

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, 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, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, 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 Sydic, Bob Thompson, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Dr. Thomas Aquinas Cruz, Francis Sydic.

### **Lately Dead:**

Peter Anderson (Brother of Howard Anderson), Gail Brett, Della Clerkin, Jo Jones, Mary Moriarty, Vi Mulligan.

We extend the sympathy of the parish to the family of Vi Mulligan, a much respected and loved member of the parish community who died peacefully last week.

Vi's Requiem will be on Monday, 2nd October at 10am in St. Thomas'.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 9am 29th September  
Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Maureen Insole, Jack Edwards.

### **PLEASE COLLECT FROM PARISH OFFICE**

Envelopes for Anthony Browne, Marion Spears and Florence Maskell

### **ASSISI LUNCH**

29th September in the Becket Centre.

### **BEFRIENDERS WANTED**

St. Thomas' TELCO Team are working with a team of other faith organisations in Redbridge on a community sponsorship project. This is a government scheme whereby local communities are involved in the welcoming and resettlement of a vulnerable refugee family fleeing war. The group is looking to recruit befrienders for the family and would welcome applications from parishioners who would be willing to dedicate some regular time over a period of 1 year to help support the family through this transition. Please contact gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com for more information



### **HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY**

To Mary Quaine who celebrates this weekend with her family.

### **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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### **25TH SUNDAY CYCLE A**

### **ORDINARY TIME**

**24TH SEPTEMBER 2017**



God is generous in showing mercy to the whole of humanity. Today we give praise and thanks fore such immense love revealed to us in Jesus.

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 55:6-9)

We are not to hesitate in turning our hearts to God, who is rich in mercy.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

### **Gospel**

Matthew 20:1-16

We are called to rejoice in God's generosity towards the whole of humanity.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is close to all who call him.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

At 3 pm today we honour the members of our parish who are doing the most difficult of our tasks: quietly bearing the Cross with Jesus. For many it is a lonely task as through long days and weary nights they carry burdens of pain in body mind and spirit. I am grateful to you who bring them to a brief mass this afternoon during which they will receive the sacrament of the sick. Then tea and chat in Becket.

### **“Was it a success?”**

is the question many have asked about last weekend's day of Adoration. Only God can answer. Individually very many know the quiet extended period just sitting with Jesus has done something profound to us. I think somewhat fewer came this year, but still the number was substantial. Well done, and thank you. I am profoundly impressed by the obvious deep prayer of so many. No fuss, no pretence. Just sitting with Jesus. We must do it again. And a hint: Any time day or night spent in this way is precious. But the small hours of the morning are even richer. Remember that for next time.

### **Between 20 and 39?**

You may be interested in a day of conversation at Romero House. Pope Francis insists he wants to listen to what we are saying. He is particularly interested in young adults. The day will bring together young people who take their faith seriously and want to change the church. Many of them are discontent with the church and us clergy. This an opportunity to talk. It will happen at Romero House (Cafod HQ) SE1 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 to 4. Please tell Quentin if you could be interested.

## **ZOOTROPOLIS**

What on earth is that? We hope for a warm evening on Friday, but bring your winter clothes regardless. We don't want to cause any pneumonia. There will be a limited number of chairs but most expect to sit on the ground – with a plastic sheet to keep out the dew. It is a family affair starting round the BBQ, with a little liquid refreshment to fortify us seniors. And if the weather proves not to be kind do not stay away. We have alternative arrangements in mind.

Tickets for cinema will be £6 on the door (under 3 free). Advance bargain tickets can be purchased £8 per person for cinema, BBQ and soft drink or family ticket for 4 people for £30 to include cinema, BBQ and 4 soft drinks. All welcome. Popcorn and ice cream will also be available. Advance tickets must be paid to the parish office by Tuesday, 26th Sept. Please leave your name and tickets will be ready for your collection on the door.

### **IN TOUCH MAGAZINE**

On sale after all Masses this weekend. Price £2.

### **CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE**

Fr. Quentin will be signing forms on Thursday, 5th Oct. 8.30am—9.30am in the parlour & Friday, 6th Oct. 7pm—8pm in the Assisi Room (upstairs in the B.C.).

### **THE ROSARY MONTH OF OCTOBER**

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

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

26th September. “Curiosities” Jenifer Plummer in the Becket Centre at 2pm and refreshments.

## **FITNESS CLASS**



Monday 8pm in the Becket Centre.

Please come and join us for total body conditioning and The Plank Challenge!

Suitable for all levels of fitness (bring a mat or towel

for floor exercises)

**Only £3 per session PAYG. All profits donated to charity.**

***Don't be shy come and try!!***

### **CALLING ALL COOKS!!**

We are organising an international social evening on Sat. 18th Nov in the Becket Centre. We are looking for lots of cooks who can prepare some international dishes for us all to share.

Please contact Sue susimusi@hotmail.co.uk by Mon. 25th Sept.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Frank William Rabicano and Dominique Marcus who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **11.30AM MASS**

We are introducing new music. Please try to join in:-

***C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.***

***Resp: Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us (2)***

***C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world***

***Resp: Grant us peace; grant us peace***

### **SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP**

Meeting of the Group in the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre on Thursday, 28th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## **GIFT AID DONATION STATEMENT 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.

The use of this email address is solely for year end Gift Aid Statement request.

### **ST. ANTHONY'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.stantonycatholicps.co.uk/admissions](http://www.stantonycatholicps.co.uk/admissions) and the Certificate of Catholic practice is obtainable from your parish.

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wed. 11th Oct. at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the application procedure.

### **SOUP RUN**

Will be on Wed. 27th September. Donations of warm men's clothing, trainers, toiletries, sandwiches, cakes, fruit gratefully received. Please bring to the parish office on



Wed. morning or the Becket Centre at 7pm.