

### **AUSTIN O.F.M.**

Just as an oak tree comes from an acorn and a mature human being develops out of a single set of chromosomes, so love and faith, like an acorn or a set of chromosomes, carry a clear determined DNA.

There is a naïve concept of love and freedom. This naïvete would have us believe that faith and love can exist without boundaries, that there is not within them a defined DNA that may not be violated. The belief here is that love and faith can mean whatever we want them to mean. But, as we know, something that means everything means nothing. Love that is potentially anything, that exists without any non-negotiable protective principles, can also mean incest, rape and murder. The same is true of faith. Faith without boundaries, without creed and dogma to specify it, can then just as easily mean racism, Nazism and bigotry.

### **FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**

Sat. 15th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £6 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Please contact Bernard on 07968 173110.

### **LONDON MARATHON 2015**



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has Gold Bond places for runners in the London Marathon. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips on 01268 784544. Closing date for completed applications is Friday, 31st Oct.

If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition!

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sat. 29th November 1pm**

Preparations are under way to make this year's Fayre better than ever, but we do need your help.



Apart from the usual donations, which we will be asking for nearer the time, we are looking for any businesses which might have appropriate surplus stock we

can sell.

Also interested stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell—it is secure) or the parish office.

### **BEREAVEMENT SERVICE**

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in St. Thomas' on Sunday 9th November at 4pm. Names of family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory. The list will be initially compiled from the deaths notified to the office in the last year. If you have other names you would like to have read out please submit them to the office. The Bereavement Group would like to welcome everyone in the Becket Centre for a cup of tea and a scone afterwards.

### **CWL**

Meeting on Wed. 12th November in the Assisi Room at 8pm.

*Please note the change of date.*

### **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2014. Applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own local authority. This application then needs to be returned to the applicants own local authority. The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

### **CWL JUMBLE SALE ONE MORE WEEK TO GO!**

Sat. 1st November at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

### **CONFIRMATION 2015**

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The programme will commence on 12th Feb 2015 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in school Year 10. The closing date for applications is Wed. 5th November 2014.

*No applications will be accepted  
after this date.*

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

Can you assist as a catechist? Commitment is seven sessions on a Thursday evening for 2 hours plus four training sessions running from Feb.—May. We would especially invite parents of those children who wish to be on the programme. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Rose Priscilla Thompson, Oliver Thomas Rishworth Asquith, Lucy Philippa Delalande, Florence-Rose Olivia Lindfield, Matilda Tien Willow Chu and Sonny George Kelly who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **ROSARY**

The Rosary will be said after the 10am Mass each day during the month of October.

### **WANSTEAD & WOODFORD FELLOWSHIP**



Family Disco (Children's Entertainer) will be on Sat. 8th November 2014 at St. Thomas' in the Becket Centre from 7.30pm—

10pm. Bring your own drinks. For tickets contact Ann Kyndt 8989 9032.

### **URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD SIXTH FORM**

Preview Evening for entry in Sept. 2015 on Tuesday, 11th November from 6pm—8pm. The Principal will speak at 6pm. Please see school website [www.uai.org.uk](http://www.uai.org.uk) for further information.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

On the 28th November Rhonda Anderson (remember her "Tapestries")? will be telling us about JAPAN. Very much look forward to seeing her and as many of you as possible at 2pm in the Becket Centre. (Sorry, no sushi and sake, just traditional refreshments!).

### **CAFOD**

Grateful thanks for your donation of £1,310. This will help communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

### **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES**

Monday, 3rd November at the Convent 7.30pm.

### **MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

Francis Room after 10am Mass Tues. 11th November.

### ***P LEASE PRAY FOR***

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfiled, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr, Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

*And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Lately Dead.:** Beatrice Casper, Paddy Donnelly, Bridie Dunning, Mary Ellen Flaherty, Helen Konrath, Jennifer O'Neill, Josie Tobin,

**Anniv:** Stanley Dias, David Forsyth, Ellen Moroney, Winifred O'Nions, Elsie Valles.

### ***AVON HOUSE SCHOOL***

High Road, Woodford Green, require for immediate start Midday Supervisor 11.30am—1.15pm. Contact Mrs Porter 020 8504 1749 or registrar@ahsprep.co.uk.

#### **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 30th Oct. Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

### ***THANKS***

Greta O'Donnell (Fran Woodward's Mother), would like to thank both the Catholic & URC communities at St. James' for the many cards, well wishes, flowers and donations given at her 100th Birthday Party. Together, with her other parties, a sum of £560 was sent to the MacMillan Nurses Fund.

### ***PROPERTY WANTED***

Professional man and retired wife looking to rent property in Buckhurst Hill, Woodford or surrounding area for 3-5 years. Sold house to assist children, now wish to remain in area until both retired, Government allowing!  
Please 'phone 07984574998 if you feel you can assist us. References provided.

### ***FOR SALE***

Buggy (Stroller), Scooter for toddler 2-5yrs and a toddler car seat. If interested contact Kathe on 07912343324 or 07757553801.

### ***FOUND***

White child's cardigan 5-6yrs. Please collect from parish office.



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**30TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME A**

**26th OCTOBER 2014**

**Love**  
**is**  
**the**  
**greatest**

1 Cor. 13:13

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
Turn to the Lord and his strength;  
Constantly seek his face.

**First Reading**  
(Exodus 22:20-26)

**Second Reading**  
(St. Paul 1:5-10)

**Gospel**  
(Matthew 22:34-40)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
I love you, Lord, my strength

**There will be an SVP  
collection after all Masses  
this weekend.**