

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, John Burke, 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: John Burnham, Alec Murphy.

Lately Dead : Olivia Begley, Helen Crowsley (former teacher at St. Antony's School) died on 24th March, Cliff Cross, Roland Dias, Tony Dover, Christine Halliday, James Ironmonger, Mrs McEvoy, Ghassan Yousif.

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

Friday 9am 7th April Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson

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.

Will the people who have recently volunteered to help with the church cleaning, please pick up their copy of a rota from the church porch.

BADMINTON

Monday from 7.30pm—9.30pm Trinity School, Mornington Road. All welcome. Contact Michael 07941 479485.

CWL

Meeting Wednesday, 5th April 8pm in the Assisi Room.

SOUP RUN

The next soup run will be on 12th April. We will be asking for donations of Easter Eggs next weekend.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 4th April after 10am Mass in the Francis Room.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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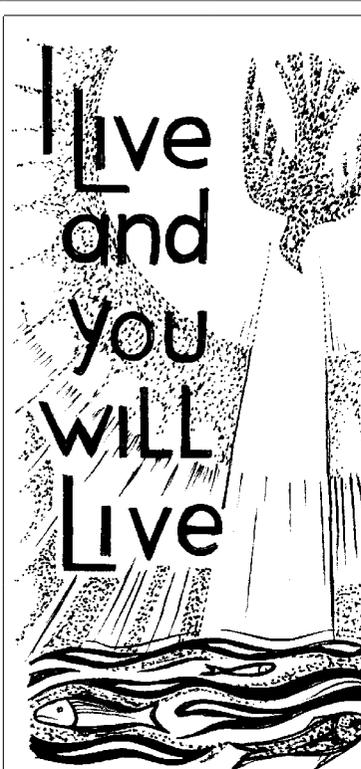
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE A

2nd APRIL 2017



In today's Gospel Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This great sign points us forward to Easter when, in the resurrection, Jesus will defeat death for all of us.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord promises to open his people's graves and give them his life-giving spirit.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies too.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and challenges our belief in his resurrection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption

LENT DISCUSSIONS

I want to thank you for coming in such numbers to the three evenings we shared. Opinions expressed ranged widely. But there was unanimous agreement that it was a good exercise. The lead team is meeting to see how we will progress from where we left off last Thursday. Watch this space.

HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY

The solemn procession will start from Bethfage (aka Becket Centre) at 11.30 next Sunday. Please come early to learn your part in the enthusiastic welcome. You got the idea last year: next Sunday put it into effect.

It begins a week when we accompany Jesus through the last week of his natural life. It tells us much about ourselves if we keep pace with the unfolding narrative.

NB the carpark will close at 11.25 because of the procession.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AT 8PM

We act out the drama of the Last Supper. The evening is heavy with brooding tension. The “apostles” prepare the upper room. Jesus astounds them by washing their feet; still more by the gift of Communion. It does not end there. We join them as they wend their way to the garden – Gethsemane. There we spend time probing into Jesus’ terror. Indeed Night had fallen. The church stays open till 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

There is no Mass. We concentrate on Calvary. Stations of the Cross will be led for children at 11am and for all at 8 pm. The Main liturgy at 3 pm comprises a reading of the passion according to John, the universal prayers, veneration of the cross and then communion.

The day is heavy, the church empty. God is dead. We know of course what is coming, but more of that next week.

Do join actively in this narrative. I hope to organise practices for the servers at each liturgy. Holy Week flyers detailing the times of all services are available at the back of the church.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Every Tuesday until 11th April in the Becket Centre from 12.15pm to 1.30pm. Come and join us for home-made soup and French bread with butter, all for £3. All proceeds will be sent to Mary’s Meals to provide lunches for schoolchildren in Haiti.



SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

Next meeting on 6th April at 7.30pm in the Clare Room.



All are welcome.

GARDEN FETE 24th June

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

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 about this meeting.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Many thanks to all those who offered their services last weekend; we do however, still need more Readers, Ministers of Communion, Sacristans and Ushers for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please add your name to the lists located at the back of the church if you are able to help.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting 7.30pm on Monday, 3rd April at the Convent.

GCSE INTENSIVE MATHS TUITION

April 17th and 18th in the Clare Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) 9.30am—3.30pm with Deepah Kalia and Alan Mair. More details from Ask@Mrkalia.com

REQUIRED

Loyola Preparatory School, and all boys, Catholic School based in Buckhurst Hill, Essex are seeking to appoint a qualified and enthusiastic Reception class teacher for 2 days a week starting September 2017 or earlier. For further information and application pack please email finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk. Closing date Friday 21st April 2017.

IN TOUCH

IN TOUCH parish magazine on sale at all Masses from this weekend—price £2. Featuring the life story of Fr. Ignatius Kelly O.F.M.

SVP

The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donations to our collection last weekend. Over £500 was raised for our work within the parish and over £6,000 for the baby feeding programme in Sudan. It costs just £1 to feed a baby there for a week, your donations will save so many lives, thank you.

MUSIC GROUP CAKE SALE

After all Sunday Masses today in the Becket Centre to raise funds for maintenance of equipment. Please come along and buy some cakes and help support us in providing music at Mass every week. *Thank you.*

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.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday 3rd April at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. New members are most welcome.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wishes to appoint 2 x Class Teachers for September 2017. The position is available for a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. NQT's are welcome to apply. Application form and job description from www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk or admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk. Deadline for applications is Friday, 14th April 2017.

JUMBLE

PLEASE PLEASE do not leave jumble in the church. It is unsightly and also a fire risk. We would be grateful for your co-operation in this matter.

LOURDES INTENTIONS

The young parishioners going on the HCPT pilgrimage in April are offering to take parishioners' intentions to Lourdes. Please leave your intentions in the Parish Office and they will be collected.