

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo and wife, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Phyllis Gould, Cynthia Gregory, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Peter Jacques, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Ruby Lennon, Charles Long, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Angela Meyler, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Con Mulvahill, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Kathleen Ogles, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Heather Robertson, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Gloria Wood, Teresa Wiener, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

**Anniv:** Dominic Correia, Harry Kelly, Alexandrina da Conceicao Pereira, Theresa & Luigi Napolitano, Patrick & Nora Neary, Chu Chin Ooi, Roy Petter.

**Latently Dead:** John Burke, Helen Crowsley, Roland Dias, John Golden, Christine Halliday, Patrick Joseph McManus, Jasi Marchington, Patricia Mulcahy, Raymond Nichols, Mary Sullivan.

We extend the sympathy of the parish to Sue (parish office) on the sad loss of her father, John Burke. **May he rest in peace.**

Mary Sullivan's Requiem will be on Tuesday, 11th April at 10.00am in St. Thomas'.

### EASTER CLEANING

A reminder that the Easter Clean of our Church is on Wednesday, 12th April at 10.30am. Please give a little of your time to help us give a special clean of our Church. Thank you.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 20th April Kath Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes, Iwan Moreno

### SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for someone to help with teas after 10am Mass once in 7 weeks. For more information ring Pat Bell 8504 4577 or pop in and see her after 10am Mass.

### 10.00am MUSIC GROUP

Thank everyone who bought cakes last weekend, a whopping £470 was raised replacing our equipment. Special thanks to the Filipino Society who helped with baking & selling the cakes on the day.

### GARDEN FETE (24th June)

Asking all green fingers to start planting, so you can contribute to the Fete Plant Stall.

### 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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### PALM SUNDAY

PASSION OF THE LORD CYCLE A

9TH APRIL 2017



Palm Sunday is not a journey from victory to defeat, but a journey from the world's idea of victory into the true victory of God.

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The suffering servant of Isaiah assures us of our victory over suffering

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ's suffering is deeper than we imagine but his exaltation is also higher than we can imagine.

### Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Matthew describes the death of Christ in terms of destruction, yet this destruction brings the dead back to life and reveals the unshakeable reality of heaven.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

### **CAR PARK**

We anticipate large numbers at 3pm on Good Friday and on Easter morning. Members of the Parish Council will be on duty to direct drivers to the marked parking bays. When these are occupied the park will be closed. So it is advisable to make other arrangements for arriving at church. Please respect the needs of the disabled.

Guy Williamson will be supervising vehicular traffic. He needs volunteers to help him on Friday afternoon and at mass times on Easter Sunday. Please contact the parish office if you are able and willing.

### **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday, 10th April, 7.30pm St. Thomas'. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

The Mass re-enacts Jesus' Last Supper with its theme of service. Representatives of some of the ministries of our parish will bring up symbols of their service and with the clergy will renew their dedication to service. They do this in your name, and hopefully you will join in.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross at 10.30am and 8pm.

### **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm at St. Thomas' & Chigwell Convent.**

Please note that at this service the front benches in St. Thomas' will be reserved for those with walking difficulties.

Our annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken at this service.

*Collections from all Masses over the  
Easter weekend will be parishioners'  
contribution to the Franciscan  
Community.*

### **EASTER TRIDUUM ROTAS**

Many thanks to everyone who offered their services; the rotas for Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Sacristans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, are located at the back of the church (on the left as you leave the church). Please ensure that you check the rotas before you leave. If you volunteered yours services but your name hasn't been included, this is due to the response to last weekend's appeal resulting in all services being oversubscribed.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

An empty church—though the traditional Polish food blessing will be at 11am. After sunset we come to the dark church. Without preamble we hear the story of creation. A fire is lit, We read, we light the Easter Candle and shout: Christ our Light! He is risen. A far better life has begun for Jesus and for us. Blessing of water, profession of faith follow. One will be baptised, two more received into full communion of our church and the sacrament of confirmation added. It is the most dramatic and interesting liturgy of the whole year. Do come and enjoy it. It starts at 8.30pm. You are all warmly invited to cheese and wine in the Becket Centre after the Mass which will end about 9.50pm.

Please note that the normal 6pm Saturday evening Mass is replaced by the Easter Vigil at 8.30pm (note new time)

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 13th April will **NOT** be held on that date as it is Maundy Thursday. We will meet instead the following week on Thursday, 20th April at 7.30pm in the William Scott Room upstairs. Please ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Friday, 21st April 10am—12.30am here in the Becket Centre in aid of the East Africa Emergency Appeal.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish Sofia Yeend and Parker Barkley Crisp who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **REPOSITORY**

From this weekend there will be a special display of appropriate gifts for our First Holy Communion recipients.

### **IN TOUCH**

**IN TOUCH** parish magazine on sale at all Masses —price £2.

### **MASS FOR MIGRANTS**

In the Diocese of Brentwood. In honour of St. Joseph the Worker. 20th May 11am at St. Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. Main Celebrant Bishop Alan Williams sm. Join us at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Monday, 8th May at 8pm for a CAFOD talk on Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis called upon parishes to play their part supporting refugees. This is your opportunity to respond to that call. If you are interested in finding out more contact [brendaund@gmail.com](mailto:brendaund@gmail.com).

### **CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS**

We will be decorating the church on Holy Saturday 15th April from 10am in St. Thomas'.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

On the 11th, its **EASTER EGG BINGO**. Don't worry - no search involved! Mild hysteria and refreshments at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Why not combine it with the **LENTEN LUNCH?**

### **URGENTLY REQUIRED**

We need more printers to join the much depleted printing rota for the weekly newsletter. The machine is easy to use and tuition will be given. The printing is usually done on a Friday. If you feel you can help, please contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **JUMBLE & USED GOODS**

These have intermittently been left in the porch. Please do not leave anything of this kind. We have no means of using or directing such goods. In fact we are incurring expense in getting rid of furniture and bulky goods left here with good intentions but without any possibility of putting them to use.

### **SOUP RUN**

Wednesday, 12th April. We would be grateful to receive men's clothing, toiletries, shoes/trainers, fruit, cakes and sandwiches. We are also making an appeal for Easter Eggs. Please bring to the office during office hours 9.30am—1.30pm on Wednesday or bring to the Becket Centre at 7pm. Grateful thanks.

### **LENTEN LUNCHES**

So far, Lenten lunches have raised nearly £1,300 for Mary's Meals. Our "ecumenical soups" have been enjoyed by guests from All Saints, Bancroft's Ecumenical Church, the United Free, St. Barnabas and St. Mary's as well as by our own parishioners. Please come and join us in the Becket Centre for the last lunch on Tuesday of Holy Week between 12.15pm and 1.30pm. Homemade soup, French bread and butter, all for just £3.

*Please note there will be no newsletter  
on Easter Sunday.*

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will re-open on Wednesday, 19th April.