

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Peggy Carrig, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Antony Dover, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Phyllis Gould, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Peter Jacques, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Ruby Lennon, Charles Long, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Angela Meyler, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Con Mulvahill, Kathleen Ogles, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

**Anniv:** Annie Greene, Brendan McGranaghan, Paul McDonnell, Mario Zeppa,

**Lately Dead :** Eugene Byrne (late of Ham Park Road, Forest Gate), Mary Mahony, Kevin McManus, Michael O'Donnell.

## CHURCH CLEANING



Friday 9am 17th February  
Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

## SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for one extra person to help serve teas after the 10am Mass on a rota once in 7 weeks. For more information please ring Pat Bell on 020 8504 4577 or leave your name with the parish office.

## SPRING TABLE TOP SALE

**Saturday, 25th March 2017 10am—1pm.**

The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School & 6th Form are holding their Spring Indoor Table Top Sale on their Walthamstow Site, 1 Shernhall Street, London E17 23EA.

To book a table email the Friends contact [t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) or 'phone 020 8520 0482.

Tables £10 in advance, £15 on the day subject to availability. Admission 50p adults, children free.

**Book early to avoid disappointment**

## FOUND

Black/Green watch in the Becket Centre. Please collect from the parish office.

### 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



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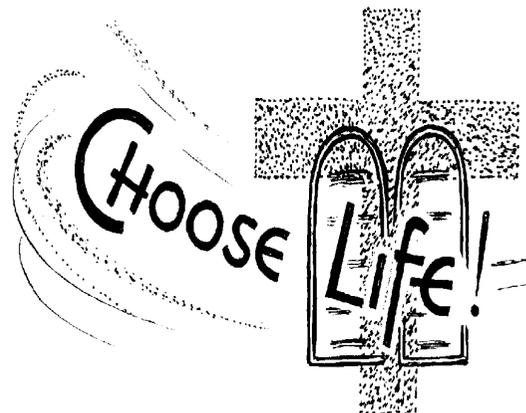
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## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

12TH FEBRUARY 2017



To live a good life is well within our grasp, says the Lord, but in a wicked world virtue needs deep roots.

### First Reading

(Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20)

Goodness is possible for everyone.  
No one has permission to sin.

### Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

True wisdom of life is found in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel

(Matthew 5:17-37)

Goodness is never skin-deep. Virtue is not cheap.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*They are happy who follow God's law*

**There will be a Diocesan collection for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund after all Masses**

## LENT EXPLORATION

Pope Francis is saying a lot. Are we all aware of precisely what he is saying? In three or four evenings starting March 8th, we will first give a brief summary of what he is saying about the **Joy of Love**. But **next and most importantly Pope Francis is saying: I want to hear what you are thinking**; we all need to listen to each other: That means Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and lay people. It means those who agree with him and those who disagree and all the others in the middle. It means all ages and enthusiasms or disapproval of our church. Every view is important and must be heard. The Holy Spirit communicates his truth through all members of the church as we engage in this dialogue.

Will you come to the three/four evenings? They will certainly not be dull. More information next week. In the meantime look at the programme at the back of the church.

*Wednesday, 8th March*

*Wednesday, 15th March*

*Thursday, 23rd March*

*Possibly Wednesday, 29th March*

## PARISH AFTERNOON TEA

Parishioners are invited to an afternoon tea at the Becket Centre on Sunday, 12th March 3—5pm to discuss the issues raised in today's Bishop's pastoral letter and co-ordinate the parish response to it. Since our future plan requires more active participation of the laity, the discussion will be stimulated and moderated by leaders of our parish groups. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and join in the activities of these very active groups.



## PLEASE NOTE:

Responses to the Bishop's questions should be handed in at your next Mass or to the parish office, or email to [William@yeung.org.uk](mailto:William@yeung.org.uk). If you need help text **steward help** to 0797912808.

## URGENT URGENT 1 WEEK TO GO



In the Becket Centre on Saturday, 18th February. We need help clearing and setting up. Please contact parish office if you can help.

Please leave jumble at the back of the church or bring to the Becket Centre on Friday, 17th February between 5 and 6pm or on Saturday morning.

## WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community James and Axel Whitehead, Ava Culkin who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

## TUESDAY CLUB

At 2pm on the 14th February, **Bill will be telling us about The Life and Music of Percy French. Who?** Come along to The Becket Centre and find out!

## CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

Fr. Quentin will be making evenings available shortly to see parents who require the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

## ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 can now apply for the school year 2016/17. Those children born between 1.9.2014 and 31.12.2014 may also apply to start in January 2018 if there are vacancies. Application forms are available on the school website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk).

Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is Midday on Monday, 27th March 2017.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following Fr Quentin's recent sermon about the laity's contribution to parish affairs, this is an appeal to you all.

The Parish Council, of which I am the current Chair, has a number of subcommittees (below) which need more members if they are to achieve what they should. If you have an interest and might like to be actively involved, please contact me for an informal discussion ([kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com](mailto:kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com))

**Liturgy** – anything and everything pertaining to our regular and special services

**Maintenance** – especially if you have DIY or professional skills

**Becket Centre** – it does not manage itself, and is an invaluable asset which we need to look after and use fully

**Caring** – many of our charitable activities, within and outside the community

**Communication** – it is crucial that we communicate effectively, with all sections of the Parish not just those who collect a Newsletter –that too needs effort.

## CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Are having their Annual Quiz on Saturday, 4th March at Trinity School, Upper Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm start. Please bring your own drinks. Ploughmans Supper will be provided. Cost £10.00. Tables of 8. Don't worry if you can't make a table of 8, we will put smaller groups together to make a table of 8. Tickets available from Ann on 020 8989 9032.

## BE PART OF THE TRAIDCRAFT BIG BREW 2017

During Fairtrade fortnight St. James URC, Palmerston Road are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, 14th March from 10.30am—12Noon.

Fairtrade coffee and refreshments will be on offer, games, a Traidcraft stall (including Fairtrade Easter eggs) and a raffle. Price £2.50 includes coffee and a raffle ticket. All are welcome.

## SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 16th February at 7.30pm in the William Scott Room.

## LENT IS COMING

Meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus is an essential part of Christian prayer. In past Lents we have provided the exercise of Stations of the Cross twice each Friday. But interest seems to have wilted. Do you want it to continue? Is there some other form that is more suited to today? Please tell Quentin your feelings.

## SVP

The SVP thank all parishioners for their generous donations to their last collection, the money will be put to good use helping those in need.