

HOLIDAY TIME

Parish life tends to blossom in September, flourish through the months and run down to hibernation in July. It has been a difficult year in the Friary albeit still with many blessings. We have known your sympathy and eagerness to help in every way possible, and we are very grateful. You do so much for us as well as your commitment to parish affairs. Thank you for taking responsibility for all the varied tasks, services, ministries; for caring, teaching, leading, praying and all else you do so generously. We look forward with hope to new beginnings in September. Meantime travel safely, enjoy a change and a rest, and return full of vigour for more.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Nathaniel Jusu, Elijah Gerald Brown, Conor Warnock Sinnamon, Finley Thomas Halpin and Thomas Cole Parkinson who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

KEYBOARD PLAYER WANTED

Once a month Rotary host an afternoon in Chigwell Convent for people in the early stages of memory loss. They urgently need a keyboard player to help them. See notice in porch.

10AM SUNDAY MASS

The Music Group are taking a break during August but will be back on Sunday, 6th September. We look forward to seeing you then.

FIRE HAZARD

Last Sunday 7 candles were found burning and precariously lodged right above the container of 100 more candles. It is an obvious hazard. Our insurers have warned us of this and are unhappy that we allow such risk. Please exercise care. **Only light a candle when there is a vacant cup where it may burn safely.**

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Preparations are afoot for starting up the weekly meetings again in September. Meantime we are eagerly looking for enquiring minds to join us. No Commitment. It is open to people of all persuasions - and none!? There are no presumptions about whether the quest may lead. Come and contribute your views. Quentin would like to know whom we may expect to welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We desperately need more volunteers to organise this year's event and bring fresh ideas to the table! Please contact the parish office.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The final amount received from the appeal by Fr Thomas for the F.M.U. was £6,550.00 Thank you to everybody who contributed.

FLOWER ARRANGERS?

We are in need of more people to join a rota for arranging the church flowers. If you feel you would like to become involved, please contact the parish office. Help will be given.

PRINTERS REQUIRED

We would be grateful to have more volunteers to help print the newsletter. The printing machine is very easy and straight forward to use and the printing for the weekend would only take an hour of your time. If you wish to volunteer to join the rota, please contact Mario Chung 07957278613.

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Day for Life after all Masses this weekend.



1st COMMUNION 2016

Application forms are now at the back of church. Please complete one and return it if you live in our parish and have a child who will be in Year 3 in the next school year ie from Sept 2015

The closing date for applications is Friday 11th September 2015. No applications will be accepted after this date.

NEWSLETTER

Please note that there will be no newsletter during the month of August. Urgent items should be given to a priest or parish office to be included in the notices read out after Mass.

There will be a prayer list for the sick, lately dead and anniversaries on the notice board each week in the church porch.

PARISH DIARY 2016

Will all groups and societies who have regular bookings with the Becket Centre please submit their dates in writing for 2016. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried over.

LONDON RUN

Craig Lobo's brother and friends are running the London 10K next month to raise money for SADS UK. This charity supports the work investigating sudden adult death see: www.justgiving.com/10ksforLobo

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date. Forms are available from the back of the church. Grateful thanks.

GUITAR TUTOR

In Buckhurst Hill area. Lessons from home but can come to student. 40 years playing experience. Qualified in education and music tuition. Can provide references. Full enhanced DBS check. Beginners to intermediate. Any style except classical. Strong family ties to the parish and schools. Enquiries to kellymusicuk@hotmail.com or 07801 102732.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

This bill will be debated in Parliament on 11th September. The history of liberalising abortion should alert us to the dangers likely to follow any weakening of the present law against taking human life. We are all urged to write to our MP. A personal letter is preferable, rather than a stereotype, though there is a sample available. Ask the MP to attend the debate and to vote against the motion. It helps to add your reasons for opposing euthanasia and any relevant personal experience you have. Ask the MP to let you know how he will act. Send to - House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

THANK YOU

To all the parishioners for all their support in sending in Sainsbury Vouchers. We have ordered new toys for the group.

Mother & Toddlers Under 5's Group

CHURCH CLEANING

Each week we publish the team that should be cleaning the Church the following week. If you cannot make that date could you please change with someone on another team or arrange with your group to come on another day. If you have been the only one to turn up to clean you will know what an impossible task it is! Also if you are on the list but can no longer come can you PLEASE let me know so I can find someone to replace you. Pat Bell 8504 4577 or email mrmcbell@btinternet.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Baby Leo Francescotti, Trish Gardener, Stephen Grave, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Sr. Anna Haughian, Desmond Kavanagh, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anne Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Gary Sinclair, Debbie Smythe, Jodie Stokes, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Rose Tonkin, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead: Peter Hinton, Christopher Quinn, Isabelle Tudisca.

Anniv: Frank Meyler, Paulette Macpherson, Lou Macpherson, Vera Craft, Josephine McCorkell, Pamela Taylor, William Freeman, Colette Collins, and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Thursday 9am 30th July Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French.

MID-DAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

For St. Antony's RC Primary School. Fixed term contract 7-1/2 hours per week. Term Time only £8.87 per hour. Contact 020 8504 4706. admin.st-antony@redbridge.gov.uk. Closing date Friday, 14th August 2015.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you used to be an altar server but have not returned your alb may we ask you to do so as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

STEWARDS AT 10.00am MASS

We urgently require volunteers to join the Stewards' rota for the 10am Sunday mass at St Thomas;. You will join a team of four on duty once every six weeks handing out service sheets and newsletters, conducting the Offertory and guiding parishioners to communion. We also need more sacristans for this mass—full training will be given. For more information about these ministries contact David on 07905 741033.

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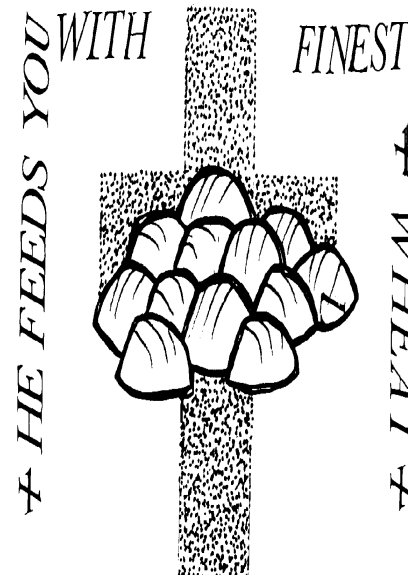
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE B

26TH JULY 2015

DAY FOR LIFE



On a hillside by the Sea of Galilee a small boy offers five barley loaves and two fish. With these Jesus feeds the multitude of people gathered there. It is a sign both of the Eucharist and of the kingdom of heaven.

First Reading (2 Kings 4:42-44)

By multiplying the loaves, Elisha shows that he is a prophet like Moses, through whom God fed the people in the desert.

Second Reading (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Paul stresses that the gifts that unite us in Christ are to be activated in love for one another.

Gospel (John 6:1-15)

In the prelude to the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus is cast in the role prophesied by Jeremiah: he is the shepherd who leads his disciples to pasture and a place of repose near restful waters.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You open wide your hand, O Lord,
And grant our desires