

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Annie Keenan, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Maria Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Jack Malone, Frank O'Shea, Gerard Seeberan, John Cleere & Keith Newman

Lately Dead: Ron Gray, Derek Blogg & Carmel Merrins (nee Moyan)

Carmel's reception into Our Lady of Lourdes is on Sunday 7th Jan at 7.30pm. Her funeral mass is on Monday 8th Jan at 9.30am, followed by burial at Forest Park Cemetery, Hainault.

Derek's Requiem will be at St Thomas' at the 10am mass on Thursday 18th January.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 12th January 9am
Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever,
Jack Edwards & Susanne Barnoin

SUNDAY TEA'S ROTA

Please collect your rota, which is available at the back of church for the period 14th Jan—22nd July 2018

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TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

There are vacancies for two temporary teacher positions at Trinity from Jan 2018. Teacher of Psychology & Sociology and Teacher of RE
ALSO a Temporary SEN Teaching Assistant (29 hours per week)
Please review the school website for full details <http://fc.tchs.uk.net>

NANNY WANTED

I am looking for a nanny to drop off and pick up two girls from St Antony's Primary School, Woodford, Monday - Friday . If you are interested please contact Agatha on 07405 438585

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



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th JANUARY 2018



The wise men went in search of the light of the world, realising as they travelled that it was God, the maker of the stars, who was actually leading them by the light of the star.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah exults over the light and glory through which the nations will come to the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3 5-6

Pagan and Gentile nations are now being given their place in the Church.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by God's grace through the light of a star to worship the Lord and give him their gifts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

WELCOME BACK

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and return ready for a busy few months in St Thomas'. The Parish Council will meet tomorrow evening. High on the agenda will be preparation for the Bishop's visitation of the parish due to take place on Wednesday 31st January. This happens every two or three years. The candidates intending to seek the sacrament of Confirmation are well on their way to complete preparation for this great step on that evening. It will not be long before Lent arrives and with it the next stage of renewal of our thinking about our church, faith, spirit and life. We are hoping to do it through the eyes of young people.

CHRISTMAS PAST

Thank you for your huge generosity to us friars at Christmas. Thank you for coming in such number for the feast. Both the Eve and Day masses were well prepared, well ordered and prayerful. The new arrangement with 4 masses in the afternoon worked well with over 500 at 3.00pm and again at 5.15 pm. Many contributed to this happy celebration: about a dozen came to give the church a special clean, of whom three were under 15 – and many well over 70! Our director of music spent hours of preparation, also typing all the music sheets while Michael Murphy coordinated and resourcefully filled many unexpected gaps. To all who contributed: my thanks.



HAND OVER OF ST ANTONY'S SCHOOL

A moving ceremony took place at the 10 am mass the day after autumn term ended. Chris Curtis had in previous weeks been feted and thanked abundantly for her long service. This concluded, she brought the keys of the school – symbol of the whole project, and presented them at the offertory of the Mass in thanks for all that has been achieved through God's grace during her reign. Then as the mass drew to its conclusion a young and enthusiastic scholar in the person of Miss Chantal Pampellon came forward to receive the keys - and hence the school - into her care. We wish her well and promise to give her all the support possible.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be held upstairs in the William Scott Room on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm. we are meeting in this room because the confirmation group are using our usual location. Please ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small, supportive group is welcome to phone me on 020 8505 0356 for more details.

CHIGWELL BINGO CLUB

We are starting again in the 11th January at 2pm and then play every Thursday fortnight. Come and join our friendly group for bingo, tea and cake. ALL are welcome.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

We baptise here on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, with services at 2pm & 3pm. You will need to have completed a baptism course before you can book the service so please contact the Parish Office for details.

TO ALL USING THE BECKET CENTRE

Please note that we are regularly testing the FIRE ALARM on a Wednesday around 11am. The alarm will usually sound for about one minute to test that all is working well. The alarm sounding for a time longer than this or at other times should be treated as indication of fire and evacuation of the building commenced.

REPOSITORY

Confirmation gifts and cards now in stock.

IN TOUCH MAGAZINE

The Christmas edition of the parish magazine is on sale, with a Christmas Message from Fr Austin and lovely articles from Trinity pupils.

TUESDAY CLUB

Will meet in the Becket Centre on the 9th January at 2pm for tea, cake and chat.

CWL

Next meeting on Wednesday 10th January at 2pm in the William Scott room

SOUP RUN

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 10th January. Please leave your donations of food and warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm please.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Restarts on Saturday 13th January and every Saturday from 10am - 11am
We are still in need of an extra helper. If you could help please ring 07979 544325

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

We are trying to work out how many gluten free hosts we need to order. Please can you indicate which mass you usually attend on the list located in the sacristy.

NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE

As we are sure almost everyone knows we have a new parish website. If you haven't seen it yet, take a look: <https://www.stthomaswoodford.org> We want this to bring you all the latest parish news. So if you have something going on in your area of parish activities please let us know by mailing us: webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org

We want to link up with the parish office newsletter so that this can be sent to you by email. Many have already signed up. If you would also like to receive parish news by email please visit our website and sign up.



Franciscan Vocation Talks will be held in the Friary (at Woodford) on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January for single catholic men 18 - 43 years of age interested in the Franciscan Life.

Please contact Br Donal by 15.01.2018 by email only - brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk

BEAVERS

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list.

Beavers start at 6 years old and then move onto Cubs when they are 8 years old.

They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre.

An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader paulineelkin616@gmail.com