

## **1st COMMUNION 2015**



Application forms are now at the back of church. Please complete one and return it if you live in our parish and have a child who will be in Year 3 in the next school year.

**The closing date for applications is Friday 19th September 2014.** No applications will be accepted after this date.

## **1ST PROFESSION**

Richard Cutting will be making his 1st Profession as a Franciscan in St. Thomas' today (Sunday) at 11.30am Mass.

## **GREAT LONDON DOCK STRIKE 125 ANNIVERSARY**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Mass to mark this anniversary on Sunday, 14th September at 6pm in St. Mary & St. Michaels Church, Commercial Road, Stepney.

The peace was signed by Cardinal Manning. Through his untiring labours he brought the strike to an end and obtained higher wages for the dockworkers. This had a great influence on the development of Catholic Social Teaching.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Kevin Stokes and Josie Denvir, Mark Keep and Margaret Ward who were married in St. Thomas' last week. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

## **CAR PARK**

Please remember to park with consideration to others and not park on the double yellow lines outside the church. Also please do not use the disabled bays unless you have a disabled badge. Grateful thanks.

## **AUSTIN O.F.M.**

God was born into our world in a way that allows faith to ground itself on something that is quiet and undramatic. Jesus, as we know, was born into our world with no fanfare and no power, a baby lying helpless in the straw, another child among millions. Nothing spectacular to human eyes surrounded his birth.

Why doesn't God show himself to us more directly and more powerfully so as to make faith easier? That's a fair question for which, partly, there is no fully satisfying answer. But the answer we do have lies in understanding the manner in which God manifests himself in our lives and in our world. Unlike most everything else that's trying to get our attention, God never tries everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and energy.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The Journey of Faith sessions will commence again at 8pm in the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) on Monday, 22nd September. These sessions are for those adults who wish to be received into the church as well as for those who simply wish to know what the church teaches whether they are already Catholic or not. There is no need to register in advance, simply turn up on the night.

## **DEANERY MUSIC DAY**

Sat. 4th Oct. at Church of Our Lady & St. George, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow. 10.00am—4pm. All are welcome, even if you do not play an instrument or cannot read music. Workshop for Singers & Instrumentalists covering Psalms for the Seasons, Mass settings and forthcoming songs and hymns for Sundays. No Charge. Just bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Booking forms at back of church.

## **PARISH DIARY**

Will all those groups and societies who use the Becket Centre on a regular basis, please submit their dates in writing for 2015 to the parish office. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried forward.

Grateful thanks.

## **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY**

We would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, sweets, toiletries and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30pm on Wednesday morning or at the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm. Thank you for your continued support.

## **FAITH AND REASON**

Dr. Charlie O'Donnell (Intensive Care Consultant at WX Hospital) will speak after all Masses about Faith & Reason next Sunday, 13th/14th. Dr. O'Donnell will promote a small book he has written. All proceeds to "WONDER", A Catholic charity supporting vulnerable women throughout the world.

## **CAKE SALE**

There will be a Cake Sale in the Becket Centre after all Masses on Sunday, 14th September in support of Cancer Research.

## **MONKHAMS NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

Would like your assistance to provide you with crime trends/prevention advice. Please leave your details on the board at the back of the church.

Grateful thanks.

## **KEEP FIT**

Returns on Monday, 8th September 8pm in the Becket Centre. Get back to fitness after the summer indulgences!

## **BAPTISMS**

If you need to attend a course please contact the parish office. If you have attended a course with a previous child the baptism can be booked. Contact the office for a form. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We do recommend that parents attend a baptism course before the birth of their child.

## **ST. THOMAS' BADMINTON CLUB**

Badminton has re-started on Thursday night between 8m and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. New players welcome. For details please 'phone Liz on 07759410304.

## **A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is not counselling but provides the tools and skills to help to get your marriage back on track. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery. The next programme commences with a residential weekend on 19th—21st Sept. 2014.

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## **TUESDAY CLUB**

Welcome back for Autumn! On the 9th Sept. Yvette Bacchus (our friendly approachable solicitor) returns to discuss more "Legal Matters". Looking forward to seeing everyone again at 2pm in the Becket Centre.

## **MESSENGERS' MEETING**

Thursday, 11th September at 8pm in the William Scott Room.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** John Burton, Julia and Peter Croft, Thomas Cruz, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Judy Gilmartin, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Jutta Menzies, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Bert Suffield

**Lately Dead.** Catherine Dunbar, John Gilmartin, Margaret (Madge) Griffin, Peter Gurney, Bernard Holford, Julia Mary Kearns, Dr. Desmond Leahy, Manuel Rocas, Mr Stokes.

Ethel Leahy would like to thank parishioners for the many Mass Cards and prayers that she received on the sad loss of Desmond. A Mass will be said for parishioners' intentions.

**May Desmond Rest in Peace.**

**Anniv:** Tony Judge, Beryl Mahoney, Agnes Mould.

### **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will resume their monthly meeting on 8th September at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

**PLEASE PLEASE do not fill up the Holy Water Font without cleaning it first!**  
**Grateful thanks.**

#### **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**

11th Sept. 10.30am Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Rowena Li.

### **MOBILE HAIRDRESSER**

Harrods Trained. Please contact Tina on 07957977380.

### **NANNY POSITION REQUIRED**

Liliett Custodio (RBS, First Aid Cert. and references) Speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese. Please contact to discuss. 07455704240 lillycustodio@gmail.com.

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### **SPANISH 4U**

Tutoring GCSE, A Level Aqa, Edexcel (Exam Board). Adults start next week. Pease call 020 8505 3069

### **IRISH DANCING**

Resumes this Monday in the Becket Centre. Any interested boys and girls should just turn up and meet teacher, Pauline Shaw ADCRG this Mon. 4.30-5.30 or 5.30—6.30 and enjoy fitness, fun and friendship 07846603259.

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## **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**7th SEPTEMBER 2014**



In today's Gospel Christ assures us that whenever two or three gather in his name, he is with them. So we can know that he is here with us today.

### **First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9)**

Like a true sentinel, Ezekiel warns against those who threaten the well-being of the community by their wrongdoing.

### **Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)**

All the commandments are summarised in one: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

### **Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)**

To correct a brother or sister, it may in the end be necessary to involve the community, but Christ himself is with that community in their deliberations.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**O that today you would listen to his voice!**  
**Harden not your hearts.**