

PARISH AGM SUNDAY 3RD JULY

Will begin about 12.30pm next Sunday in the Becket Centre. Please come. You can find the Agenda and other information on the notice-board in church. The principal practical business is to elect the members of the Parish Council who will guide us through the coming year. Their work will then begin with a meeting of the elected on Monday, 4th July at 8pm in the William Scott Room. There is much enthusiasm evident: fourteen candidates have offered their service. I am a little concerned about how we shall establish continuity since almost all the previously elected members have reached the end of their service. So pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us: that he will lead us to build further on the good work already achieved, using his gifts which we enjoy in such abundance. And especially that he will bring us united through all the year at what it will present.

HOLY COMMUNION 2016-2017

The work will begin in earnest in September. Registration forms are available, for children who will be in Year 3 in September. I decided for 2017 we will plan 6 sessions for receiving the sacrament each on a Saturday morning. Of the ten separate celebrations last month the three on Saturday mornings were by far the best. If you feel this is more laborious for you—then reflect that they were better precisely because the families put more into them. Thank God all were dignified and devout. This we must repeat. If Holy Communion says anything at all it says that we must all agree and be one.

Application forms are now available from the back of the church. If your child will be in Year 3 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.

FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

Pink
46-50 AB527939
361-365 AB527938
Green
471-475 AB553015
461-465 AB553015
Yellow
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.

REPOSITORY

Children. Do bring your parents into the Repository to see all the new books we have bought for you. As well as books to read there are puzzle books, tracing books, lift the flap books and pop-up books. All to tell you more about Jesus, your friend. The Repository is open after all Masses so do come in.

SS PETER AND PAUL Holy Day of Obligation Wed. 29th June

*Vigil Mass Tues. 28th 7.30pm
Wed. Chigwell Convent 10.00am
10.00am and 8pm St. Thomas'*

SACRISTANS

Some of our regular routines have wavered recently. Please read the notice in the sacristy reminding all of the procedures to be followed.

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.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine is now on sale £2.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the first and 3rd Sundays of each month.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS

Are you a Catechist on the First Holy Communion Programme, Confirmation, Saturday School, Journey of Faith or Children's Liturgy?

We have had high numbers enrolled in our Sacramental Programmes again this year. We never underestimate how integral our Catechists' involvement is in relation to the success of sacramental preparation.

We are having a Cheese & Wine evening to celebrate the end of the programmes and to thank you for your time and commitment. You are cordially invited to the Becket Centre on 30th June from 7.30pm.



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.

Donations of red wine for the refreshments would be so gratefully received.

Do support this wonderful parish event

TUESDAY CLUB

“LEGENDS OF THE TURF” a talk by BILL. Forget gardening! Canter along to the Becket Centre at 2pm on the 28th June. Hats are NOT required!!

BIBLE STUDY

Note for the Diary

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Will be holding their annual Afternoon Tea in the Becket Centre on Sunday, 10th July, 2016 between 3pm and 5pm. We would like to welcome ALL who have been bereaved and particularly those who have lost their loved ones in the last year. We also look forward to seeing our friends who have been with us before. Please feel free to bring someone with you. Contact Angela Barnes 020 8505 0356 as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent to you in order that we can have numbers for catering purposes.

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.

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, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Dennis McCarthy, Camille Malone, Dr. Mary Malone, Bridie McCoy, Yomi McEwen, 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:- Phil Archer, Eileen Beerli, Joan Feehan, Catherine Holland, John Holland, Patrick McDowell, Nina Morris, Jimmy Neary, Agnes Una Scully, Mary Tobin.

Lately Dead:- Danny Henry, Mike Deagan, Dr. Brendan Kelly, Monica McCafferty, Mary O'Boyle, Barrie Sharpe, Sr. Gertrude Stack

Mary O'Boyle's Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead on Thursday, 30th June at 10am followed by her cremation at City of London E12 5DQ. Mary died in Whipps Cross Hospital having been lovingly cared for in Homesdale Nursing Home, Wanstead for a number of years. Mary was a former parishioner of our parish and helped in numerous ways with many charities.

Our condolences go to her husband, Anthony and her daughters, Geraldine and Joanna. *May she rest in peace.*

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 1st July Maureen Insole, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Jack Edwards.

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@steyfc.com or call 07855170256.

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK

From Oct 2016. Contact Patricia at Go Trouvaille 01702 561757 or patricia@gotrouvaille.com.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Emilie Mae raised £402 at her recent cake sale. Thanks to all parishioners for their generosity.

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



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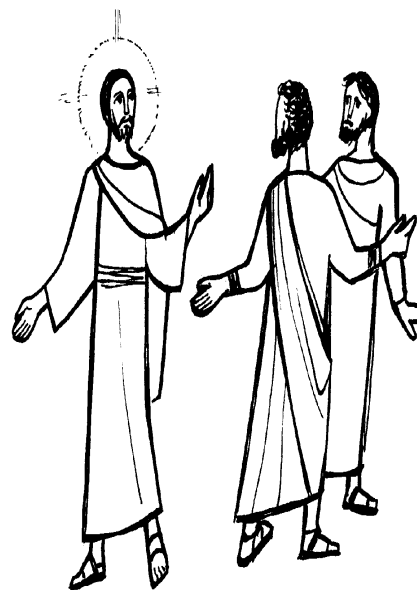
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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

26TH JUNE 2016



We come together as the family of God; we are all brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who have been chosen and called. Today it does not matter where we have come from, it only matters that we are here.

First Reading (1 Kings 19:16. 19-21)

Elijah is told by the Lord to go and find Elisha and anoint him as his successor.

Second Reading: (Galatians 5:1. 13-18)

Christ has set us free; therefore we are to stand firm and no longer submit to the yoke of slavery.

Gospel (Luke 9:51-62)

Anyone called by the Lord to follow him is instructed not to come up with any excuses, but simply to follow.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *O Lord, it is you who are my portion*

**There will be a Diocesan Collection for Peter's Pence
after all Masses this weekend.**