

P LEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Sean Harte, Joan Hayes, Margaret Jones, Annie Keenan, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Kayleigh Linnane, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies,, Tom Moran, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Angela Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, Patricia Coffey, Patricia Connolly & Marion Page.

Lately Dead: Anthony O'Boyle, John Thomas Morrill & Brennon Stewart. Anthony O'Boyle's Requiem will be on Tues. 10th Oct at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead.

PARISH DIARIES 2018

Are available from the back of the church. Please put your donation in the basket provided or hand to parish office.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 10.30am 13th October Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

If you are on the cleaning rota please try to turn up when it is your turn or let someone else on the team know you cannot do that date. You can always come on a different day and leave a note in the cleaning room. Alternatively change with someone on a different team. It is a large church which is well used. It does need a full team to clean it properly. It cannot be done with only one or two. There is always a reminder in the newsletter each week.

If your name is on the rota (copy on the notice board in the porch) and you no longer come can you please let me know. Thank you Pat Bell 020 8504 4577.

CHAIRS FOR SALE

6 Antique dining room chairs recently upholstered at £50 each, all in good condition, for sale at £60 each. £300 if all 6 chairs bought together. Contact brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk giving name, contact details and arrange viewing of chairs at the Friary on Tues. 10th Oct. 7pm—8pm Wed. 11th Oct. 9am—11am. When contacted you will be asked day and time chosen from above.

First to view has 1st choice for sale (buyer to organise removal).

As sale funds will go to a local charity, you may increase above prices)

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**27TH SUNDAY
CYCLE A**

**ORDINARY TIME
8TH OCTOBER 2017**



The Lord tells a story about a vineyard. It is a story of the world and of power struggles. The Lord invites us to faithfulness.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

God's people, the Lord's own vineyard, prove unfaithful

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul urges us to persevere in goodness all our days

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus confronts his enemies with their murderous intentions

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord
is the House of Israel

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

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

A first draft of a plan for restructuring our Diocese is now published and can be read in the church porch. It is emphasised that this is only a first draft and offered for your consideration. All the same the writer Stephen Webb, seems pretty confident it will go forward. It is not easy to grasp what exactly he is proposing. I am concerned about the basic principles that guide the practical proposals. But before I tell you my misgivings I would like to hear – first whether you too find it unsatisfactory, and then to say in what respects this is so. There is no doubt that big changes have to be made. Are these the right ones?

CATECHISTS

There is a training day for catechists engaged in preparing candidates for Communion and Confirmation: at Sacred Heart School Upminster on 4th November 10.30-3.30. Also available is an online course leading to a Bishop's certificate in catechesis. This course requires about 45 minutes per week through the year. It is described as "manageable for catechists with full-time jobs". Very good if someone will embark on it.

ZOOTROPOLIS

You have probably heard the paeans of delight that erupted after the film in the garden last Friday. God was very good in giving us a fine dry evening. It was a wonderful family event for over 300. Let's do it again. And please do keep coming up with new ideas. Congratulations and thanks to Gemma and all her family and friends for coming up with the idea and then a most generous execution of it with ground sheets, blankets, ice-cream and popcorn, hotdogs and drinks.

And they made a profit in excess of £2000 for Syrian refugees. Well done indeed.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE POPE FRANCIS IS LEADING US?

On Wednesday, 25th October at 8pm I hope many will come to the Becket Centre to continue the discussions we left off last Lent. Our church is moving fast, as is our Diocese. We need to keep up with it and we do it best by sharing our understandings of our faith as it has to be lived in 2017 and beyond. Please make a note of the date and the two subsequent evenings:-

8th November 8pm

22nd November 8pm

THE ONLY GOOD COOKS ARE BRITISH!! True or False?

On Saturday Nov 18th we are holding a non-profit making "International Food Evening" with food from many different countries. It will be an event for all in the Parish, an opportunity to meet people and a chance to try dishes from all over the world. So if you can make an ethnic dish (either main or sweet) on that night for 5 or more people please contact Kit Tranmer (07811 261461 or kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com) ASAP. Do not wait, contact us now!



Tickets available mid-October, £5 adults, £3 children. Come along for a great evening. **Unless of course you really do believe that fish & chips and bangers & mash are the world's finest foods!!**

CAFOD COLLECTION

I hope you remembered the Family Fast last Friday. And that the particular self-denial you chose saved you some money: which you have brought today for Cafod. You have suffered a long series of Diocesan collections so I hope you can have a rest from them for a while.

GIFT AID DONATION FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

To save printing costs, envelopes and time we are moving towards a new system of distributing the annual statements. This will be done on a request basis. If you would like to receive a copy of the statement we would prefer to send it to you by email. Please email your request to sue@friar.org and ensure that you also confirm your current postal address. If you do not have access to a computer or email address please put your request in writing, specifying your current postal address and we will post the statement to you.

The use of this email address is solely for year end Gift Aid Statement request.

ASSISI LUNCHES

Due to events in our parish the dates are being changed for the last 3 months of this year.

The new dates are:

Friday, 20th Oct.

Friday, 17th November

Friday, 1st December (Christmas Lunch)

All those who receive lifts, please do not worry, the drivers will be notified.

TUESDAY CLUB

Relax and Breathe! Jog along to the Becket Centre on the 10th Oct at 2pm for CHAIR YOGA, presented by Jacqui, who will then untangle us for refreshment!

CWL JUMBLE SALE

This annual event will take place on Sat 28th Oct in the Becket Centre at 2pm. As usual, we need your support BUT we no longer have any storage facilities. Therefore we can **ONLY** accept your donations on FRIDAY 27th Oct in the Becket Centre until 5pm or SATURDAY 28th Oct in the Becket Centre from 9am onwards.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY JUMBLE - ANYWHERE - BEFORE THESE TIMES

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept. 2013 and 31st Aug. 2014 and who wish to apply for the Reception Classes to start in Sept. 2018. The Supplementary Form can be downloaded from www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions and the Certificate of Catholic practice is obtainable from your parish. The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 11th 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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

To be held on 25th November in Trinity Lower Site. Volunteers need to help organise/man stalls. Those interested in getting involved please come to the Becket Centre on Tuesday 17th October at 8pm or contact Jackie 07952 077546

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Vienna Khan, Penelope Grace Lamb-Potter, Grayson Mahoney who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

PRISONS WEEK

Of all the poor in our land few are in worse plight than prisoners. And so they must be the special care of those who follow St Francis. Pray for those serving long sentences, for their families and for all who try to alleviate their suffering and reform our justice system.

CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Quentin will be available to sign these on Tuesday this week: 3.30-4.30 and 7-8 pm