

QUENTIN

Jesus prayed: May they all be one. Yet through history the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has given rise to divisions. As we are embarked on the series of First Holy Communion celebrations we do well to recall this priority for Jesus. We are taking great care to ensure that each child has a good experience of this first encounter with Jesus in communion. It is of equal importance that it brings all of us to closer harmony in the family of the parish.

Could you not watch one hour with me? I pick up a great enthusiasm for our 24 hours with Jesus starting on Friday week. We help each other to pray, just by being together in silence with Him: looking and loving. I do hope you will all come, families especially, to give some real time to Jesus. Does an hour seem impossible? Try it. We will provide some help.

We can learn much from Telco. Later I learned we were well over 110 from this parish at Copperbox. Well done. It was a kind of liturgy: many people giving voice heartily in song and dance; crisp concise witnesses of an urgent need; a large crowd unanimous and courteous in urging politicians to take clear effective steps to provide affordable housing. Despite the pain and poverty - indeed because of it - there was a common aim, readiness to sacrifice to achieve it, and efficiency of means. Women were given the leadership roles. Pope Francis would see this as a splendid practical sample of being family.

Confirmation. Next Sunday 78 young members of our parish will commit themselves more personally to our faith. The Holy Spirit provides the power. Personal commitment unlocks it. Pray for them. Genuine commitment can take them powerfully to bring healing to our damaged society, to see and exercise the talents God has given them in abundance, fearless of the dangers that crush the hearts of those who lack the vision and resources we Catholics enjoy.

REPOSITORY

We have a large stock of rosary rings in the repository and, May being the month of Our Lady, we will be happy to give one to any child who calls in to help with the "Hail Marys". A gift from the parish—no charge. AND if you have yet to buy First Holy Communion cards and gifts it is not too late—we still have some in stock.

URGENT NEED

Leaders for Sunday 10am children's liturgy

Please tell Jackie Edwards or Quentin if you are ready to take your turn on a rota basis.

AMORIS LETITIA

Copies are available in the repository and going like "hot cakes" It is a truly mind-blowing letter from the Pope building on the 2 year sharing of the whole church about family and marriage. Tell me what we are going to do in this parish about Chapter 6..

1ST COMMUNION MASSES

Sat. 14th May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

Sat. 21st May 6pm Fr. Quentin

Sun. 22nd May 11.30am Fr. Antoine

Sat. 28th May 11.30am Fr. Michael

Sat. 28th May 6.00pm Fr. Antoine

Sun. 29th May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

Chigwell Convent

Sun. 22nd May 10am Fr. Donal

Please do not remove the flower rings at the end of the pews. They are to remain in-situ for the month of May

PLEASE NOTE

Teas and coffees will not be served in the Becket Centre during the month of May due to 1st Communion Masses.

10AM MASS

We need both more singers and instrumentalists to join us so that we can always be available. If you have any musical skills, however minimal, please consider joining us.

15TH WOODFORD GUIDES

We are looking for guide uniform that you may have grown out of or you don't need any more. If you have any, please contact Janet on 07803810666.

We are also seeking an additional Assistant. We meet in in the Becket Centre on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested please contact Julie Woodman. julie.traynor@btopenworld.com.

PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS

This year's walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 18th June. Approx 9 miles through lovely Epping Forest. Suitable for all ages. Families especially welcomed. Join us at 10.30am in the Becket Centre for registration for 11am start, returning at approx 3pm for refreshments. Contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more details.

QUIZ –JUMBULANCE

Across

Saturday 14th May - St Teresa's Parish Hall, Chingford. 7.30pm for 8pm. £5 entrance. Bring your own drinks & nibbles Tables of 8–10. Ring Shelia on 020 8504 3839

ST ANTONY'S RC PRIMARY

Are accepting applications for a Class Teacher for September 2016. The position is available for a Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2. NQT's are welcome to apply. Please download an application form and job description from our website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk **Closing date for applications 18th May 2016**

PARISH GALA CONCERT

Saturday July 2nd in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

Please put the date in your diaries.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday, 9th May at 7.30pm at Maureen's House.

TUESDAY CLUB

Generally taken very seriously but, in our case, it proved hysterical - there will be BINGO on the 10th. Then refreshments to calm us all down. See you in the Becket Centre at 2pm on the 10th

IN TOUCH MAGAZINE

The parish magazine is on sale after all masses, price £2—please buy a copy.

St Thomas of Canterbury YFC

After a great season we are looking for more boys & girls to join us for next season. We have 8 teams beginning at under 7, so reception & Years 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 are welcome. Training is on Tuesday at Ashton Playing Fields at 5.30pm. We are a friendly club with a reputation of developing players in a supportive environment. For information please contact the Chairman - Matt Tallon on 07855 170256 or email chairman@steyfc.com

Soup Run for the Homeless

We are up London again next Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, sweets, tins, fruit, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre between 7 and 8pm on Wednesday night. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Eileen O'Connell & Rose McGranaghan

Lately Dead:- Gerard McGuire, Sandra Sifflets service will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 10th May. Rotimi Olateju's requiem will take place on Thursday 12th May at 10am., both at St Thomas'

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please register with the parish office.

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 9am 13th Maureen Insole, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Lisa Robinson, Jack Edwards

CONGOLESE ORPHANAGE

Garden Party-Sun 29th May

The Oblates of the Assumption will hold their annual Garden Party at the Convent, 20Higham Station Ave., E4 9AZ on the above date. Hot meals will be served between 12.30pm and 3pm. All Welcome

FOUND

Large white vtech watch. Please collect from parish office.

WORKS OF MERCY

The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be held on Sat. 21st May 2016 at St. Thomas', Woodford Green. We begin with 9am Mass, followed by our Procession at 9.45am to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx 12.30pm to the church for refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their next meeting at Chigwell Convent on Monday, 9th May at 2pm due to the Bank Holiday on the first Monday. All new members are welcome.



St Thomas of Canterbury

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Served by the Franciscans



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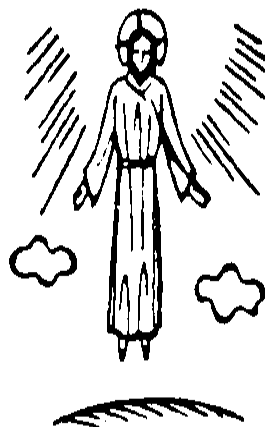
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD CYCLE C

8TH MAY 2016



The Apostles felt abandoned when Jesus ascended into heaven, but their sense of loss merely prepared them for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

First Reading

(Acts 1:1-11)

Jesus ascends into heaven

Second Reading

(Ephesians 1:17-23)

Paul prays that the Christians in Ephesus may receive the Holy Spirit

OR

(Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23)

The death of Jesus opened up a new way for us to draw close to God.

(Gospel)

(Luke 24:46-53)

Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit who would empower them to spread the Good News of his resurrection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast**