

P LEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Sean Harte, Joan Hayes, Margaret Jones, Annie Keenan, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Anna-Maria Intz-Trak, Kayleigh Linnane, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies,, Tom Moran, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Brian Howes, Amy Jones, Bridgett Kildea

Lately Dead: Patricia Bamford, Sean Fitzgibbon, Mrs Kivineen, Rosemary (Roz) Lynch, Peter McElhatton, Vi Mulligan, Anthony O'Boyle, Noel Quirke, Bridie Tolan, Alan Wakely.

Vi Mulligan's Requiem will be on Monday, 2nd October at 10am in St. Thomas' .
Anthony O'Boyle's Requiem will be on Tues. 10th Oct at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead.

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, 10.30am 5th October Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Floren Kiggundu, Karen Webb.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

The King's Good Servant. Thursday, 5th Oct. at 2pm. The story of heroic St. Thomas More, walking around his Chelsea Estate. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea (Nearest Tube: Gloucester Road or South Kensington).

THE ROSARY MONTH OF OCTOBER



Will be said daily after the 10am weekday Mass commencing on Tuesday 3rd October.

SPANISH 4 YOU

Are you doing GCSE or A Level Spanish Boards AQA or Edexcel? I am the right tutor to help you. Please call Vicky 020 8505 3069.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting on Monday, 2nd October 2017 at the Convent at 7.30pm.

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26TH SUNDAY CYCLE A

ORDINARY TIME 1st OCTOBER 2017



A rather alarming extract from Matthew's Gospel is presented to us today to meditate on and give some thought to the fact that tax collectors and prostitutes may be entering heaven before us.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The Lord's ways are fair and just,
ours are not

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Though Christ was in the form of God, he
emptied himself

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Two Sons were asked by their father to go out
and work. One says he will not go, but later
changes his mind, the other says yes, but does
not go.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercy, Lord.



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

The Mass for St. Francis's Feast will be at 10am on Wednesday. The special liturgy which rehearses the hours as Francis approached death will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Tuesday evening at 6pm. That is the hour at which the Saint actually died. Do come and join us for this evocative and gentle reminder of all the themes which made him and his special spirituality: poverty, brotherhood, peace and forgiveness, the gospel, Jesus in the Eucharist. The service takes less than half an hour and is named the Transitus— or passing of St. Francis.

24 HOURS ADORATION

Those who organised this happening met to evaluate how well we had done and to learn any improvements. We felt it was very well organised. A fair number came to spend time with the Lord, though considerably fewer than last year. We felt that for everyone who came it was such a valuable experience we should continue to make it an annual event, preferably about the same time as this year. We want to thank everyone who took part: especially to thank each group within the parish family who took an hour or played a part in response to our requests.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

About 60 came to the Mass last Sunday provided specially for anyone housebound and frail. They found it a very valuable experience. I thank the SVP members and the CWL for bringing their friends to church and providing a very good tea in the Becket Centre afterwards. I shall continue to get you to tell us of anyone you know who is housebound or in any way impeded from joining us at Sunday Mass. They must be our special concern.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE POPE FRANCIS IS LEADING US?

On Wednesday, 25th October at 8pm I hope many will come to the Becket Centre to continue the discussions we left off last Lent. Our church is moving fast, as is our Diocese. We need to keep up with it and we do it best by sharing our understandings of our faith as it has to be lived in 2017 and beyond. Please make a note of the date and the two subsequent evenings:-

*8th November 8pm
22nd November 8pm*

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can.

THE ONLY GOOD COOKS ARE BRITISH!! True or False?

On Saturday Nov 18th we are holding a non-profit making Parish Food Festival with food from as many different countries as we can. It will be an event for all in the Parish, an opportunity to meet people and we hope an evening all will enjoy. So far the response to requests for food from different countries has been slow.

So if you can make an ethnic dish (either main or sweet) on that night for 5 or more people please contact Kit Tranmer (07811 261461 or kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com) ASAP. Do not wait, contact us now! Tickets available mid-October, £5 adults, £3 children. Come along for a great evening. **Unless of course you really do believe that fish & chips and bangers & mash are the world's finest foods!!**

GIFT AID DONATION FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

To save printing costs, envelopes and time we are moving towards a new system of distributing the annual statements. This will be done on a request basis. If you would like to receive a copy of the statement we would prefer to send it to you by email. Please email your request to sue@friar.org and ensure that you also confirm your current postal address. If you do not have access to a computer or email address please put your request in writing, specifying your current postal address and we will post the statement to you.

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TELCO

Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor inaugurated the annual Mass for Migrants. As leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales he spoke out in support of the Citizens UK campaign asking the Government for a one off amnesty to regularize the position of long term illegal immigrants in Britain. We know this campaign brought success when many illegal immigrants received a regularised status. On Wed. 4th October a Memorial Mass for Cardinal Cormac will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend this Memorial service.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday 2nd October at 2pm in Chigwell Convent.

YOUTH CENTRE AT ABBOTSWICK

Last Sunday James Chung explained at most Masses in St. Thomas' the grand project for Youth Service in our Diocese. Please be generous in the collection for this purpose as you leave church today.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st Sept. 2013 and 31st Aug. 2014 and who wish to apply for the Reception Classes to start in Sept. 2018. The Supplementary Form can be downloaded from www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions and the Certificate of Catholic practice is obtainable from your parish. The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 11th October at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the application procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

Fr. Quentin will be signing forms on Tuesday 3rd October from 3.30—4.30pm in the Francis Room, Thursday 5th October between 8.30am—9.30am in the parlour & Friday 6th October from 7pm—8pm in the Assisi Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre).

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

To be held on 25th November in Trinity Lower Site. Volunteers need to help organise/man stalls. Those interested in getting involved please come to the Becket Centre on Tuesday 17th October at 8pm or contact Jackie 07952 077546

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Meeting for all parents this Thursday, 5th October at 8pm in the Becket Centre with Peter Nicholson about baptism. All parents should attend this meeting.

PARISH DIARIES 2018

Are available from the back of the church. Please put your donation in the basket provided or hand to parish office.