

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Sam Barter, Miss Terry Bennett, 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, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Roseanne O'Connor, Dymna 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 Sydic, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Andrew Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Paul Crick, Dominic Correia, Garrett Godkin, Joe Greene, Patrick Lennon, Ann Starr.

Rhonda Anderson would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Howard who has recovered from his operation & requires no further treatment. A mass will be offered for the intentions of the Parish.

## Parish Summer Concert

Save the date: June 30th, 7.45pm. More details to follow shortly.

### 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

## Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Take a journey with a difference! Across are off to Lourdes from 10th -19th May and urgently need helpers able to push wheelchairs. Fun, laughter & faith lie in store - you won't regret offering your help and you will make an incredible difference to someone not able enough to make the trip on their own. Please call Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472

## SAFEGUARDING

You can find contact details for our Safeguarding Officers and also Brentwood Safeguarding information on our website by going to About Us and the Safeguarding Representative.

## MARRIAGE CARE

Is looking for Marriage Preparation Providers. Training will be given. If you are interested please send your CV, by email, with a covering letter telling us why you want to be a Marriage Preparation Provider to: marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk

## PLANT WATERING

A parishioner has kindly donated plants for the pots outside St. Thomas'. If you would like to volunteer for the watering rota once a week, please contact Parish Office.

## REPOSITORY

Orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.



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Woodford Green

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**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Cycle B**

**29th APRIL 2018**



IF YOU  
ABIDE IN ME  
YOU WILL BEAR  
MUCH FRUIT

Today we are invited to become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ. We can be confident of God's continuing presence with us in the world. God lives in us and we in God.

### First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Saul's first attempt to join the disciples after his conversion.

### Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

Those who keep God's commandments live in God, and God lives in them.

### Gospel

John 15:1-8

In the imagery of the vine and branches we are given a beautiful depiction of the intimate relationship between the Father, Jesus and his followers. We can be confident of the Lord's continuing presence in the world.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

*There will be an SVP collection after all masses this weekend*

## **PARISH OFFICE**

For 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.

## **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Began again last Saturday from 10 -11 am. It provides instruction particularly for children who do not attend a catholic school. You have seen some of their lovely artwork at the back of the church. We are also looking for some help for the leaders. If you can give a little of your time please contact Nancy Hayward on 07979544325

## **GUIDES BROWNIES & RAINBOWS**

It was good to see such an enthusiastic church parade for St George's day last Sunday. When many are wringing their hands and wondering: What can we do for our young people? – you saw the example of several leaders who have been doing it for years. Age and infirmity is telling however. Sadly I hear that unless more come forward to take up the leading roles these activities for our girls will end this term. I ask you mums whose children are benefiting from such service to think about giving some time to keep it going.

## **VOTIVE CANDLES**

Last weekend many burning candles were perched dangerously before St Antony. This is a severe fire risk. PLEASE Only place candles in the holders. If all are full place yours in the box to be lit later.

## **Bumper week-ends ahead:**

on 9<sup>th</sup> June Fr Isidore's golden jubilee and 10<sup>th</sup> June a Mass-on-the-Grass with picnic and entertainments. On 13<sup>th</sup> July St Antony's are holding their leavers Mass, 14<sup>th</sup> July is the Summer Fair and on the 15<sup>th</sup> the Parish AGM.

Please start thinking about the AGM. We need more who are committed to lead our parish into what is needed by the contemporary

church. In our discussions you have teased out some of what we should be and be doing. Now is the time to make the changes to enable it to happen. It depends on you!

## **Apology**

Last week I wrote: Do not try to do it all. Unfortunately it read as if I were discouraging you from supporting Cafod. Far from it. But in the week several had come forward with propaganda for a variety of good works and forms of prayer, caring and charity. There was not enough room on our notice boards. Meantime some of the essential bread-and-butter tasks of our parish are struggling to find volunteers. We all have to look to our priorities. Look after your marriage and Family first: seasoned by prayer accommodated to your situation. We cannot all do everything.

## **An Occasion for all to meet**

We are hoping to arrange an outdoor Family Mass on the Friary Lawn on **Sunday June 10th** at 11.30am. We plan to hold a mass followed by a picnic and perhaps some entertainment. Should the weather be inclement we would transfer to the church and Becket Centre. Please keep this date in your diary as we want as many as possible to come along and meet with others in the Parish. On this day ALL regular Sunday Masses (but not the 6pm mass on Saturday) would be cancelled with just the one above mass being celebrated. We shall be having a country market stall at the outdoor mass. Will anyone willing to make jam, marmalade, chutneys, pickle, cakes, bread rolls etc please contact Solange on 0208 505 5171.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

103 young people will be making their First Communion here in St Thomas' over the next 6 weeks. Please remember them in your prayers.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday 3rd May, 10.30am:

Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel & Florence Kiggundu

## **CALLING ALL READERS**

And non-readers—do you want to understand better the readings which you will share with the congregation? We are hoping to understand/share the Word of God in our group meeting on Thursday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre for approx an hour using the 'Lectio Divina' method of quiet discussion.

## **Catholic Fellowship AGM**

Will be held on Thursday May 17th at St Anne Line church hall at 7.30pm.

## **REPOSITORY**

Orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.

## **CAFOD**

is urging us to join in stages of a walk around London over 24 days May 15 to June 23 in support of refugees and migrants. Information in porch. Annual Migrants Mass is at St Georges Cathedral Southwark at 11am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, to celebrate migrants' contribution to London's catholic community.

## **Dr Paul Doherty**

Is writing a script for a play about the persecution of Catholics in the 16th century. He is looking for a secretary/ typist to work outside school hours. If you are interested please contact sally\_parry@fc.tchs.uk.net

## **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 with some details about your skills & experience or if you want to know more.

## **ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL WANSTEAD**

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2018 - girls born between 01/09/14 and 31/08/15 and Reception Class birthdays between 01/09/13 and 31/08/14. Please contact the school for info on 020 8989 4700 or email enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk

## **LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL**

Are looking to appoint an Experienced Reception Class Teacher to start Sept 2018. Please see the school website for full details www.loyola.essex.sch.uk closing date for applications is 8th May

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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

## **Wanted: Cleaner for the Henrietta Suite (Becket Centre)**

Two hours, twice per week, some flexibility required. £10.20 per hour on the payroll. Please bring this ad to the attention of anyone you think might be interested. To apply please email a letter of application to stocrecruitment@gmail.com or hand it in to the Parish Office by midday on Friday 4th May.

## **CWL**

Will have their meeting on Wednesday 2nd May at 8pm in the Assisi Room,

## **Part time pilgrimage admin**

ACROSS are recruiting an administrator (15 hrs/week) at their offices in Beckton. Good organisation & excellent communication skills required, salary £10/hr. To apply please send your CV & a covering letter to Geraldine@across.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 11th May