

THE FETE

You were even more splendid last Saturday. The preparations, gifts and provisions beforehand were huge, efficient and impressive. Thank God we could start in the dry. But then you took the soaking in your stride with such patience and good humour. It was a great social event and financially profitable. More evidence of what a good parish St. Thomas of Canterbury is.

PARISH AGM SUNDAY 3RD JULY

The parish is thriving. A huge number give time energy care and love to provide a wide range of services. This requires co-ordination: Hence the Parish Council. We have now some 14 volunteers offering to serve, most of them new to the role. I am not sure how we will proceed. To an extent we need a new structure. Already there is a good pattern whereby the Council works through sub-committees parcelling out the tasks and responsibilities: Finance, Becket Centre, IT, co-ordination of all groups involved in liturgy. Sacramental preparation is well provided; SVP do much caring, as do others informally; CWL inter alia provide for many social occasions. So there is plenty of scope to involve all who now newly offer to join some old-stagers. There is one over-riding essential: we must all work together in harmony. Clergy, friars, religious lay people—we have only one function. It is to serve the Lord and people; certainly not to control. We operate by reaching consensus.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

This is the new task commissioned by the Diocese. William Jeung is working with the Council and all of us to understand what is needed. He is gradually shaping his team, in process of formation.

FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

Pink

91-95 AB527938
336-340 AB527938
46-50 AB527939
361-365 AB527938

Green

106-110 AB553016
471-475 AB553015
461-465 AB553015
1-5 AB553016

Yellow

486-490 AB517721
71-75 AB517721
101-105 AB517721
91-95 AB517721

White

41-45 AB565171
6-10 AB565171

FOSTERING

GIVING A CHILD IN NEED A HOME

Have you ever thought of fostering and giving a child in need a home? If so, now is the time to learn more....

Citizens UK (**TELCO**) and **CORAM** are responding to the urgent call for foster families to come forward in response to the dubs amendment which has recognised the desperate plight of unaccompanied refugee children fleeing war and the need to provide them with homes and families.

If you would like to know more about fostering children in Redbridge or to support the refugees welcome campaign in Redbridge, please come along to the Becket Centre on Wednesday, 13th July at 8pm. For more information please contact Angela on redbridgewelcome@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Emilie Mae thanks all parishioners for their generosity and support towards her fundraising Cake Sale last weekend. It was a huge success.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The donations from the FMU appeal are coming in. Thank you. If any parishioners were away when the appeal was made and would like to contribute some envelopes are available at the back of the church.

SOUP RUN

FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruit, sweets, toiletries and clean men's clothes. We would like to make a special appeal for sleeping bags as the demand for these has increased dramatically. Items can be left in the parish office during open hours or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday evening. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to say a special thank you to the Holy Family Community for their generous donation to the soup run.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP A.G.M.

Wednesday, 22nd June 8pm in the Becket Centre.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Required immediately 30 hours per week (term time only) Further details and an application pack from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chingford. 020 8529 4723/ daiken.320@lgflmail.org

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine will be on sale next weekend. Please remember to bring your £2.

BECKET CENTRE

The rail in the Becket Centre has become home to a number of children's jackets. Please collect a.s.a.p. as we will have to dispose of them. Grateful thanks.

PARISH GALA CONCERT

Saturday July 2nd 7.15pm in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. Tickets including refreshments are available from the parish office—price £12. £15 on the night.

Do support this wonderful parish event

CONGRATULATIONS

To Joan and Peter Hayes who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

SACRISTAN REQUIRED

If you would like to join this important ministry from August, please talk to a priest or visit the parish office. Training will be given.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 24th June in the Becket Centre. If you know of anyone who would like to come along for a sociable lunch and make new friends, just turn up at the Becket Centre at 12.30pm.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

BIBLE STUDY

Will re-commence on 15th September at 7.30pm in the Francis Room.

1ST COMMUNION 2017

Application forms are now available from the back of the church. If your child will be in Year 2 in September please take one and return it to the parish office a.s.a.p. Closing date is Friday, 9th September 2016.

Applications after this date will not be accepted.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Seamus Connor, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Danny Henry, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Denis McCarthy, Camille Malone, Dr. Mary Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Meta O'Donnell, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- David Barouch, Michael Carroll, Sam Chandradasa, Bob Halliday, Siobhan Davids, Laurence Dillon, Josie Gorman, Patrick Kildea, Pat Murphy, John Gregory Smith Pryor, Christie Quinn,

Lately Dead:- Beatrice Butler, Michael Deegan, Philomena Flynn, Becky Harvey, Aldo Iervolino, June Mansi, David Skelton, Nan Whelton,

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10.30am 25th June. Charmaine Turnell, Rachel Woolf, Christine Pinnock, Rosie O'Connor, Eweline Allen, Debora McNamara.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Boys and girls from Reception to Year 9 required for this friendly club. Contact Matt Tallon email chairman@stcyfc.com or call 07855170256.

FOUND

A TopShop Duck umbrella from the Garden Fete. Please collect from parish office.

THE MELJON SINGERS



Sat. 18th June
7.30pm at St. John's Church, Epping.
Advance tickets £12—on the door £15. Posters are at the back of the church.

There will be a Diocesan Collection for Day for Life after all Masses this weekend.

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

St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

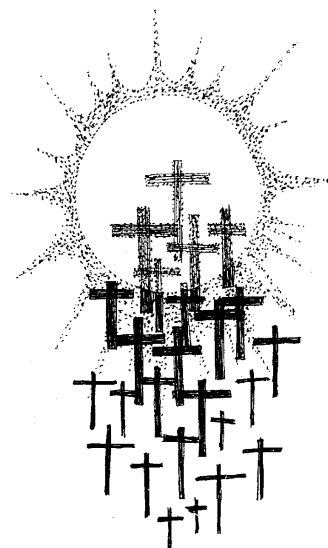
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

19TH JUNE 2016



Jesus urges us to speak out confidently and fearlessly about our calling as his followers. In following him, we are invited to take up our crosses, but there will be blessings in working towards God's kingdom here on earth.

First Reading

(Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1)

The life and ministry of Christ are foretold by Zechariah, including his execution.

Second Reading:

(Galatians 3:26-29)

All are one in Jesus Christ

Gospel

(Luke 9:18-24)

Jesus confirms his divinity and warns that he and his followers will be persecuted before being glorified by God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**For you my soul is thirsting
O God, my God**