

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Sam Barter, Miss Terry Bennett, Catherine Bissmire, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Chris Fitzgerald, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Roseanne O'Connor, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

**Lately dead:** Francis Quinn & Barbara Smith

**Anniversaries:** Daniel Kivington, Joanna Elflain, Michael Reilly, John McGovern, Ron Johnson

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

### 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

## St Thomas of Canterbury YFC

Are looking for boys & girls to join our expanding football teams. Reception to Yr11 players welcome to our friendly club. No shouting parents allowed as we strive to provide the players with a pressure free environment where they can develop their potential as players and thrive as confident young people. Training at Ashton Playing Fields every Tuesday. For more info contact Matt Tallon: chairman@stcyfc.com or 07855 170256.

## Parish Annual Sponsored Walk for BCCS

This year's walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Sat 23rd June. The walk is suitable for ALL ages, families are especially welcomed. These walks are a major fundraiser for BCCS, last year we raised over £3000. Please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more info & for registration and sponsorship forms.

## SOUP RUN

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 23rd May. Please leave your donations of food & warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm.

The Soup Runs teams would like to say a big Thank you to the Holy Family Sisters for their generous donation, recently received.



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Woodford Green

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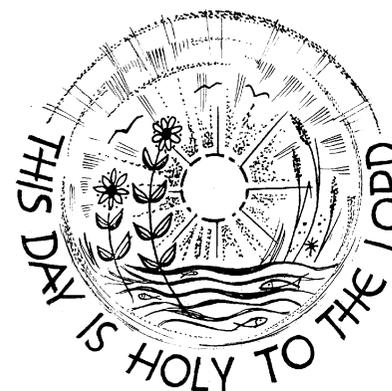
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## Pentecost Sunday Cycle B

**20th MAY 2018**

As the Easter season ends, we celebrate a whole new beginning: the Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus begin their apostolate to witness to the risen Christ. The task did not end with the twelve; our apostolate is that same witness, that same making visible the presence of Christ in today's world.



### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

On the final day of Passover, Jesus' disciples receive the Holy Spirit in a way that recalls the giving of the Law to the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

### Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are so much different from other fruits. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the fruits of love, peace, patience, gentleness.

### Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be Jesus' witness when he comes, and, through the Spirit, Jesus' followers also become his witnesses.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Send forth your spirit, O Lord  
And renew the face of the earth.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

We offer a very cordial welcome to Geraldine Mansbridge who has this week started her task as Office Manager. Holiday bookings mean she will not be fully operational till next month. Then our office team will be back to full strength. Monday opening will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> June. I am most grateful to Sue, Kate and Lucy for doing much extra work through the past few months.

## **MASS-ON-THE-GRASS**

In 3 weeks' time there will be no Sunday mass in St Thomas church. We will all be celebrating in the garden. I hope at least 1200 will be there for the Mass which will begin at 11.30. So think of the car park. Can you be generous and leave the car spaces for those less nimble and unable to walk far? Bring picnics, and if possible share them. Bring a sun hat and something to sit on. And pray for a scorching day. CU there!

## **TRAFFIC CONES**

Each Sunday cones have been deployed indicating no parking opposite the church. They have been disregarded, often run over, impeding free passage. So we have decided to remove them. There are still double yellow lines. These also are frequently ignored. I suspect the offenders – who would not dare park on double-yellow on the public street for fear of fines – are not readers of this newsletter.

## **Fr ISIDORE**

Thank you for your prayers. They are evidently working for he is, not yet nimble, but much more mobile than hitherto. He was ordained a priest 50 years ago on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1968. He will be celebrating this occasion with a Mass of Thanksgiving on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in our church (the 10 am Mass will be cancelled). A reception will take place in the Becket Centre afterwards. All are welcome to attend this special event in our parish.

