

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Howard Anderson, 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, Dermot Devlin, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreech, Frank McDermott, Audrey 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), Matthew Piper, Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, & Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Harry Gibson, Frank Donnelly & Eileen Godber

**Lately Dead:** Eilish Whitaker, Steve Brierley

Eilish's Requiem will be at 10am on Weds 14th March in St Thomas'.

"Following my recent illness, I am slowly recovering and would like to express my grateful thanks to the parish for your prayers and good wishes" - **Rob Fernandes**

## Fairtrade Fortnight 26 Feb—11 March 2018

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair, it can make the world a better place. Commit to making your snack today Fairtrade. When you choose Fairtrade you are helping to ensure that the person who grew the banana you are eating, the coffee beans used to make your drink, or the cocoa in your chocolate was paid fairly for their work.



### FIRST AID CUPBOARD

A First Aid cupboard has been installed in the corridor outside the Parish Office. It contains simple items that might be of use with minor injuries and is for the use of those attending either the Church or Becket Centre. Please will anyone removing any items from the cupboard be aware that:-

- A) Use of any items must be entered in the book inside the cupboard - this is so we can replace any used items.
- B) The cupboard is under a CCTV Please email any comments to [becket.centre.committee@gmail.com](mailto:becket.centre.committee@gmail.com)

### SVP

Would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donations to the collection, over £900 was raised.

### TUESDAY CLUB

Next meet on March 13th at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Bring a book for a 'Book Swap' We start after the Lenten Lunch - why not do both!

### 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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## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT Cycle B

11th March 2018



God so loved the world, and was so generous with mercy, that God ordered the rebuilding of the Temple and the return of God's people from exile. Thus we can summarise the themes of today's liturgy. Because of

God's infinite love, we should never doubt that God will forgive us.

### First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Despite the rejection of God by the leaders of the people, God engineers their return after exile through the unexpected agency of the Persian king, Cyrus.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God's love is so great that even when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life in Christ.

### Gospel

John 3:14-21

A simple statement says so much:

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!

## **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.

## **EASTER VIGIL**

Will begin at 8 pm on Holy Saturday. Two readings set and develop the theme: the story of Creation and that of the Exodus. Life and new life. God made everything; God led the Israelites out of slavery, through the Red Sea. We hear these in the dark, since Jesus is in the tomb. But suddenly a light appears: Jesus is risen! He is now giving new life, real life. We relish the news, and then move on to do what he told us: celebrate the Eucharist. In the middle of this we baptise and confirm 6 newcomers, and receive 4 already Christian into full communion of our church. Do come and welcome them. Enjoy a truly dramatic ceremony, certainly the best of the year – and then some cheese and wine in Becket. I estimate the ceremony may take 1 hour 25 minutes, but it is interesting. No sermon – the action speaks for itself.

## **LENT DISCUSSION**

Last Wednesday we tried to look at the shape of our church in the future. Particularly what sort of priests we will have and what their specific role will be. Essentially a priest's job is to be holy and to assist others to be whole and holy. To lead but not control. And that is the job of every lay person as well. We are all priests. We found it hard to identify exactly what the ordained priest's role is. And we found it even harder to grasp that lay people really have a priestly role. So we have more to tease out as we seek to build a church fit for the 2020 decade.

## **LENT**

During Lent each Friday there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10am mass and at 8pm. Also exposition each Saturday for an hour after the morning mass.

## **EASTER TRIDUUM**

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers & Sacristans: If you will be attending any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday; please add your name to the lists located at the back of church.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY Washing of the Feet**

We are looking for up to 6 volunteers (male or female). If you would like to take part, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

## **HEALING WEEKEND**

For men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. From 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell Convent. For more details contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

## **LENTEN LUNCHES**



This year's Lenten lunches 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 & French bread for only £3!

## **SOUP RUN**

Our next Soup Run to London is on Wednesday 14th March. Please leave your donations of food and warm men's clothing in the Becket Centre before 7pm. The van leaves at 7.45pm and we need time to pack it.

## **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Is usually for children of primary school age who attend non-catholic school. We will be breaking up for Easter on 17th March, restarting on Saturday 21st April. We are still looking for a volunteer to help - 10am until 11am during term time. Please call Nancy Hayward on 07979 544325

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

10.30 am, Friday 16th March  
Rachel Varney, Lisa  
McDonnell, Carole Burns,  
Shelia Charles & Janet Walker



## **WEB NEWS**

We have now published terms of reference for publication of items in the parish newsletter & on the parish website. We have also published a policy on security of information. To find these go to our website and look for the Church Policies section under the About Us tab. These will help us meet compliance & safeguarding targets.

## **THE CROFTON SINGERS CONCERT**

Musical Director: Jonathan Rathbone  
Ave Verum - Zip-a-dee-doo-dah  
8pm Thurs 15th March at Bancrofts School Chapel. Tickets £10 including refreshments  
Under 18's free.

**APPLICATIONS are invited for the new post of Parish Office Manager** at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Woodford Green.

This part time post is responsible for three office staff, and reports to the Priest in charge of the Parish. Office management experience is essential, as is an understanding of and empathy for the mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. Annual salary (for 18 hours per week, hours by agreement) is £15,912, and there is a generous pension scheme.

If you or any of your family or friends are interested in this post, please email [STOCrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:STOCrecruitment@gmail.com) for the job description and person specification.

Applicants should then send in their CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how their experience and skills match the requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The following posts are currently available:  
**Head of Music also Teacher of Music** temporary maternity cover Sept 2018  
**Chemistry Teacher (Science)** from Sept 2018  
**Teacher of Media** Sept 2018  
**Teacher of Mathematics P/T 0.5 FTE** Sept 2018  
**Temporary Examination Manager** 34 hours per week asap  
Please visit the school website for more details.

## **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 & 31.12.2015 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the school website [www.stantonyscatholicips.co.uk/admissions/](http://www.stantonyscatholicips.co.uk/admissions/)  
**Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Monday 26th March 2018**  
**Fr Quentin will be available to issue Certificates of Catholic Practice on Wednesday 14th March between 7pm – 8pm. Ring the bell for the Friary.**

## **MONDAY BADMINTON**

At Trinity Catholic High School,  
Mornington Road from 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
New players welcome. Contact Michael on  
07941 479485

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