

Parish A.G.M.

You came in healthy number: well over 60. Thank you. You expressed general satisfaction with the running of the parish and care of finances. 14 presented themselves as willing and eager to serve on the Council for the coming years. We reassured the 4 who were unfortunately left out that we hope and intend to involve them in the working parties of the coming year. Many positive and helpful views and suggestions came from the floor and these were recorded and will be heeded.

THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL met last Monday. First we had to get to know each other. Quentin presented an overview of the parish: its component organisations, how we work together towards our objectives; the strengths and weaknesses, and the hopes for the future. *Are we simply to offer advice or be pro-active?* Gone are the days when "Father runs the parish". Not all understand this. We work harmoniously together. We aim to reach a consensus, just as work in your families. *Do we wait for guidance from above?* Both Pope Francis and Bishop Alan are insistent: NO All must come from the reality of your family lives. Pope & Bishop offer principles. You find how they run through your family life. There was talk of a 5 year plan. Well, if helpful: Yes. But for the moment we are forming the sub-committees and working parties to help all participants do their tasks of making our parish through a wide range of activities - with very much devotion and love. The Council will meet again on July 18th. By then we will know each other sufficiently to choose a chair, vice-chair and secretary. Enthusiasm abounds Thank God!

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Participants celebrated end-of-term last Monday. We meet again in September. We are looking for new interested parties to join us then. We hope for people of other traditions, faiths..... or none. The exercise is of particular interest to cradle-Catholics rusty on practise and knowledge of our present church.

ALTAR LINEN

Again I ask you who launder the small linen for the altar: Can you please look to see if any pieces are lying in your home?

Recently we purchased 6 dozen purificators: they and most of the previous stock have vanished

FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

Pink

46-50 AB527939

Green

471-475 AB553015

461-465 AB553015

Yellow

71-75 AB517721

101-105 AB517721

91-95 AB517721

White

41-45 AB565171

6-10 AB565171

Please collect from parish office.

FOSTERING

GIVING A CHILD IN NEED A HOME

Have you ever thought of fostering and giving a child in need a home? If so, now is the time to learn more....

Citizens UK (**TELCO**) and **CORAM** are responding to the urgent call for foster families to come forward in response to the dubs amendment which has recognised the desperate plight of unaccompanied refugee children fleeing war and the need to provide them with homes and families.

If you would like to know more about fostering children in Redbridge or to support the refugees welcome campaign in Redbridge, please come along to the Becket Centre on Wednesday, 13th July at 8pm. For more information please contact Angela on redbridgewelcome@gmail.com. from 2pm.

SOUP RUN/FOOD BANK FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

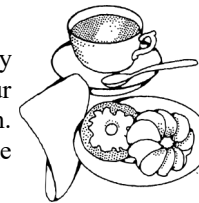
We are up London again next Wednesday (14th) and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit cakes, biscuits, sweets, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre on Wednesday night from 7 - 8pm. Thank you for your continued support.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Is a social action initiative from the Alzheimer's Society which aims to give people a little bit more understanding about what its like to live with dementia and then turn that understanding into action. The SVP have recently become Dementia Friends by participating in a Dementia Friends Information Session which we believe may be of benefit to other groups in the parish. We are keen to establish what interest there might be encouraging others in the Parish to become Dementia Friends with a view to developing a more dementia friendly community in the parish. We would also like to find out how many parishioners are already Dementia Friends and/or Dementia Champions. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the SVP via the parish office.

TUESDAY CLUB

On Tuesday 12th July we shall be holding our last meeting of the term. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cream tea .



Jumbulance Donations

Received at last Saturday's 'Promenade Concert' have topped £1,030.00. A flag waving photograph from the event has already being uploaded to the parish website.

HOLY COMMUNION 2016-2017



Application forms are now available from the back of the church. If your child will be in Year 3 in September

please take one and return it to the parish office a.s.a.p. Closing date is Friday, 9th September 2016.

Applications after this date will not be accepted.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Will be holding their annual Afternoon Tea in the Becket Centre this afternoon between 3pm and 5pm. We would like to welcome ALL who have been bereaved and particularly those who have lost their loved ones in the last year. We also look forward to seeing our friends who have been with us before. Please feel free to bring someone with you.

IN TOUCH

Parish Magazine is now on sale price £2.

GRATEFUL THANKS

The SVP wish to thank parishioners for their generous offerings last weekend. Over £800 was raised.

HELP WANTED

- One of the metal legs of a Becket Centre round table needs welding.
- A vehicle is needed to transport our old electric organ to a parish in Upton Park (dimensions 1170 wide *760 deep * 990 tall)

If you can assist with either of these, could you please contact the parish office

Holy Family Lay Associates

Meeting on Monday 11th July at Kathy's house at 7.30pm

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Seamus Connor, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Peter Jacques, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Dennis McCarthy, Camille Malone, Dr. Mary Malone, Bridie McCoy, Yomi McEwen, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Sheila Murphy, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Bill Roberts, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Fr. George Stokes, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Paddy Mahoney, Pauline O'Shea, Margaret Collins, Michael Hogan & Desmond Walsh.

Lately Dead:- Kerry Bromfield, Richard Victor Day & Joseph Reynolds

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 10.30am 15th July Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Alan invites you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage through the Door of Mercy on Sat. 10th September 2016. 3pm Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. See poster in church porch.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wishes to appoint a **Media Technician** for September 2016 to work within the Film & Media Studies department. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible & computer literate. 30 hours per week. 44.2 weeks per year, salary scale 4, £19,719 (full time equivalent). Closing date for receipt of completed application forms (available from sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net) is Friday 15th July.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Emmeline June Marrable, Isla Laura Aminata Lycett and Lucas Michael Patrick Wood who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

We hold baptisms in St Thomas' on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

10TH JULY 2016



Our Lord comes to raise us up; his love for us reaches into the depths of our suffering. Do we have the generosity to respond to the sufferings of others?

First Reading (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

Moses tells the people that they must obey the voice of the Lord by keeping the commandments that are written in their hearts.

Second Reading: (Colossians 1:15-20)

St Paul proclaims that Jesus Christ is the image of the unseen God through whom all was created and in whom all things are reconciled to God.

Gospel (Luke 10:25-37)

In response to the challenge of a lawyer, Jesus gives us the parable of the good Samaritan, which shows us who our neighbour is.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
And your hearts will revive.*

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Apostleship of the Sea after all Masses this weekend.