

### **LENTEN EXERCISE**

Pope Francis wants to hear the experience of the whole church on contemporary family and marriage. That includes us. So we are exploring whether you would be interested in a series of meetings through Lent to share our experiences and make our contribution to next October's Synod of Bishops on Family and Marriage. The broad agenda has come out of last October's session of the Bishops in Rome. It includes such topics as the situation of divorced and re-married Catholics, who should have access to the sacraments, what of those co-habiting, the understanding of sexuality in all its contemporary expressions, parenthood etc. We do not intend a series of lectures, rather a forum for sharing. Some input will be offered—to clarify the nature of the exercise and stimulate sharing of experiences. Would you come to take part? Details of the gatherings will be put in the newsletter shortly.

### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

The Vatican has announced that today be an International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. The Holy Father has referred to the tragedy of human trafficking as the new form of slavery, dedicating his message for World Peace Day 2015 to this topic.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to listen to Fr. Quentin's talk. On the 10th "Our Memories of the Past" will be our own recollections of...anything that comes to mind from years ago. Look forward to seeing you at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

### **LIGHT A CANDLE**

There are cards in the repository or parish office price 50p. if you would like to let someone know that you have lit a candle for them.

### **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS**

We are up London again on Wednesday night (11th Feb) and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit cakes, sweets, biscuits and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday night.

Grateful thanks for the recent donation to the Soup Run.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting will be on Thurs. 12th Feb in the Becket Centre at 7.30pm. We are a small supportive group and we usually welcome between 8 and 10 bereaved people who are at various stages on their journey of loss. The meetings last an hour and those who come have an opportunity to talk about topics of concern in their bereavement in an understanding environment. We then have a cup of tea and a more informal chat together. We meet once a month on the second Thurs. at 7.30pm. If you have any questions or want any more information you are welcome to 'phone Angela on 020 8505 0356.

### **MASS & ROSARY PROCESSION**

There will be a Helpers of God's Precious Infants Rosary Procession led by Fr. Morty O'Shea S.O.L.T., on Sat. 14th Feb. 2015 at St. Thomas', Woodford Green. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 9am after which we start our Rosary Procession, to Marie Stopes Essex Centre, Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approx 12noon we return to St. Thomas' where Fr. Morty will give us a blessing after which we have refreshments in the St. Clare Room. For full details see poster on church notice board. Further details 01727 763832 or email [info@hgpi.co.uk](mailto:info@hgpi.co.uk).

### **NEARLY NEW & JUMBLE SALE**

Chigwell Sisters. Sat. 21st February at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave donations in the church porch. All Proceeds to go to the 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 [gerrycurransvp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gerrycurransvp@hotmail.co.uk).

### **TRINITY 6TH FORM**

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

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Benjamin Bartlett and Blake Frederick Scott Alladine who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **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.

### **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHINGFORD**

Require Primary Class Teacher starting September 2015. Closing date 20th Feb. Further details and an application pack obtained from the School office [school@st-marys-pri.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-marys-pri.waltham.sch.uk) [www.stmaryschingford.com](http://www.stmaryschingford.com).

### **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](http://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.**

### **LONDON TO WALSINGHAM WALK**

#### **3RD—11TH OCT 2015**

Applications are invited for this traditional walking pilgrimage. No special fitness level is necessary and full guidance will be given. We also need an additional support vehicle, with driver. This is a terrific opportunity to slow the pace of modern life for a few days in company with a group of like-minded Catholic men. Contact Peter Walters (Walk Administrator) 01799 550398 [jpw33@live.co.uk](mailto:jpw33@live.co.uk).

### **CONFIRMATION**

We ask parishioners to pray for the Confirmandees who will be attending the Enrolment Mass on Thursday at 7.30pm in St. Thomas'.

### **WALK WITH ME**

A Lenten Journey of Prayer. Booklets are available from the back of the church. Please leave a donation in the basket provided. Grateful thanks.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, 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, 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.:** Tony Baulch, Angelo de Cesare, Margaret Connors, Mary Gilligan, Ginette Le Roy, James McGrory, David McGilloway, Mary Moran, Michael Sullivan, Ron Webb, David Houghton.

**Anniv:** Luigi Bragoli, Mary Forsyth, Nora Moran.

Mary Gilligan's remains will be received into St. Thomas' on Wed. 11th February at 5pm. Her Requiem will take place on Thurs. 12th at 10.00am.

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

Thursday 10.30am 12th February, Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

### 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 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.

### MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained. Contact Tina 07957977380 for more information.

### DOMESTIC HELP

Cleaning, ironing, general duties. Contact Drane 07502310642.

### BARBER

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

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### FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B

8TH FEBRUARY 2015



### DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND THOSE WHO WORK TO COMBAT IT

When we gather for the Eucharist, we gather to celebrate the reality of God's love for us, the nearness of God's kingdom. Let us give thanks for the salvation that the Lord offers.

#### First Reading (Job 7:1-4. 6-7)

Job finds nothing to relieve his suffering or alleviate his sadness.

#### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23)

Paul makes himself all things to all people—to be able better to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

#### Gospel (Mark 1:29-39)

The kingdom of God enters our world through the healing ministry of Jesus.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**A pure heart create for me, O God.**