## **CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Is your faith-life frozen?** I see many people who come to Sunday mass with us, live a good life, harm no one, and are busy with job and domestic details. But their faith-life trundles round a narrow circular track. It is ill-fed and sometimes leads to a total disenchantment with church and even God. The remedy: to get involved actively in giving to the church family by committing to join one of the groups feeding parish life.

**Are we misogynist?** The church is frequently criticised for this undoubted failure – and sin. I see the majority of our church cleaners, leaders of Sunday children's liturgy and communion preparation are the ladies. The Parish Council now boasts only 3 ladies, the rest are all men. We much need the special insights and talents for resolving doubts and difficulties by gentle love that the feminine touch brings to every undertaking. The Council must grow in authority and real effectiveness if our parish is to thrive. We need keen vigorous members, especially ladies to offer their service at the **Parish AGM on July 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **FRIARY TENNIS CLUB**

There are 2 newly repainted courts, and a clubhouse, idyllically situated in the friary gardens. If you would like to play tennis there, do please contact the club chair by emailing [bernard.hunter@which.net](mailto:bernard.hunter@which.net) for details. All levels of ability are welcome. We charge a small subscription fee to cover maintenance and other costs. Membership is open to anybody.

## **COLLECTING OLD CLOTHES & SHOES**

A Parishioner is putting together a box to send to needy families in Malacca, Malaysia. If you have any clothing - adult or child - please call Lawrence Xavier on 020 8925 0302.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 25th May, 9am:  
Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Francesca Cushion & Liz Atkinson

**Message for Saturday team cleaning on 9th June.** This is the day of Fr Isidore's Mass (at 11am) If you are available could you come a bit earlier so the church will be clean well before mass (there is no 10am mass). Thank you - Pat

## **USHERS/STEWARDS AT 10am Sunday Mass**

We are looking for families to help out at 10am mass. The commitment is once every 6 weeks welcoming people, handing out service sheets, conducting the Offertory collection, etc. A really good way of meeting new people and getting your children involved in the mass. Guidance given. Please contact David Underwood at [davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidmt.underwood@ntlworld.com)

## **DIY**

The Parish fabric team need 1 or 2 new volunteers to help with simple maintenance jobs around the place. Please email [fabricteam16@gmail.com](mailto:fabricteam16@gmail.com) with some details about your skills & experience or if you want to know more.

## **TUESDAY CLUB**

Always interesting and informative, whatever he chooses to chat about, BILL will delve into the **Jim Reeves** story on the 22nd. See you at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

## **REPOSITORY**

His Holiness Pope Francis' new advice for ordinary Christians like us "Gaudete et Exsultate" - "Rejoice and be Glad", now available from the repository.

## **Frank & Rosa Fitzpatrick**

Celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 26th May with a mass of Thanksgiving at 3pm.  
All are welcome.

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The following posts are currently available:  
**Teacher of Media MPS/UPS** Sept 2018  
**Teacher of Science MPS/UPS** Sept 2018  
**Teacher of Religious Education**, plus TLR MPS/UPS -  
Please see school web site for more details.

## **LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL**

Peter & Sarah Nicolson cordially invite Old Boys & their Families to a Mass to mark their retirement after 30 years at Loyola. The celebration will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 6th July 2018 at 7pm followed by a reception.  
RSVP [office@loyola.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@loyola.essex.sch.uk)



## **PARISH CONCERT JUNE 30TH**

A tribute to the Centenary of Armistice and the 80th Anniversary of

Kindertransport.

The 'Lux Altona' Ensemble and Parish Choir will present Karl Jenkin's 'Mass for Peace : the Armed Man' and many other favourites. Tickets on sale from the Parish Office. £14 - free entry for accompanied children. Are you able to sponsor the concert with donations of refreshments?

## **Scripture Sharing Group**

Readers and any interested parishioners are welcome to attend. We will meet on Thursday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre, for approx 1 hour. You are invited to share & reflect on the readings of the following Sunday's Liturgy. It is not a discussion group, but a means to explore and deepen our understanding of the Word of God. All are welcome.