disclosure and Barring Service" (DBS) check (previously CRB check). If you currently take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound and have NOT undergone a DBS check, please contact the parish office a.s.a.p. A DBS check is not required for those who only distribute Holy Communion at Mass.

MOTHER & TODDLERS

Are once again collecting Sainsbury vouchers. We thank you for your support. Please hand them in to the parish office. Grateful thanks.

ADMISSIONS TO ST. ANTONY'S SCHOOL NURSERY

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2011 and 31.8.2012. Application forms are now available at the School Office for the Nursery for the school year 2015/2016. Those children born between 1.9.12 and 31.12.12 may also apply to start in January 2016 if there are vacancies. Forms are also available on the school website www.st-antonys.net. Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is mid-day on Monday, 9th March 2015.

Parish Office requires Priest's reference form, copy of baptismal cert and non-returnable family photograph.

SCAFFOLDING

Please take caution when walking by the scaffolding outside the church. We are doing our best to ensure that there is no escaping debris. We advise people to use the side entrance to the church rather than the main door.

CAFOD

Grateful thanks to all parishioners for £70 received to support families in Ethiopia.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Lourdes Sick Helpers Pilgrimage Fund after all Masses this weekend.

JOURNEY OF FAITH RETREAT

Led by Fr. Quentin Jackson O.F.M. at Chigwell Convent on Sat. 7th March. Anybody is welcome to attend the day beginning with coffee and registration at 11am. Some may wish to go to the 10am Mass. Fuller details will be given nearer the time, but if you wish to register your interest please contact Debbie Smythe debbie.smythe@btopenworld.com or 8989 6718.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Joan Green, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, Jim Wilson., *and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

Lately Dead.: Breda Connolley, Kathleen Dwyer, Maura Gilligan, Gladys Grant, Rosie Green, Dorothy Halsall, David Houghton, Pauline Horan, Kathleen Johnson, Bernard Mullen, Doris Roe, Monica Worsefold,

Anniv: Andrew Lamarque, Harriet McDonnell,

Pauline Horan's Requiem will take place on Wed. 25th Feb at 10am in St. Thomas.

David Houghton's Requiem will take place on Friday 27th February at 10.00am in St. Thomas'.

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 10.30am 20th Feb Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker

JOB VACANCIES

The sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are looking to fill the following two posts at Chigwell Convent, 803 Chigwell Rd, Woodford Bridge, Essex IG8 8AU.

Secretary (with some administrative duties) to the local community
Secretary (with some administrative duties) to the Leadership Team.
For more details, please email Sr. Lorna Walsh at lornashjm@gmail.com.

AU PAIR/CHILDMINDER

Au pair/childminder needed to look after 2 small boys, 8 yrs and 4 yrs old, & take/collect from Churchfields school. Help needed from after Feb half term, initially until July. References required. Phone Pat on 0208 5041186 or text 07753 570439.

DOMESTIC HELP

Cleaning, ironing, general duties. Contact Drane 07502310642.

BARBER (MOBILE)

Experienced barber available for immediate start. Perm/part-time. Modern Trends & Classic. Contact Gee 07821624990.

St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

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SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B

15TH FEBRUARY 2015

Jesus Christ is the model for our life. His example of life, his healing love, reveals to us the love of God in human form. By God's grace may we become like Christ Jesus in our own lives.

First Reading
(Leviticus 13:1-2/ 44-46)
Separation from the community is a rule laid down for those with a contagious disease.

Second Reading
(1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1)
Christ Jesus is the true model of life.

Gospel
(Mark 1:40-45)
Jesus heals a leper and finds he has to stay outside.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted