

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in the church this afternoon, 8th Nov. at 4pm. Everyone is welcome in the Becket Centre afterwards for tea and scones.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL

The Christmas Bazaar takes place on Sat. 14th Nov. from 11am until 3pm. All welcome.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2016

Applications are invited for Nursery Class to start in September 2016—girls born between 1.9.12—31.8.13. Call 0208 989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Noah Michael Spelman and Flynn Kennedy Spelman who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

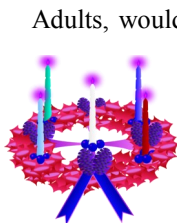
ACCOMMODATION WANTED

The SVP are trying to help a family find a 2 bedroom property to rent in the local area, preferably situated on the ground floor or on one level. For further information please contact the Parish Office or the SVP on 07754 100149.

PRAYER VIGIL

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants hold a prayer vigil every Sat. between 7.30am and 11.30am opposite Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill. Could you join us for half an hour, or quarter of an hour? Your prayers and presence will make all the difference. For more information 'phone 020 8252 9459.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING



Adults, would you like to make an advent wreath? Come along on Thursday, 26th November at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Please bring a large bag/box of foliage and seateurs/scissors. Wreaths will be for sale on Sat. 28th November at the Christmas Fayre and all proceeds will go to parish funds. Christmas refreshments will be provided.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

November 28th 1pm

Please support the Fayre by coming along on the day. Father Christmas will be in attendance for the day. We are looking for donations of toys and children's books in good condition, costume jewellery, toiletries and unwanted gifts. Also donations of Christmas cakes and puddings, homemade or shop bought, for the tombola.

HOME PRODUCE STALL

Mary Charter and Catherine Bissmire would welcome donations on the day of jam, chutney, breads, pickled onions etc. 'Phone Mary 020 8504 3798, Catherine 020 8559 0281 if you need collection. Please leave any items of value with the parish office. We thank you in advance for your continued support. Also, any interested helpers please contact Jackie on 020 8506 1799/07952077546.

GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR?

If so, then you may be interested in attending two evening of helpful preparation. The sessions will be at St. George's Walthamstow on 12th and 19th November. The exercise will be repeated next April. It is an opportunity not to be missed. From the Synod has come a great insistence on helping young people to prepare well to enjoy all that a good Catholic marriage can be. This is a start.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

My intention is to make myself available at times suitable for you to provide the needed certificate of Catholic Practice. Last Tuesday many came. I apologise for causing you inconvenience. I shall offer you several other opportunities at different times of day to fit in with your busy patterns. Not this week though.

Please note Fr. Quentin will not be dealing with Davenant until they contact him.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 14th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £7 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Our regular professional quizmasters guarantee this will be a great quiz for everybody, as usual. Please contact Bernard Bourdillon on 07867 908814.

REPOSITORY

We are delighted to tell you that we now have a wide and inexpensive choice of Advent and Christmas stock. Advent Candles and Calendars to count away the days, Christmas Cards in packs and singly and build-your-own Cribs (other available to order). If you can't see what you need there is still time to order it.

WALK WITH ME

Copies for Advent are available from the back of the church—price £1.

BIBLE SHARING GROUP

You are invited to a Bible sharing group which will meet fortnightly to pray using the Scripture readings of the following Sunday. We will meet in the Becket Centre on Thursday, 12th November at 7.15pm finishing 8.30pm. Hope to see you there!

TUESDAY CLUB

Ros' Quiz

Tuesday, 10th November at 2pm in the Becket Centre. All welcome. Don't forget to collect the official Christmas Lunch Menu for you and your friends who you would like to bring to the lunch.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

To date I have only received two names of persons who would welcome having communion brought to them. I know the very good Messenger service pioneered by Fr. Brian has fallen into abeyance. Nevertheless I ask you who formerly performed this service of ensuring contact with parish members in your vicinity to give thought to my problem. Think if there is anyone not able to come to church but who still would value Holy Communion. In a parish of this size there must be more than a score of sick people for whom communion would be a great benefit which they are not receiving.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Some of us met a few weeks ago for an hour or so of prayer and discussion. Many came and found it valuable, and we promised to do it again. I did not give you enough notice. Would you care to come for a similar exercise on Wednesday, 9th December? Then perhaps we could also pencil in dates for future similar meetings.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again on Wednesday and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, fruit, toiletries and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during open hours or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday night.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Maria Ashley, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Genevieve Campbell, Yvonne Carpenter, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, John Harris, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Dr Courtney Price, Lily Reding, Pauline Tuite, Astrid Turner, Kath Vaughan .

Latently Dead Dennis Byrne, Miguel T. Da Costa, Violet Rose Clark, Mary Bench, John Tugby,

Anniv: Stanley Dias, Rhys Williams, Phil & Paddy Callanan, Honoria Christine Mathieson (also known as Ena or Joe's Granny)

REQUIEM

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, will be on Mon. 16th Nov. 2015 at 11.30am.

BADMINTON

Come and get fit for Christmas. We play in Trinity School, Mornington Road between 8pm and 10pm Thursday nights. Cost £5. For details 'phone Liz 07759 410304.

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

Friday 9am 13th November Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

New Church Cleaning Rotas are available from the back of the church.

VALENTINE SINGERS

Faure—Requiem, Kodaly—Missa Brevis on Sat. 14th November at 7.30pm at St. John's Church, St. John's Road, Epping CM16 5DN. Tickets £12, £7 or £14/£9 on the door. Box Office 020 8550 4654.

LEONARD CHESHIRE DISABILITY

Christmas Coffee Morning Sat. 21st Nov. 2015. 10am to 12noon at Alder House, Lambourne Road, Chigwell, IG7 6HH. Stalls will include Tombola, Christmas Stall, Large Hamper Raffle, cakes and plants and more!

LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL BUCKHURST HILL

Is seeking to appoint a part-time School Secretary as part of a job share. For further details and an application form, call 020 8504 7372 or office@loyola.essex.sch.uk. Closing date 13th November 2015.

BECKET CENTRE

We do ask all groups who use the Becket Centre to please leave it neat and tidy when you leave.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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Served by the Franciscans



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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE B

8TH NOVEMBER 2015



The new life of Christ requires that we place our trust and hope in God and give attention to loving and caring for one another, particularly those who are vulnerable.

First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16)

The prophet Elijah is given water and sustenance by a poor widow and the generous sharing of her meagre resources is rewarded with a miraculous multiplying of food.

Second Reading (Hebrews 9:24-28)

As Christ died to forgive every one of us, we are safe in Christ's loving forgiveness.

Gospel (Mark 12:38-44)

Jesus admires the generosity of a poor widow, but criticises the Temple for taking what she cannot really afford.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM My soul, give praise to the Lord