

SOUP RUN

We are most indebted to Dr. Doherty. He has offered us the use of the Trinity minibus to enable our soup run to continue every two weeks. I thank several people who expressed their concern and hope that the run would find a way to continue. It is a good way that we who are comfortable in our homes can offer a crumb of help to those sleeping rough.

LENT

The major Lenten exercise for us this year will be provided by Fr. Austin McCormack. His talks have always proved popular and thought-provoking. This Lent he will come on Tues. 16th Feb and 1st March, to talk on the subject of Mercy. On the Tuesdays following each of these talks that is on 23rd Feb. and 8th March we will share a discussion on material he will provide. Make a note in your diary to come to these talks and discussions in the Becket Centre. Austin is much in demand and not free to come any other evening. Hence our choice of dates.

STATIONS DURING LENT

It has been our custom to share the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 10am and 8pm to suit different life-patterns. If anyone is willing to lead this exercise on a Friday morning, then we will continue the practice. Otherwise it will not happen. I hope there will be several volunteers who will each take just one morning.

ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2nd Feb. Mass with Candlemas ceremonies will be sung in the church of Christ the King, Chingford at 7.30pm using the rite from the newly published Divine Worship Missal.

NANNY SHARE?

We would be keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in a nanny share with another family. For more information contact Clare 07957 383079.

DESPERATE NEED

We are in urgent need of more volunteers to print the weekly newsletter on a rota basis.

If you feel you can help, please contact Mario Cheong 8504 9368.

BUCKHURST HILL

As part of the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Mass is celebrated at St. James United Reformed Church in Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill at 9am each Sunday. We are a friendly and welcoming community and currently have spaces available in our children's liturgy group. If anyone would like to join us they will be very welcome.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Father Quentin will be available on Wednesday 24th February in the Becket Centre from 7pm for approx an hour. There are no individual appointments just pop along.

TELCO

Date for your diary - **Thursday 28th April** coach to the Olympic Park at 5pm from St Thomas', to hear the 3 perspective London mayors being grilled about their aspirations for the 4 1/2 year tenure, Details to follow.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We feel our list is not complete. Will all who are taking communion to the sick and housebound, please tell the parish office. Grateful thanks.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday 1st February at the convent at 7.30pm.

CWL

Wed. 3rd Feb meeting 8pm in the Assisi Room.

BIBLE SHARING

The next meeting is in the William Scott Room on Thursday 4th Feb at 7.30 till 8.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

WOODFORD GREEN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have counselling/listening skills? Are you looking for a worthwhile use for these in a voluntary capacity? We need you. Our Bereavement Support Group has been based in the parish for more than 20 years and in that time we have supported many people both in the parish and in the wider area. We have achieved this through one to one support and annual events such as the Service of Remembrance in November, an afternoon tea in the summer and a Service for Bereaved Parents which is held in the Spring.

Three years ago we introduced a monthly support group which is well attended. As a result of this we are looking to expand our support team. We can offer you the opportunity to give valuable service to bereaved members of the community.

If you have skills that you could offer the Support Group, we would be very interested to hear from you. Please ring Angela Barnes on 020 8505 0356.

MIRACLE NEEDED!

Accommodation required for single mother with 2 year old son. Excellent references. Please call 020 85051057.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Once again the Mother and Toddler Group are collecting Sainsburys vouchers and would appreciate your help. Please hand them into the parish office. Thank you.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

After 10.00am Mass 2nd Feb. in the Francis Room

CHIGWELL SISTERS

NEARLY NEW & JUMBLE SALE

Sat. 13th Feb. at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the church porch. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Will be celebrating Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead on Sunday, 14th February at 3pm followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Veronica Ella Wilson, Theodore Henry Alan James Harper, Ella Rose Kavanagh and Cleo Amali Valentina Kurukulasooriya who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently. If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child please contact the parish office for details. We advise parents to attend a course before the birth of their child.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their meeting on Monday, 1st February at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

MASSIVE THANK YOU

To all those who attended/donated to the wonderful Music Quiz Night last Saturday held in the Becket Centre. A whopping £1,400 was raised for Cancer Research UK and St. Clare's Hospice, Harlow.

ASSISI LUNCH

DRIVERS NEEDED

The lunch teams are in need of a few more drivers to be added to the helpers list to bring at approx. 12.30pm and take home approx 2.30pm on the last Friday of each month. Please call Dolly on 07940429815 New Assisi lunch guests required as we have spaces—see flyers at the back of the church or call Dolly on the number above (evenings only).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Maria Ashley, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Browne, Genevieve Campbell, Yvonne Carpenter, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Ann Carmody, (Kieran's Mum), Mike Crutchlow, Bernadette Clancy, Carmel Cork, Claver D'Souza, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Maurice Flynn, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Catherine Heagney, John Harris, Doris Harriss, S. Kuntz, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Frances Piller, Dr Courtney Price, Lily Reding, Edward Shearer, Joshua Smikle, Melda Tierney, Pauline Tuite, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine, Kath Vaughan, Evi Maria Vogel.

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.

Lately Dead John Doyle, Maura Gilligan, Patricia Hughes, Charles King, Patrick Mayer, Christopher O'Toole.

Anniv. Patsy Devlin, Mary Dionysius, Mary Forsyth, Saw Teik Ghee, Gladys Grant, Betty Hunter, Pat Meyler,

IN TOUCH

Parish Magazine on sale at the back of the church price £2.

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

Thurs 10.30am 4th Feb. Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu. **We need 1 more person to help clean on a Friday at 9am on a rota once in 7 weeks.** Please contact Pat Bell on 8504 4577.

SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for 1 person to help with teas after 10am Mass on a Sunday morning in a team of 3 on a rota once in 7 weeks. Please contact Pat Bell on 020 8504 4577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com if you can help.

TEA ROTAS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH PORCH

CHARITY BALL

Tickets are available for a Charity Ball on Friday, 15th April at Packfords Hotel in Woodford to raise money for Target Ovarian Cancer in honour of later parishioner, Letitia Featherstone. If you would like to attend or want further details, please contact Rachael on rachael12512@msn.com or 07971 375073.

WORKS OF MERCY

Come and join us in prayer and offers of real help to those in crisis pregnancies every Saturday between 7.45am—11.30am. Come when you can even for half an hour. We will be opposite Marie Stopes, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill.



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**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

CYCLE C

31ST JANUARY 2016



Jesus is not afraid to upset his listeners in the cause of what is true and right. Our own courage to do the same only comes to us through his grace and support.

First Reading
(Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19)

The Lord gives us the strength to carry out our calling to follow him.

Second Reading
(1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

The greatest of God's gifts is love

Gospel
(Luke 4:21-30)

Jesus enrages his audience by telling them his mission is not restricted to them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My lips will tell of your help.

There will be an SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend.