

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Howard Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Chris Fitzgerald, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Roseanne O'Connor, Johnny O'Connor, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Carter de Freitas, Maria O'Grady and Veronica Seecharan

Lately Dead: Mary Quaine

Mary's funeral will take place next Thursday, 12th April at 11.00am at Chigwell Convent. Her body will be received into Church the evening before at 5.45pm.

PARISH NEWS

If you would like to keep in touch we now have a brand new website which has news of events, articles on our faith and much information about what is going on in our church. The web address is <http://www.stthomaswoodford.org/>. You can sign up on the website to receive our newsletter by email; plus you can follow us on Facebook (@STOCWoodford) and/or Twitter (@STOCWoodford). We do hope you will keep in touch.

WORLD TAI CHI DAY

Saturday 28th April has been designated World Tai Chi Day. To celebrate our local Tai Chi class (who meet in the Becket Centre on Thursday mornings) intend demonstrating Tai Chi on the Green in Woodford - adjacent to the cricket pitch. Weather permitting that is!! We would welcome anyone who would like to join us take part in this wonderfully healthy, gentle martial art.

Rudi de Burgh



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Second Sunday of Easter Cycle B

8th APRIL 2018



Mercy is never just an abstract concept. It is always an encounter between two persons, at least. Christ is present, too, in every act of mercy, even between those who do not believe in him. He is the mercy between us all.

First Reading

Acts 4: 32-35

For a moment the Church is perfect on earth as it is in heaven. Yet it is in the imperfections of the Church that the Lord manifests his mercy and his power.

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1-6

Victory for Christians is always a victory over ourselves before we may presume to win others by faith.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Peter speaks to the apostles and to the Church, but Thomas speaks for the apostles, because he speaks from his own struggle to believe.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.

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

PARISH OFFICE

For the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

TELCO

You are invited to join the Parish TELCO team on Tuesday April 24th, 7.00 –8.30pm, at Trinity Catholic High School Upper Site (Mornington Road) for the Redbridge Pre-Election Accountability Assembly. This is a powerful opportunity to hold the cross party local candidates to account on the key priorities raised by our member institutions. If you can come please let a member of the Telco team know, or email munizsoledad@yahoo.es

House Needed

Our parish Telco group are involved in an application to the home office to bring a family from Syria to Redbridge through the UN. We expect the family to arrive in the next 2-3 months. We had a house arranged but sadly this has fallen through so we are looking for a 2-4 bed roomed house in Redbridge. A charity has guaranteed payment of the local housing benefit rate (£859-£1395), they will pay for any renovations needed & upkeep of the property for an agreed 3 year lease. Please email Gemma Constable at gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com if interested, and forward info wherever able.

WELCOME

We welcome Joshua Ezekiel Yanzu and Mateo Elias dos Santos who were baptised on Easter Sunday.

An Occasion for all to meet

We are hoping to arrange an outdoor Family Mass on the Friary Lawn on **Sunday June 10th** at 11.30am. We plan to hold a mass followed by a picnic and perhaps some entertainment. Should the weather be inclement we would transfer to the church and Becket Centre. Please keep this date in your diary as we want as many as possible to come along and meet with others in the Parish. On this day ALL regular Sunday Masses (but not the 6pm mass on Saturday) would be cancelled with just the one above mass being celebrated.

Bereavement Support Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th April, it will be held in the Henrietta suite (the downstairs room) at 7.30pm. Please ring Angela on 0208 5050356 if you have any queries about this meeting.

TUESDAY CLUB



Tea and cakes on the 10th **BUT** we'll have to do some planning for the Club in the future. All welcome (with as many ideas as possible) at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

SAFEGUARDING

You can find contact details for our Safeguarding Officers and also Brentwood Safeguarding information on our website by going to About Us and the Safeguarding Representative.

CHURCH CLEANING

9am Thursday 12th April
Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon & Iwona Moreno

We want to get an accurate picture of each team, can someone from each team please let me know how many of you still come to help. I can then try to get 7 good teams of 5 people so we can clean the church as we would like to. Thanks for your help, call Pat 0208 5044577 or email me on mrmcbell@btinternet.com

SOUP RUN

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 11th April. Please leave your donations of food and warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm please.

HEALING WEEKEND

For men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or death of a partner. From 20th to 22nd April at the Domus Mariae Centre at Chigwell Convent. For more details contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

IN TOUCH

The Easter edition of the parish magazine is on sale. Please call Kathy on 07734 308 925 if you are able to sell after 10am mass.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Will meet on Monday 9th April at 8pm.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Will next meet on Monday 9th April at The Holy Family Convent.

SVP

Thank the polish community for their generous donations from their service on Easter Saturday.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL WANSTEAD

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2018 - girls born between 01/09/14 and 31/08/15 and Reception Class birthdays between 01/09/13 and 31/08/14. Please contact the school for full details on 020 8989 4700 or email enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWHAM

Is looking to appoint additional directors to the Trust Board. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgrace.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 16th April.

REPOSITORY

Visit the repository where orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.

RALPH DOREY

Is raising money for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support and will be going out to the Sahara Desert to run 6 marathons in 6 days in early April. If you would like to sponsor Ralph please visit his fundraising page - www.justgiving.com/fundraising/desertRICS

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you make your weekly offering to us by envelope, please collect your box for the coming financial year, from the back of church. Grateful thanks.

Thank You

Fr Isidore sends his most grateful thanks to all those who sent him a card, a gift or expressed their congratulations on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on March 30th (Good Friday).