

**ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
RECEPTION APPLICATIONS**

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept 2009 and 31st August 2010 and who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept. 2014. Applications are made on line on the Redbridge website [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) and then follow the link for Admissions, or if you live in another authority please apply direct to them. If you are a Redbridge resident and do not have access to a computer/internet at home you can use those situated in all libraries or by making an appointment at the Redbridge "One Stop Shop" which is in Lynton House, 255-259 High Road, Ilford, O20 8554 5000. If you have any queries please contact the school on 020 8504 4706. The Supplementary Forms and Priest's Reference Forms can be downloaded from the school's website [www.st-antony.net](http://www.st-antony.net) or collected from the school. The parish office requires the completed priests reference form along with copy of the child's baptism cert. and non-returnable family photo. The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Thurs. 3rd Oct. at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the Application procedure.

**SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS**

Wednesday night. We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit cakes, sweets and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office on Wed. morning or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening. With more and more people finding it hard to live on the income they have we find they are turning to soup runs for help. Please continue to support our soup run. We are once again making a special appeal for tins of beans, soup, tuna etc.

*Assisi Lunch Friday, 27th Sept in the  
Becket Centre*

**CHURCH CLEANING**



Friday 10.30am 27th  
Sept. Rachel Varney,  
Lisa McDonnell, Carole  
Burns, Emma Palin,  
Janet Walker, Fionuala  
Cowell. If you are unable  
to come could you please  
change with someone from another team.  
Thank you. We need a few new people to  
help with cleaning on a Thursday and  
Friday morning for one hour in a team  
once in 7 weeks. Please 'phone Pat Bell  
on 8504 4577 for more info.

**OPEN EVENING  
TRINITY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**

For Parents of Prospective Year 7  
Entrants to Trinity Catholic High School  
(Science & Sports College) on  
Wednesday, 25th Sept. at the Lower  
School, Sydney Road between 6pm and  
7.30pm., followed by a presentation from  
Dr. Doherty (Headmaster) at 7.30pm.

We ask parents to stagger their arrival so  
that they can be escorted around the  
School in small groups. It would also be  
helpful if families could limit their  
attendance to parents and the child for  
whom they will be applying. If you have  
any special needs in relation to  
attendance, please contact the School in  
advance so that arrangements can be  
made on 020 8504 8946.

The closing date for applications is 31st  
Oct. 2013. Please note that applicants  
will need to complete a common  
application form which will be provided  
by their own Local Authority. This  
application then needs to be returned to  
the applicants own Local Authority.

The parish office requires the completed  
priest's reference form along with copy of  
the child's baptism cert and non-  
returnable family photo.

**CONFIRMATION  
PROGRAMME 2014**

Applications to join the Confirmation  
Programme are available at the back of the  
church. The programme will run from 27th  
February 2014 until 8th June 2014 and is  
open to young people registered in our  
parish who are currently in school year 10  
and above.

The closing date for applications is Monday,  
1st October 2013.

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
AFTER THIS DATE**

**1st COMMUNION 2014**

Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd Oct. at 8pm in  
the Becket Centre for all parents and carers.

**USHERS 10.00am MASS**

It would be greatly appreciated if ushers  
could come into the Becket Centre at the  
start of the Creed to call children  
Liturgy Catechists.

**BADMINTON CLUB**

The Club has restarted on Thursday  
evening from 8—10pm at Trinity  
School, Mornington Road. New Players  
welcome—call Liz on 07759410304.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Ahead of this year's AGM, if you are  
interested in finding out more about the  
Parish Council or would like to put your  
name forward as a potential new  
member, please contact either Brian  
Martin or Steve Kerr via the Parish  
Office for more information.

**LAY ASSOCIATES OF  
THE HOLY FAMILY**

Meeting on Monday, 7th Oct. at Maureen's  
house at 7.30pm.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR SICK  
& HOUSEBOUND**

The Annual Mass for all our sick and  
housebound parishioners will take place  
this year on Sunday 29th September at  
3.30pm (the Mass is open to all  
parishioners). During this Mass, the  
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be  
administered to anyone wishing to receive  
it. Refreshments will be served after the  
Mass in the Becket Centre. Please contact  
the Parish Office if you require transport.  
Ministers of Communion, who take Holy  
Communion to the sick and housebound,  
please ensure that you invite those in your  
care to this Mass.

**WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community  
Charles Robert Brown, Noah Dominic  
Walter Higman, Bobby Stokes, and  
Magadela Monti who were baptised in St.  
Thomas' last weekend.

**FRANCISCAN MISSIONS**

The contributions to the FMU Appeal have  
now reached £6,000. In addition the boxes  
given in during the appeal amounted to  
£314. And we have just received from the  
Inland Revenue £1,460 in our Gift Aid  
reclaim of tax for 2012. So will be sending  
a large cheque to the Glasgow FMU Office,  
thanks for your generosity. It is nice to  
know that it is all used for the benefit of the  
poor in South Africa with no large  
administrative expenses coming out of it.

**ST. THOMAS' PLAYGROUPS**

The under 2's meet on Wednesdays  
from 9.30am until 11am. The 2-5 year  
olds meet on Tuesdays from 9.30am  
until 11am in the Becket Centre. Both  
groups have places available. The cost  
is 50p per person i.e. £1 mum & child.  
Please come along to meet local mums.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Walter Blackwell, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Channer, Chris Callow, Claire, David Clancy, Violet Clark, Sue Crail, Kathie Crowley, Chanelle Conway, Alan Cornish, Noreen Coyle, Kate Crowley, Mary Cullis, Siobhan Davids, Tomoko Dawson, Karen Davies, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Angela Francescotti, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Rowland Hill, Veronica Hutchison, Stephen Jannece, Derek Jones, Michael Kennedy, Jacqui Lebaz, Lauren, Dennis McMullen, Patricia McGurk, Mary McKay, Ron Mallett, Hannah Martin, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kathleen, Meyler, Pat Meyler, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Mary O'Connor, Katie O'Neil, John O'Niones, Lucy Owen, Lily Reding, Mark Pateman, Jacky Rott, Sandra Sifflett, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Taylor, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsfold.

*And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Lately Dead:** Gerald Clayton, Beryl Mahoney, Margaret Squires.

Beryl Mahoney's Requiem 26th Sept at 10am in St. Thomas'.

**Anniv:** Lawrence Hayes, Brendan McEvoy

### 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

## WANTED

Young polish man is looking for a single room within Woodford area. Would like to share a flat with British family. Working full-time non-smoker. Contact 0740 144 2384.

## HOW ISLAM VIEWS CHRISTIANITY

You are invited to a talk with discussion by Fr. Damian Howard S.J. in the Becket Centre on Sat. 2nd Nov. at 2.30pm.

## HELP

Help required to renovate Normandy Barn, situated close to L'Abbaye le bec hellouin—twinned with Canterbury. When completed the accommodation will be used for disadvantaged groups. B & B provided for helpers. Further details Helen 07775994363.

## WANTED

Catholic Italian Dr and family require 3-4 bedroom house to rent in Trinity catchment area. Available from November with a long term lease. Contact Daniela 07460 849989

## TUESDAY CLUB

24th Sept 2pm talk on Osborne House, Isle of Wight by Jeniser Plummer. Everyone welcome.



# St Thomas of Canterbury

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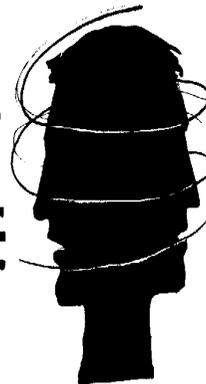
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## 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE C

22nd SEPTEMBER 2013

YOU  
CAN'T  
SERVE



TWO  
MASTERS

Today the Lord challenges us—where does our treasure lie? In God? Or in selfish pursuits.

### First Reading (Amos 8:4-7)

The prophet of old challenges the people over their corrupt dealings and oppression of those who are poor.

### Second Reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

Paul urges us to a love of unity, teaching us to pray for all God's people.

### Gospel (Luke 16:1-13)

A parable of Jesus presents us with the example of a shrewd man of the world. The lesson? Wise up!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.