

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Tony Daws, Conor Dempsey, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Robert Fernandez, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Rita Watkins & David Woodward.

**Anniv:** Mary McKenna, Timothy Harrington & Tina Woolf  
**Lately Dead:** Michael McHugh, Willie O'Brien, & Glenn Galibardy

## **St David's Day Concert in Aid of the Passage a charity working with homeless people.**

In the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, SW1H 9NH on Thursday 1 March @ 7.30pm with the London Welsh Male Voice Choir & soloists Rebecca Evans & Gary Griffiths. Tickets are £20 for full details call 0207 592 1856 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

### 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

## Betty Norton RIP

I would like to thank you all for the messages of condolence & the numerous masses that have been said for my dear sister Betty. It has been a great comfort to Dorothy & I to know of the love and care that has been shown to Betty over the years and to fully understand her reluctance to contemplate moving away from her beloved Church of St Thomas of Canterbury.  
With our love to you all  
Chris & Dorothy Norton

## Moby Lalani RIP

Lisa and family would like to thank all for the many kindnesses, cards, masses etc. shown us on the recent loss of our beloved Moby. Your support was a great help & blessing. Holy mass will be offered for your intentions. I lit a candle for you last week in Lourdes also.

## **SAFEGUARDING and THE WEB**

In order to uphold safeguarding principles the IT & Communications Team at St Thomas' would urge all those parishioners who have group or ministerial organisation responsibilities to check their individual & group details on the parish website. Please ensure these are accurate & appropriate. If any changes need to be made please email [webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org](mailto:webadmin@stthomaswoodford.org)



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## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT Cycle B

18th February 2018



As we begin Lent together, we are made aware of how we too are tested and meet God and God's adversaries in the wilderness of our lives. We hope for the same angelic support that Jesus found as he began his public calling to the proclamation of the Good News from God.

### First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God gives us the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting covenant with humankind.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

God's will is to save us all. Baptism is God's pledge to us of this desire.

### Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

After being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus begins his proclamation of the Good news from God.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant.

## PARISH OFFICE

In the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

## LENT DISCUSSIONS

You began very well last Wednesday. Both at 10am and 8 pm the church was very full. Well done. Friday this week is Family Fast day. Please take an envelope today, do some self-denial on Friday – preferably as a whole family – and bring the money saved next Sunday for the CAFOD collection. Suspicion haunts the major caring agencies now. I do believe in CAFOD. In any event the crying needs are there. It is for us to give and for the Lord to sort out the rest.

## Are we the church of Pope Francis?

Our Lent discussions begin this Wednesday at 8 pm in Becket. Many people are abandoning the church, finding it irrelevant in the contemporary secular world we know. Pope Francis' reply: You tell me, out of your lived experience in family, work, in your economic, housing and other problems: What does the Gospel say we should be living in all of it? Put your finger on the wrong priorities we are pursuing and do not be afraid to speak them out. Come and join in the search with Pope Francis for a real church in the real world. Remember his letters: *Lodato Si* on care of the environment, *The Joy of the Gospel*, *The Joy of Love*.

## "The church was cold"

again last Sunday. We are still working to raise the temperature. But once again when the specialist came on Tuesday to diagnose the fault he found two of the heaters switched off. That is not human error; it is perversity. In addition the double doors were opened on Sunday allowing much of the heat built up with great effort to escape. Please keep to the arrangement that we do not open the double doors till the heating season is over.

## MEMORIAL CONCERT

### To celebrate the life of Shelia Ferrari, former head of Avon House School

On Thursday 8th March, 7pm at All Saints Church, Woodford. Past and present students of Avon House will be participating in memory of a wonderful lady - ALL WELCOME

## LENTEN LUNCHES

This year's Lenten lunches begin again on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and continue weekly until 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12.15 to 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup and French bread and meet with other



parishioners and friends from other Churches in the area – still only £3! This will be the ninth year we have run these lunches and over that time we have raised over £12,000 for Mary's Meals, a charity which ensures that children in dire circumstances in various parts of the world, have one good meal a day.

## CAFOD Family Fast 23.02.18

This Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers & sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd Feb can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost 3 million children a year, your fasting, prayers & donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat.

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) (a copy is on our parish notice board also)

As this season of Lent begins, let us seek in prayer & fasting a renewal of our fragile world.

## CHURCH CLEANING

SATURDAY 24th Feb  
@ 10.30am  
Charmaine Turnell,  
Khristine Pinnock, Rosie  
O'Connor & Deborah  
McNamara

New rotas available at  
the back of church



## Woman's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March 2018

Service at 2.15pm at Salvation Army, 26 Daisy Road, Sth Woodford, E18 1EA  
Service at 6pm at Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead, E11 2TL

## YOGA at the Becket Centre

Meditation walk/run followed by yoga stretching - Weds 7.30pm - 9pm All levels  
Hatha Yoga class 1 - 2 pm All levels  
Gentle/chair yoga 2-3pm—small donation to the church  
Contact Claudia 07973 122 322

## Catholic Fellowship Quiz

In Trinity School Hall, Upper Site (Morningson Road) at 7.30pm on Saturday 3rd March. £10 includes Ploughman's Supper. Please bring your own drinks.  
ALL WELCOME

## IN TOUCH

Please send your contributions for the Easter edition by the end of February. This year is the 80th year of the 'kinder transport' if you have any friends or relatives with a story to contribute, please contact the editor by email [editor@myintouch.co.uk](mailto:editor@myintouch.co.uk)

## Holy communion dresses & accessories for sale on:-

Saturday 24th Feb 10.30am - 1pm at St Augustine's Church, Beardsley Drive, CM1 6GQ. Call Pat on 07968 314995 for details

## TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available:

Science Technician 36 Hours per week  
Head of Psychology & Sociology with TLR Sept 2018  
Teacher of Mathematics with Computing  
Full details on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net>

## St Antony's Nursery Applications

Children whose date of birth is between 01.09.2014 & 31.08.2015 can now apply for the school year 2018/2019. Those children born between 01.09.2015 & 31.12.2016 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the school website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/)  
Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Monday 26th March 2018

Fr Quentin will arrange further opportunities for issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice before the closing date for applications—dates to be advised.

## LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL

Is looking to appoint an Early Years Co-Ordinator/Teacher to start in Sept 2018  
Closing date for applications is 5th March 2018. Please visit the school website for full details. [www.loyola.essex.sch.uk](http://www.loyola.essex.sch.uk)

## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL & 6th FORM

Are seeking to appoint a RE Teacher for September 2018. Please visit their website for more details  
[www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/vacancies)  
Closing date for applications 23.02.2018

## SCRIPTURE SHARING

Next meeting Thursday 22nd Feb in the William Scott Room at 7.30pm.  
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