

SYNOD

Some hopeful signs emerged from a high powered conference in Rome last week. I summarise some of the aspirations:

1. The work in hand is neither to preserve the status quo at all costs, nor to move to acceptance of the easy solutions of contemporary society.
2. God is speaking: we need to hear and then articulate the language he is using.
3. The way forward comes from a life of prayer and the exercise of family and marital values in daily living. From absorbing the underlying sense of scripture and traditional documents, rather than isolated texts.
4. At grass-root level we need to seek how to exercise compassion eg when a marriage breaks down to care for those damaged rather than wait to impose sanctions when a new relationship begins to germinate. Also the issues of diversity of sexual orientations.

I think this gives us something to be digesting and then to share among ourselves. How shall we go about it?

Quentin



FMU APPEAL

Please put your envelope in the basket provided at the back of the church. There are empty envelopes available for any who want them. Thank you for your support.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB

There are two good courts and a clubhouse, idyllically situated in the friary gardens. If you would like to play tennis there, do contact, Bernard Hunter on 07968 173110 for details. We charge a small subscription fee to cover maintenance and other costs. Membership is open to anybody

PARISH GARDEN FETE

A huge thank you: first of all to you who worked so hard before the day and on Saturday. Then to all who came, helped, spent and I hope enjoyed the Fete. Alas friars were sparse, and I regret and apologise. The Fete is a wonderful exercise in bonding the parish family. Well done and I look forward to being in the thick of it next year.

Quentin

There are a number of unclaimed raffle prizes from the Fete in the Parish Office awaiting collection.

Lost at the Garden Fete boys, black, Stone Island jacket. Please pop it into the parish office if you took it home by mistake.

PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST

Today there will be a brief talk at the end of each mass by a member of this excellent society helping prisoners who emerge from prison. Thank God this time it is not an appeal for money. You are battered far more than you deserve. They are looking for people who can spare a little time to befriend someone facing the enormous hill of re-entering society after a spell in jail, with all the disadvantages the ex-prisoner faces. Jesus names this, surprisingly, as one of the 5 works that guarantee entry to heaven!

ST ANTONY'S SCHOOL

Are looking to appoint an Admin Assistant to work in their busy friendly office. **22.5 hours a week (Term time) 12noon—4.30 p.m.** Please email st-antony@redbridge.gov.uk for an application pack.

TUESDAY CLUB

Are meeting next Tuesday, 23rd June at 2.00pm to enjoy some of Peter's music. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please support the Parish Music Festival. We pay tribute to the 70th anniversary of VE and VJ Days in Mr. Churchill's former constituency.

4th July at 7.45pm. The Aurelian String Orchestra brings the Last Night of the Proms to St. Thomas'. This wonderful professional orchestra will fill our church with glorious sound, including the Hallelujah Choirs & Vivaldi's 'Spring' concerto.

11th July at 7.45pm. Redbridge Brass Band has recently performed at the national championships. They will provide a one hour programme of 1940s music to honour Sea Sunday & VJ Day. Both concerts offer a free glass of wine/soft drink. Tickets available at the parish office or from the box office 0208 505 7900. Please pre book to assist catering. If you cannot attend either event, will you sponsor us? £10 sponsors a WW2 guest £1 sponsors their glass of fizz. Profits donated to the Jumbulance Appeal & the Royal British Legion.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will be holding our annual tea in the Becket Centre on Sun. 28th June from 3pm to 5pm. We welcome all who have been bereaved to join us for a simple tea and a chat. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative. It would be helpful for us to have numbers for catering so if you would ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 she will send you an invitation with the details.

URGENT APPEAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We desperately need more volunteers to organise this year's event and bring fresh ideas to the table! It is a great way to start the Christmas Festivities bringing the Parish together as a whole. Please contact the parish office for more details.

We really need your help!!



JOURNEY OF FAITH BBQ

To finish this year's JOF sessions there will be a BBQ/Garden Party 28th June at 3pm at 72 Malvern Drive, Woodford Green, IG8 OJP. Anybody associated with the JOF over the past 30 years is welcome. Please spread the word. For catering purposes, please RSVP to leon@racionzer.net with numbers as soon as possible.

ALTAR SERVERS

Calling all former altar servers and their mums. 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. Albs are costly items and if we can't recover those that are no longer being used, we will have to spend money replacing them. Please help us. On occasions we have had to turn servers away because we have not had an alb of the appropriate size.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community William John Gilbert, Annabelle Varga-Andonova, Frederic Austin Pawelec, and Clementina Monti who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course, please contact the parish office. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASSES

At St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone on Mon. 13th July at 11.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Lately Dead Paddy Callanan, Eric Church, Alex Weatherley, Dennis Byrne. Alex Weatherley's Requiem will take place on Thursday, 25th June at 10.00am in St. Thomas'.

Anniv: Jimmy Neary, Maureen Potter, Patrick, Eileen & Joseph Kearney, Phil Archer, David Barouch & Laurence Dillon.

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, 25th June 9am Kath Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Amanda Rae, Melanie Miller, Emily Hannon.

LOYOLA PREPARATORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Is seeking to appoint a Midday Assistant and a Kitchen Assistant. For further information and an application form please call the school office 020 8504 7372 or www.loyola.essex.sch.uk

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine will be on sale at all Masses next weekend. This is the last issue edited by the current editor so it may be worth keeping a copy for posterity. All entries for the autumn issue should be forwarded to the new editor, Alan Mair at editor@myintouch.co.uk.

SOUP RUN

We are up London again next Wed and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tins, sweets, fruit and clean men's clothing.

The numbers needing help has increased dramatically in recent months and the food supplied has been declining if you have any spare tins, food or toiletries please either drop them into the parish office or leave in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wed night. Thank you for your continued support.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

21st JUNE 2015



We are often overwhelmed by what life throws at us. Scripture teaches us that in the midst of our troubles, Jesus Christ is our one sure hope.

First Reading (Job 38:1. 8-11)

The creation is a mystery that shows the power of the Lord.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

Through his death Christ has established a new creation.

Gospel (Mark 4:35-41)

Jesus sleeps while a storm threatens to overcome the boat he and his disciples are in. The disciples wake Jesus and he calms the storm, then he asks them why they were so afraid and did not have faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
O Give thanks to the Lord
For his love endures for ever