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What is the most destructive weapon? The spoken word! It can humiliate, tear apart, ridicule, put down—It can and it should affirm, reassure, praise and bless! My word can be compared to a little seed, that falling into fertile soil will germinate and grow. A seed is very small but has a great potential.

Take 2 examples of uncompromising words of Jesus that we don't take seriously enough: *Lord, I'm not worthy...* How would you feel if the minister took you seriously and refused you communion? And again—*there is no point in coming to pray if you have something against your neighbour—go first and be reconciled... and only then come and pray.*

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

Bro. Christopher will give the annual appeal for the F.M.U. and its work in South Africa at all Masses this weekend. Please take an envelope home and bring it back next weekend with your offering for the missions. Any full mission boxes should also be given in.

PROJECT 444

Adult volunteers required for escorting students to visit isolated members of the community; the focus being on communication and gaining skills—cooking, gardening, etc. as well as social interaction CRB check essential.

epcowell@yahoo.com 0777 599 4363 Eileen Cowell.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY ORGANISING AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING?

Citizens UK is running a day conference on Wednesday, 16th July from 10am—15.15 in Trinity High School, Upper Site, Mornington Road; on Community Organising and Catholic Social Teaching in light of Pope Francis' vision.

The day will consist of a mix of formal presentations with workshops and case studies of how through the many opportunities for public action "for the common good". Attendance is free of charge and this includes lunch. As our parish is a member of Citizens UK (TELCO) we have been assigned 10 tickets. If you would like to secure a place, please contact the parish office a.s.a.p.

VACANCIES

Experienced teacher in Woodford area has vacancies for children in Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 in English and Maths. Willing to take on children during summer break. If interested to find out more please 'phone 020 8504 9575.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

ORDINATION

The Bishop's ordination is available to view on line as video highlights <https://vimeo.com/99969307>. DVD to follow.

ASSISI LUNCH

The last Assisi lunch before the summer break will be on Friday, 27th June in the Becket Centre.

ALTAR LINEN

If you have taken the Altar Linen to wash but forgotten to bring it back, please can you do so as quickly as possible. Thank you.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Latrell Gitau Kimani, Shyllah Nyokabi Kimani, Rio Creffield, Dylan Creffield, Sklar Fa Ebanks, Rory James William Smith, William Robert Taylor who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

JOURNEY OF FAITH SOCIAL EVENT

Monday, 7th July was the last meeting before the summer break. Sessions will begin again on Monday, 22nd Sept. At 1pm this Sunday 13th July anybody who has been associated with the JOF in the past will have an opportunity to meet the current group at the Horse and Wells where there will be a buffet type lunch provided. Please come along with family members and you will be released from there in good time for the Cup Final.

IN TOUCH

This is an early warning in view of the upcoming holiday period. All items for the next issue, due out at the end of September, should be with the editor by Friday, 5th September at the very latest. Submissions preferably by email please. Letter writers should give either an email address, telephone number or a postal address where they can be contacted if necessary.

PARISH DIARY

The parish diary for 2015 will be compiled during the month of August. 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.

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

From 23rd Nov.—29th Nov 2014 for £619. Flying from London Heathrow with Air Portugal, includes half board accommodation in Lisbon. All excursions and full board in Fatima. Call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027301.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Sat. 26th July at 2.15pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex. The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk given by Dr. Francis Young of the King's School, Ely. The title of the talk will be England's Catholic Genius: Thomas White 1592-1676. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will run in September. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Irene Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Violet Clarke, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Ollie Gaynor, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Maureen Howlin, Desmond Kavanagh, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Della Kerr, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Janet McGee, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, John Moneghan, Trisha Morgan-Smith, Maureen Moss, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Paul McDonnell, Mick O'Hara, Una O'Mally, Janet Pinfold, John Potter's sister who is seriously ill, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Terry Wauer, Ron & Annelise Webb, Richard White, Monica Worsefold.

Lately Dead. Margaret Collins, Rita Conlan, Michael James Hogan, Dannie Monaghan,

Margaret Collins' Requiem will be on Monday, 14th July at 10am in St. Thomas'

Michael Hogan's Requiem will be on Wednesday, 16th July at 10am in St. Thomas'

Phil Archer's Requiem will be on Friday, 18th July at 10am in St. Thomas'.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 18th July Maureen Insold, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Lisa Robinson.

ARE YOU A FULL-TIME MUM?

Would you like to earn a good living? I am selling and recruiting for aloe vera products. For more information call 07459207377.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

£271 August, September and October Irish House: Contact Jackie 020 8133 5950 or 028 82241 888.

FOOTBALL

We are expanding our club again this year. We are looking for under 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 players to supplement our squads. All players welcome, girls and boys of any standard. Training on Thursday at Woodbridge school at 5.30pm. Contact 07855170256 or matttallon1@gmail.com.

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

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

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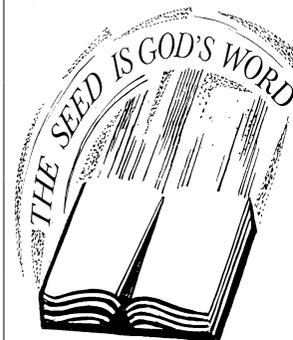


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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

13TH JULY 2014



We are the seed God has sown to bear fruit for the kingdom. We come to share in the Eucharist that we may be fed and watered, going out to fulfil God's calling to bring goodness to our world.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11)

God's word succeeds in what it was sent to do

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23)

The whole of creation hopes to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)

The one who hears God's word and understands it is the one who yields a great harvest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop.

There will be a Diocesan Collection after all Masses this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.