

DEANERY COURSES

I am most grateful to several of our parish who attended last Saturday's training for readers given at St George's in Walthamstow. We all need training to be better readers. We also need to take a greater part in the activities of the Deanery. We have even failed to provide a person to attend the meetings of the Deanery Pastoral Council, despite repeated requests.

24 HOURS ADORATION

Several individuals have said we should do it. This week an enthusiastic response came in with practical suggestions: we should make it a major event involving the whole parish with participation if all its component groups and activities. I am searching for the best possible day and date. At the moment favour seems to move towards a start at 6pm on a Friday, continuing to the first mass of a Sunday. Ideas welcome.

Quentin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder that there will be Mass on Sunday, 10th April at 3pm for all children on the First Holy Communion Programme and their families.

Also on Tuesday 12th April at 8pm in the Becket Centre Fr Quentin will be giving a talk on 'The Eucharist', will all parents do their best to attend.

TELCO

28th April 2016

Copper Box, Olympic Park London Citizens' Mayoral Accountability Assembly.

Will those who have ordered a ticket and are travelling by coach (5pm sharp) please contact Angela on 020 8504 2138 or leave a message, to ensure your name will be written on a numbered ticket which will be given to you on the coach. This is essential for entry.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Yianni Robert Beitis and Isabella Judge who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Carl Arango and Dina Vadher who were married in St. Thomas' last weekend. We wish them many blessings in their married life together.

CAR PARK CLOSURE

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2—4PM

This year our Scout Group are hosting the Annual Epping Forest South District St. George's Day Parade. The first time for some 10 years. We will be closing the Church car park to allow some 400 youngsters and adults to form up and parade into the Church. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

QUIZ NIGHT & CAKE SALE

Three young adults from the parish (Trinity pupils) are volunteering in Lourdes, along with Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in August. They need to self fund and are therefore hosting a fundraising Quiz Night on 7th May at 7pm in the Becket Centre and would love if you could support them by booking tickets or a table! Please text/telephone Margaret on 07478 868 871 to book your tickets/table. They are also holding a cake sale after all masses next weekend to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

REPOSITORY

Many of our young people will be making their First Holy Communion in a few weeks' time. After all Masses this weekend the Repository will be featuring appropriate cards and gifts and we will be on hand to take orders for items not already in stock.

10AM MASS

We need both more singers and instrumentalists to join us so that we can always be available. If you have any musical skills, however minimal, please consider joining us.

ALSO to ensure the childrens' safety at the 10am liturgy we need more adults to help, supervise and care for the 50 or so children in the Becket Centre. We are relying on a very small number of leaders, and they need help just to cope, but also some relief so that they do not always miss out on the adult liturgy of the Word. **Volunteers please**

WOODFORD BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Invites you to a Service of Remembrance for the benefit of bereaved families at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, to remember children and siblings of any age who have died. It will be held on Sunday, 17th April at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and afterwards in the Becket centre for refreshments. Any enquiries—please contact Kathie at Kathie.teahan2@gmail.com.

CWL

The Catholic Women's League is an international organisation serving the Parish and the wider Church and enjoying spiritual and social activities. Members engage in events to whatever extent is appropriate to them. If you are interested in joining this lively group of women please come to the Becket Centre after the 10am Mass or the 11.30am Mass. All women, whether young or young at heart, are most welcome.

TUESDAY CLUB

At 2pm on April 12th in the Becket Centre. We don't have a Guest Speaker, so we'll just talk to each other—which is why we are there anyway. Refreshments from the start to avoid parched throats!

SOUP RUN

We are up London again next Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, fruit, toiletries, sweets and clean warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre between 7 and 8pm on Wednesday evening. Thanking you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14th—19th August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or via cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to the ladies who have offered to help arrange the flowers in St. Thomas'. Barbara will be contacting you all to arrange a suitable time when she can guide you through the process.

If you feel you would like to get involved in arranging the church flowers, please contact Barbara in the parish office. The more the merrier!!

Grateful thanks.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WOODFORD GREEN

1.9.55 to 31.8.56 School Year of 74

If you are interested in meeting up with old school friends on 23rd April contact Anne (Delves) or Lesley (Tampin) stmarysconventgrammar@outlook.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Franca Francioni, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Kathleen Preston, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine.

Anniversaries:- Ana Maria Dias, Alice O'Halloran, Ray Stokes.

Lately Dead:- Baby Isabella Kingswood, Colin Skinner, Ernesto Loiacono, Brian Mann, Alison O'Neill, Geraldine Pavitt, Frank Stormont.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine is on sale this weekend. We urgently need volunteers to sell after every Mass, especially St. James and Chigwell. Please call Kathy 077343 08925.

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 9am 14th April Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French.

HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained. Contact 07957977380

CLEANER

With 20 years experience cleaning schools, pubs and offices is available for cleaning duties as from 5th April 2016. Minimum 2 hours per session. References available. For more information please contact Lydia on 07549156797.

HOUSEHOLD DUTIES

Cleaning/ironing etc. Good rates, references available, CRB checked, works in all areas. Please contact 07960 077452.

TENDER SOLE

Foot Care Professional. Insured and CRB checked. Contact Jan Tel 07974 508380 to book a home visit.

WORKS OF MERCY

Come and join us in prayer in the Year of Mercy and offer real help to those in crisis pregnancies. Every Sat. from 7.45am—11.30am (come when you can) opposite Marie Stopes Clinic, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill. If you can come for even quarter or half an hour 07960650517.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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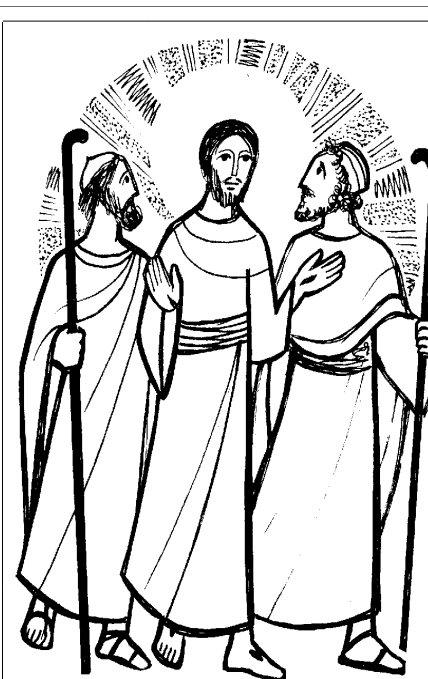
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C

10TH APRIL 2016



In this Easter season we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead and is Lord of all humanity and all creation. And we hear how his first followers became inspirational witnesses to the blessing of God's presence in the world.

First Reading

(Acts 5:27-32. 40-41)

The apostles obeyed God by continuing to teach and preach in the name of Jesus in spite of a warning from the Sanhedrin.

Second Reading

(Apocalypse 5:11-14)

The Lamb that was sacrificed is given glory by heavenly hosts, by humanity and by the whole of creation.

(Gospel)

(John 21:1-19)

Jesus appears to the disciples while they are fishing, and the catch is bountiful after he instructs them. They are recommissioned to be his witnesses in the world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord,
You have rescued me.