

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS 4TH OCTOBER



Falls next Sunday. Readers please note the special readings: Sirach 50, 1-7 - Psalm 16 - Galatians 6 14-18. They are all in the book so you do not need to provide them. On Saturday evening at 5.30 we friars will perform the simple ceremony of St Francis "Transitus" (meaning death) in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Francis was a dramatist. In his last hours he reinforced the basics he had taught his brothers by word and example. These we rehearse on Saturday. Do come to join us.

Please pray for all the Franciscans in our Friary as they celebrate their Professions in the Order. We especially note on Sunday 27th the 40th of Br Raymond and the 35th of Br Michael.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 2nd October

Your support and donations this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training. This will empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. Please take an envelope from the back of church.

"We can't hear you" was the cry at last weekend masses. There was an electro-mechanical failure of course, but it took us a while to realise it. I hope and think the resourceful Jon Constable will have restored the system to its earlier good level. But do tell us when it goes wrong.

PARISH AGM

We are pleased to confirm that this year's Parish AGM will be held at 12.30pm on Sunday, 11th October 2015 in the Becket Centre. The meeting will last about an hour and it's a chance to hear about parish matters over the last year and look forward to 2016. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you have any particular questions you want raised but are unable to attend please contact Jeremy Davey 07717 456 035 or jeremydavey@btinternet.com and we will ensure that these are presented at the AGM.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a group of volunteers who meet on a monthly basis to support the friars in the running of the parish. We are always looking for new members to join the council to give a few hours a month for council business. If you would like to be considered to join the council or would be interested in understanding the role further we would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Jeremy Davey on 07717 456 035 or jeremydavey@btinternet.com if you would like to know more.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparations have begun. Over 110 children have been allocated groups and catechists have volunteered to help you parents to teach your children about Jesus and his real presence. I am most grateful to Alison and her catechists who give up their Saturday mornings for the greater part of the year to help you. Your part is to assist with the work given to do at home. Even more important is it to come to Mass every Sunday both during the preparations and after. And yes: there is no further possibility of others being admitted to the programme. They are stretched enough already.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 14th October at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the Application procedure.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with Quentin for him to issue the certificates of catholic practice (now required by the diocese for applications to Trinity for Sept 2016) please call the parish office ONLY on Tuesday & Wednesday morning. He will be making appointments with people on:-

Thursday 1st Oct 11am - 12 noon

Friday 2nd Oct 4pm - 5pm

Friday 2nd Oct 7pm - 8pm

There will be an opportunity for further appointments during October—dates to be advised.

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Open evening on Thursday 1st October 7pm—9.30pm. The Headteacher will speak at 7.15pm

ST ALBANS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Hornchurch

The Governors wish to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644 for further details.

ST JOHN'S R.C. SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Are hosting an open morning on Wednesday 7th Oct between 10am and 12 noon. Please call 020 8504 1818 or visit the website www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk for details.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

For the tax year 2014/2015 are available at the back of church for collection.

APPLES

There are apples in the friary garden which are needing to be gathered and picked. Parishioners are welcome to help themselves.



St Thomas of Canterbury Youth Football

As we enter season 2015-16 St Thomas of Canterbury Football continues to grow. We now have 8 teams playing. We are looking for players, both girls and boys from year 1 upwards to year 10. We do have a small group of reception players as well. Our football philosophy is developing players. Our parents do not shout at, or make our children uncomfortable to be playing. Training is Tuesday evening 5.30 till 6.45 for years 1-6 and at 6.45 till 8pm for older players. For more info please call Matt on 07855 170256 or email chairman@steyfc.com or simply bring your child along to Ashton Playing Fields, Chigwell Road—just by M11 flyover at Woodford Bridge.

Matt Tallon Director of Coaching

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are looking for a committed & enthusiastic Classroom Teacher to join our friendly team in November 2015 for a KS2 maternity cover. Closing date for applications 9th October 2015

LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL

Open morning on Tuesday 17th November 9.30am (prompt) until 11.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Claire, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Alex McVeigh, Hohn Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Anneli Prowse, Polica Rajan, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Jean Terry, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall

Lately Dead. John Martin.
John's requiem will take place at 11am in St Thomas' on Tuesday 29th September.

Anniv: Patricia Coffey, Giovanna Clifford, Brian Howes, James McDonnell

WHITE STORK TAI CHI CLUB

Rudi plans to start a new Tai Chi Class on Thursdays in the Becket Centre 9.45am—10.45am, please call him on 020 8502 9842 to find out more and he will decide if there is enough interest.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Got off to a good start with 4 newcomers. Plenty of room for others to join in. We meet at 8pm tomorrow (Monday).

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 1st Oct. Kath Mahoney, Jackie Edwards, Amanda Rae & Emily Hannon

STEWARDS REQUIRED

We are looking for more volunteers to help with stewarding at the Saturday 6pm Mass. If you are interested please contact Myrtle Scannell on 07956 289441 or email myrtlescannell@aol.com.

15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES

Are you free on a Tuesday night from 5.20pm—6.20pm and would like to come and help with girls aged 5—7? Please contact Janet Morris 07803810666.

UNWANTED TEXTILES?

To raise much needed funds for St. Antony's School in October. For more information contact Claire 07905406361.

CWL JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

SPANISH LESSONS

For primary school aged children in the Becket Centre on Fridays after school. For more information call 0795 7133176 or email babelia@btinternet.com

St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

Tel: 020 8504 1686 Fax: 020 8504 1844



Email: parishoffice@friar.org Web: www.stthomaswoodford.org

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B**

27TH SEPTEMBER 2015



Good and evil, heaven and hell, are real enough. Our world is a battleground of these forces. The Lord calls us to be united with all who are on the side of goodness.

First Reading
(Numbers 11:25-29)

The Lord is generous in bestowing his Spirit.

Second Reading
(James 5:1-6)

The wealthy who behave unjustly will pay for their callous attitude.

Gospel
(Mark 9:38-43 45 47-48)

Jesus warns us of the destructive power of power.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

There is an SVP collection after all masses this weekend