

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS 4TH OCTOBER



His feast this year falls on a Sunday. Our whole knowledge of faith and church as well as our practical living of the gospel is coloured by his vision. So the masses on Sunday week will be of the saint, with special readings. Readers please note. You have been accustomed to the Transitus on the eve of his feast, splendidly performed by Trinity. They will not do this this year. Instead we friars will perform a simple enactment of the final hours of Francis' life. We will do it at 5.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. But do come.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

I ask all ministers of Holy Communion to come to church this Wednesday at 7.30pm. We will begin the meeting with a short period of adoration, leading to a reflection on the ministry God is giving us. Then we will move on to discuss some practical issues. We should look to make sure that we are taking the Lord to anyone in the parish who is sick or unable to come to Mass. To this end it will be well if all who do take communion to homes will bring a list that we can co-ordinate. Please also bring any concerns you have regarding our ministry.

GETTING MARRIED 2016?

If you are planning on getting married in St. Thomas' in 2016 and have not already contacted the parish office. Please do so a.s.a.p.

CANCER LARYNGECTOMY TRUST

Quiz Night on 21st November 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Becket Centre. £5 per person. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Call Sheila 0208 504 7485 or 07826378519.

PARISH AGM

We are pleased to confirm that this year's Parish AGM will be held at 12.30pm on Sunday, 11th October 2015 in the Becket Centre. The meeting will last about an hour and it's a chance to hear about parish matters over the last year and look forward to 2016. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you have any particular questions you want raised but are unable to attend please contact Jeremy Davey 07717 456 035 or jeremydavey@btinternet.com and we will ensure that these are presented at the AGM.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a group of volunteers who meet on a monthly basis to support the friars in the running of the parish. We are always looking for new members to join the council to give a few hours a month for council business. If you would like to be considered to join the council or would be interested in understanding the role further we would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Jeremy Davey on 07717 456 035 or jeremydavey@btinternet.com if you would like to know more.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Will resume meeting on Mon. 21st September. If you would like to have a taste of what we do, come along on Monday week. No commitment, but you will find interesting people who are serious about searching for a deeper spirituality and exploring the meaning of life.

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 22nd September, more enlightenment! **PETER** will tell us about the **DUKES OF BEDFORD**. Look forward to seeing you all at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 14th October at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the Application procedure.

OPEN EVENING TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wed. 23rd Sept at Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around school between 6pm and 7.30pm. Presentation from Dr. Doherty at 7.30pm.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Many families are anxious about securing a place in our schools for the year beginning next September. The parish priest is required to make a contribution to the selection process. At present we do not know what is expected of us. We hope some clarity will emerge when we priests and deacons of the deanery meet this Tuesday. Please be patient till we are better informed.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets, biscuits, crisps, toiletries and clean men's clothing. We would like to make a special appeal for tins of soup, tuna, beans, etc., which are always in great demand.

Items can be left in the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30pm or the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If you would like to help with the soup run please 'phone Ray 07770 797250.

WELCOME TO THE 10AM MASS

Help is required to assist the smooth running of the 10am Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury. We are looking for some fresh faces to join the Stewards' Rota. Working in a team of four once every six weeks, duties include welcoming people into church, handing out service sheets and weekly newsletters, conducting the Offertory (collection) and guiding the congregation to communion in an orderly manner. We are particularly keen to involve young families. To find out how you can help and join this important ministry, contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 22nd September at 7pm in the William Scott Room upstairs in the Becket Centre to discuss the running of the Bazaar. If you would like to become involved in any way or have new ideas to present please come along. You would be most welcome.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 25th September in the Becket Centre.

TEA PARTY

Sadly, the Tea Party had to be cancelled this weekend due to lack of support.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Marion John and Ekundayo Wak-Williams who were married in St. Thomas' last weekend. We wish them a long and blessed married life together.

APPLES

There are apples in the friary garden which are needing to be gathered and picked. Parishioners are welcome to help themselves.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Claire, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Alex McVeigh, Jutta Menzies, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Anneli Prowse, Polica Rajan, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Jean Terry, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall
Lately Dead. Kevin Bennett, Eileen Kenyon, Jim O'Donnell, Anne Power, Isabelle Tudisca (Birthday)
Anniv: Thomas Crusz (1st), Seamus Hanley, Francis Sydric.

THANKS

The Lobo family would like to say a very big, belated thank you to everyone who sponsored Christopher and friends in their 10K Charity Run that took place on 12th July 2015. Over £7,000 was raised for the Charity S.A.D.S. UK. We would also like to say how much we appreciate the support, love and prayers we still receive from all the various parishioners and friends.

URSULINE ACADEMY, ILFORD **Entry to Year 7 Sept. 2016**

Open Evening 30th Sept 6pm—8pm

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 25th Sept. Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

STEWARDS REQUIRED

We are looking for more volunteers to help with stewarding at the Saturday 6pm Mass. If you are interested please contact Myrtle Scannell on 07956 289441 or email myrtlescannell@aol.com.

15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES

Are you free on a Tuesday night from 5.20pm—6.20pm and would like to come and help with girls aged 5—7? Please contact Janet Morris 07803810666.

UNWANTED TEXTILES?

To raise much needed funds for St. Antony's School in October. For more information contact Claire 07905406361.

SACRISTANS' ROTAS

Are available from the Sacristy.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NANNY?

An English speaking nanny who lives in Buckhurst Hill is looking for full time nanny position. Fully qualified and able to start a.s.a.p. 07703753544.



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B

20TH SEPTEMBER 2015
HOME MISSION DAY



In our relations with one another, do we always want to be in control? Or are we willing to take the risk, as Christ commanded, or serving one another in humility?

First Reading **(Wisdom 2:12. 17-20)**

Those who are just will suffer for their virtuous life.

Second Reading **(James 3:16—4:3)**

The apostle teaches that faith in God should lead us to active charity.

Gospel **(Mark 9:30-37)**

Jesus tells us that true leadership will only be effective through humble service.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Home Mission Sunday

Prayer Cards are available from the back of the church.