

24 HOURS ADORATION

I got the dates wrong last week: it should have been 20th to Saturday 21st May. Also: a little 't' slipped out of the stated purpose: to stimulate prayer, so the printed word actually suggested the opposite. No matter 'No such thing as bad publicity'. The important thing is that everyone knows this is a big parish event. My hope is that every single member of the parish will come and spend some time during the day or night quietly with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. A rota will be arranged, particularly for the night time. If any group wants to take over a period they are welcome. The intention is that there will be much silence. But brief assistance to prayer—readings music, prayers interspersed with the silence will help.

URGENT NEED

Leaders for the Sunday 10am children's liturgy

Again last Sunday there was only one leader with the requisite DBS clearance and two thoughtful mums to care for nearly 50 children. We need more volunteers to help with the large number of children who go into the Becket Centre for their liturgy of the Word. The practice is good for the children and good for the parents. But more generosity is needed. There should be a rota—so that the children are taught and the leaders do not miss their own adult Mass every Sunday. Please tell Jackie Edwards or Quentin if you are ready to take your turn.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Isobel Mairi McKay, Rory Joseph Carmody, Casey Ines Langbridge and Alice Elizabeth Quinn who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion cards and gifts available from the Repository.

QUIZ NIGHT & CAKE SALE

Three young adults from the parish (Trinity pupils) are volunteering in Lourdes, along with Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in August. They need to self fund and are therefore hosting a fundraising Quiz Night on 7th May at 7.30 for 8pm start in the Becket Centre and would love if you could support them by booking tickets or a table! Please text/telephone Margaret on 07478 868 871 to book your tickets/table.

Olivia, James and Fleur would like to thank all those who supported them at their Cake Sale last Sunday to raise funds for them to assist on the Lourdes Pilgrimage this coming summer.

Through your generosity they raised over £500! Apologies to those who attended 11.30am Mass—it seems the 8.30am and 10am crew bought most of the stock. They look forward to seeing you at their Quiz Night on 7th May.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD

Requires a Mid-day Assistant. 7.5 hrs per week, term time only. Closing date Tues. 3rd May. Contact the school 020 8989 4700.

OPEN MORNING

9.30—10.30am Thurs. 5th May.

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2016. Girls born between 1.9.12—31.8.13 and Reception Class birthdays between 1.9.11—31.8.12 For more details contact 0208989 4700 enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

TUESDAY CLUB

26th April Jennifer Plummer will be speaking about Trafalgar Square at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

10AM MASS

We need both more singers and instrumentalists to join us so that we can always be available. If you have any musical skills, however minimal, please consider joining us.

15TH WOODFORD GUIDES

We are looking for guide uniform that you may have grown out of or you don't need any more. If you have any, please contact Janet on 07803810666.

We are also seeking an additional Assistant. We meet in in the Becket Centre on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested please contact Julie Woodman. julie.traynor@btopenworld.com.

PLEASE NOTE

Teas and coffees will not be served in the Becket Centre during the month of May due to 1st Communion Masses.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We are up London again next Wednesday and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, fruit, sweets, tins, toiletries and warm clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday evening or in the parish office during opening hours. Thank you for your continued support.

LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL BUCKHURST HILL

Is seeking to appoint a KS2 Teacher with a responsibility for English. For further information please see the school website: www.loyola.essex.sch.uk. For an application pack please either call 020 8504 7372 or email office@loyola.essex.sch.uk. Closing date 9th May by 10am.

CHURCH FLOWERS



Thank you to the ladies who have offered to help arrange the flowers in St. Thomas'.

You may notice that we now have two pedestals. Guidance has commenced!

Just come along on a Thursday at 2pm for about an hour to see whether you may like to get involved. It is very therapeutic. You may like to work in teams of two to start with. Once everyone is confident then we can compile a rota and share the ministry. N.B. The flowers are supplied by the parish. **Grateful thanks Barbara.**

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Require a talented, dynamic and exceptional teacher, who is a practising Catholic to join our Senior Leadership team. Visits to the school are encouraged and welcomed. Please contact the school on 020 8504 4706 for more information. Closing date 3rd May.

TELCO

28th April 2016 Reminder

The coach leaves for the Copperbox on 28th April from St. Thomas' at 5pm prompt. Some people have not confirmed. Contact Angela on 020 8504 2138.

PARISH GALA CONCERT

Saturday July 2nd in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

Please put the date in your diaries.

IN TOUCH

Parish magazine on sale at the back of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Franca Francioni, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- James Brown, Dominic Correia, Dealinda Maria Ferreira, John Gilligan, Francis Hammond, Joe Martin,

Lately Dead:- Clare Gallagher, Olive Jennings, Prodomos Manoli, Anneli Prowse, Thomas Stafford, & Kathleen Preston

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please register with the parish office.

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 28th April Kath Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Amanda Rae, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes.

ENJOY YOUR LIFE MUM!

Free Walking Meet up Group for Happy Mamas, organized by Anya—Life Coach. Please join me every Sunday at 11.30am at Connaught Water Car Park for an hour walking, networking and brainstorming sessions. Kids, friends welcome.

EARLY YEARS/KSI/KS2 CLASS TEACHERS

The Ursuline Preparatory School, Ilford are seeking to appoint qualified teachers. Applications are welcome from new entrants to the profession and from established teachers keen to contribute to the further development of teaching and learning. For more information contact 020 8518 4050 or via www.urspsi.org.uk.

HOUSEHOLD DUTIES

Available to do household duties cleaning/ironing etc. Good rates, references available, CRB checked, works in all areas. Please contact 07960 077452.

FOUND

Large white vtech watch. Please collect from parish office.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

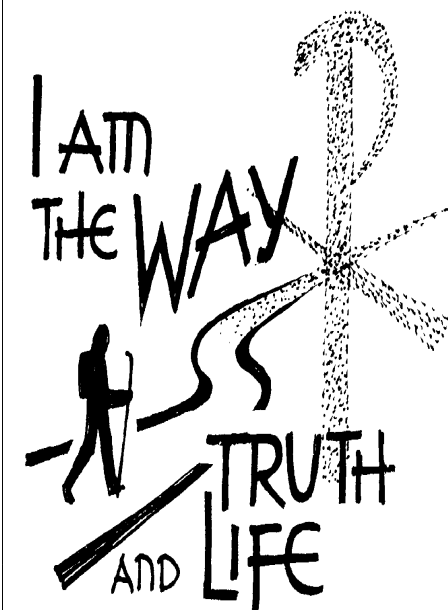
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C

24TH APRIL 2016



Faith is our vision, our hope, our encouragement, and love for one another is our way of life. Let us bless the Lord for making all things new.

First Reading (Acts 14:21-27)

Paul and Barnabas complete their missionary journey and put fresh heart into the followers of the Lord.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 21:1-5)

In faith we see the God who wipes all tears away.

(Gospel)

(John 13:31-35)

We are to love as Christ loves us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
I will bless your name for ever
O God my King