

### **Austin ofm**

An edict was given to S. Lawrence stating that, on a certain day he was to have all the “treasures of the church” readied so that the soldiers could come and pick them up. When the day arrived, the local authorities, complete with their military support, arrived at the door of Lawrence’s house. He had assembled there, by his house, all the poor, the lame, the sick, the blind, the weak, the aged, the children, and the outcasts.

Religion, some claim, offers little to the healthy, talented people; the church is trying to teach happy people to be unhappy so that it has come power over them! Listen to Pope Francis echo S. Lawrence: In the very old and the very young and in those who are marginalized through illness, poverty, or other kinds of unattractiveness, in those who are not seen as gold or silver in our culture, the church, more than ever, is full of treasure.

### **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.

### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

Has finished for the summer and will restart on 7th September.

***We wish parishioners a very happy and restful holiday period.***

### **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS**

There will be two soup runs in August, 13th and 27th. Many thanks for your continued support.

### **ALTAR SERVERS’ ALBS**

Josephine has kindly made eight more albs of varying sizes. If your child has recently joined the ministry and requires an alb please contact the parish office.

Also if your child has outgrown their current alb please contact the parish office as Josephine is willing to do alterations.

The albs are expensive to produce so we would be most grateful for the return of any forgotten and unused albs hanging in wardrobes.

### **FRANCISCAN MISSIONS**

So far the appeal for the F.M.U. has raised £3,330. In addition to the money from the appeal we have counted £885 from the mission boxes returned. Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you were away for the appeal there will be some envelopes available for your donation at the back of the church.

### **LISTEN TO YOUR THIRST 23rd–26th October 2014**

An encounter for young people aged 17–33yrs. Come and see the way of St. Frances at Domus Mariae Conference Centre 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge. Contact Fr. Danny 01635865353 [www.coldashcentre.org](http://www.coldashcentre.org)

Please see poster at back of the church for more information.

### **DAY FOR LIFE**

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Day for Life taken up after all Masses next weekend.

### **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.

Grateful thanks.

### **BIG THANKS**

To all parishioners of St. Thomas’ for their incredible generosity at the Masses last weekend. Caroline has already reached her target through the retiring collections so anything that is raised at the Quiz Night on the 9th August will be extra towards International Service which is great news!

### **GOLF CLASSIC The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society**

The Golf Classic is an annual charity golf day held at Ilford Golf Club. This will take place on Friday, 19th September. £45 non Ilford Golf Club members/£25 Ilford member. Price includes 18 hole Stableford Competition, Nearest the Pin/Longest Drive and 3 Course Evening Meal. Contact John Buckley 01708 455887 [j.buckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.buckley@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.



### **CATHOLIC PATIENTS IN WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL**

If you, or a relative or friend are in Whipps Cross Hospital, please let the priests at Our Lady and St. George parish know 0208 520 5877. Though the hospital staff are very helpful, the priests at St. George’s also rely on being told of people who may welcome a visit.

### **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.

We do recommend that parents attend a baptism course before the birth of their child.

### **WELCOME**

Into the parish community Sienna Anthenia Sequeira, Rupert Edward Draper, Luca McMurdo and Jack Anthony Stephen Leary who were baptised in St. Thomas’ last weekend.

### **NEW TO THE PARISH**

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please let the parish office know so that our records can be kept up to date. Grateful thanks.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Please note that there will be no newsletter during the month of August. If you have an urgent request please let the parish office know so that it can be read out after Mass.

A list for those to be prayed for will be put on the noticeboard each week.



The parish office will be open during August 9.30am—1.30pm to deal with any queries you may have.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Irene Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Violet Clarke, Thomas Crusz, 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, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Terry Wauer, Ron & Annelise Webb, Richard White, Monica Worsfold.

**Lately Dead.** Bridie Carr, John Joe Flynn, Kieran Flynn, Clare Gray, Jim Kivineen.

We extend the sympathy of the parish to Liza Kendrick and family on the death of her Mother, Clare Gray, who died recently. Clare's Requiem will take place on Monday, 4th August at 10.00am in St. Thomas'.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 10.30am 1st Aug Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

Betty Norton wishes to thank parishioners for their prayers and kindness during her recent illness. A Mass will be said for parishioners' intentions.

### SUMMER WORK REQUIRED

Student looking for work cleaning, baby sitting, dog walking etc., Flexible hours. Contact Lucy on 07475893341.

### FOUND

In the Becket Centre on the day of the recent cake sale a "Little Mermaid" plush toy. Please call Sheila on 8504 7485.

### JUMBLE

We ask parishioners not to leave jumble in the church porch unless requested. Grateful thanks.

### POOL TABLE

Will the person who bought the Pool Table please collect the balls from the 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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## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

27TH JULY 2014

## DAY FOR LIFE



King Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom, and that same gift is offered to us in Jesus Christ, who is the power and the wisdom of God.

### First Reading (1 Kings 3:5. 7-12)

The young king, Solomon, prays for wisdom more than any other gift.

### Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30)

In his goodness God our Father will help to form us into images of his Son.

### Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52)

The kingdom of heaven is a rare treasure, a fine pearl, a place of justice and truth.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord how I love your law!

**There will be an SVP collection after all Masses this weekend.**