

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Irene de Freitas, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Annie Keenan, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Dymrna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Maureen Pestell, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Angela Carroll, Anthony Gibbs, Tim Godfrey, Martin Kivineen, Caterina Lucca, Kevin McCabe, Barbara Maxwell, Mary O'Sullivan, Roy Petter, Aogan Tansey,

**Lately Dead:** William Burke, Dominic Corry, Eileen Everett, Kerrie Fitzpatrick, Sheila Murphy, John Neville, Bridget Tasker (Nurse at St. Edmund's College) Bridget's Requiem will be at 10.45am 30th Oct. at St. Joseph's RC Church, 3 Wind Hill, Bishops Stortford CM23 2ND.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 27th October Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

### 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.

## WANTED

A landlord with a 2/3bedroom property in Redbridge who would be willing to rent their house to a refugee family from Syria as part of the government "community sponsorship programme" which the telco team of St. Thomas' are involved in. It would mean renting at the Redbridge local housing allowance for a period of 2 years. Finding such a landlord is the final part needed to complete our community sponsorship application. Contact gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com for more information.

## TELCO

What is putting pressure on you and the people you care about in Redbridge? We would like to hear from you on what is putting pressure on you and the people you care about in Redbridge. We are currently heading towards the local government elections in 2018 and building an agenda based on what local people care about. All the issues that people raise will be considered by Redbridge Citizens in TELCO and an agenda will be drafted for an accountability assembly in April 2018. Please join Soledad and Moya during coffee after 11.30am Mass on this Sunday, 22nd Oct. to discuss the key local issues.

## SPANISH

Fully qualified native speaker teacher offers Spanish tuition at all levels. Contact Ana Fernandez (BA) 0753988 9796 anaflt@hotmail.com

### 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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29TH SUNDAY  
CYCLE A

ORDINARY TIME

22ND OCTOBER 2017



We are made in the image and likeness of God. The Lord has chosen us to share the good news of his kingdom through what we say and what we do.

### First Reading

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus, a pagan, to do his work.

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

St. Paul begins his letter with thanks to God for the community he is writing to.

### Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give the Lord glory and power

### **MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

As announced last week. The Commission many received at various times in the past will end on 2nd Dec. Then those who wish to continue their ministry will be re-commissioned at each of the Masses of that weekend. We do hope that you who are active will choose to continue this service to parish and housebound.

We who are privileged to have this ministry meet periodically to reflect prayerfully on the task we have undertaken and to deal with any new needs emerging or problems arising. So I propose to give several opportunities from the middle of Nov. for you to come **just on one evening**. We will share a half hour of adoration and then engage in general discussion. I shall arrange several opportunities starting on Mon. 13th Nov. and on different week evenings as I know you have busy schedules. But one thing is clear. Only those who attend one of the evening sessions will be eligible to receive a new commission on the first weekend of Advent.

### **CATECHISTS' TRAINING DAY**

At the Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. Nov. 4th 10.30am—15.30pm It will be worth attending. If you would care to take part please inform Gabriella at [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

There is also an online programme leading to the Bishop's Certificate of Catechist. It involves a series of online exercises demanding they say only 45 minutes per week. This seems a good opportunity.

We are fortunate to have quite a number who realise how vital is the work of catechist. It is more enjoyable with a bit of training to give confidence. Contact Gabriella for more information.

### **COMMON PRAYERS AND RESPONSES AT MASS**

Parts of the Mass are supposed to be a dialogue between the priest and yourselves. But many are unsure of what exact words are now the "correct" ones. So shortly there will be cards available, in a pouch on the radiators and in the middle aisle. Please use them and do replace them at the end of Mass! Also look at your hymn book. Many contain the words of the Mass and the relevant page is given on a label on the cover.

*11.30am Mass we have a new Sanctus, please join in if you are familiar with it.*

### **IMPORTANT DATE**

Parish Annual Service of Remembrance  
26th Nov. at 4pm.

This date is a change to our normal practice of holding the service on the Sunday nearest to Remembrance Sunday so please share this information with friends and relatives.

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENING MEAL**

On Sat. 18th Nov. 2017 7.30—10.30pm. Reserve this date for your diary. A chance to try dishes from all over the world. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets £5 adults £3 children available soon.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

24th Oct. Music—Gilbert & Sullivan. We're collecting Menus and Money for Christmas lunch. See you all in the Becket Centre at 2pm.

### **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

Fr. Quentin will be signing forms in the parlour on Thursday 27th Oct. at 6.30pm—7.30pm **ALSO** on Monday, 30th Oct. 6.30pm—7.30pm.

### **GIFT AID DONATION 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](mailto: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.

### **ASSISI LUNCH DATES CHANGED**

Due to events in our parish the dates are being changed. The new dates are:

**Friday, 17th November**

**Friday, 1st December (Christmas Lunch)**

All those who receive lifts, please do not worry, the drivers will be notified.

### **CWL JUMBLE SALE (Note change of time)**

This annual event will take place on Sat 28th Oct in the Becket Centre at 2pm. As usual, we need your support BUT we no longer have any storage facilities. Therefore we can **ONLY** accept your donations on **FRIDAY 27th Oct** in the Becket Centre from 9.30am until 7pm or **SATURDAY 28th Oct** in the Becket Centre from 9am onwards. Please do not leave any jumble before these times.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE 25TH NOV.**

Needed a "man with a van" who will be willing to help move items to and from Trinity on Friday evening and the Sat. afternoon. Also if anyone wants to help run a stall contact Jackie 07952 077546.

### **POPE FRANCIS COMES TO THE BECKET CENTRE**

This Wed. at 8pm you are invited to come and make your contribution to our discovery of where Pope Francis is trying to lead us. We heard his plea for help in the two Synods, about Family and Marriage. We will pick up this theme on Wednesday. No lectures. You have the faith Francis tells you. Tease out together your understanding of what it means in our lived experience today.

### **SOUP RUN**

The next Soup Run will be on Wednesday, 25th October. Donations of warm men's clothing, trainers, toiletries, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruit will be gratefully received. Please bring to parish office during office hours or 7pm to B.C.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Sebastian James Jonah Saleh, Austin Harrison Dean, Emily Kathleen Spelman, Frankie Ryan O'Connor, Cody John O'Connor and Jack Stuchfield who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Has got vacancies for a Mid-day Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant. For more information and to download an application pack please go to our website. [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/vacancies). Closing date Friday, 27th October 2017.

### **REPOSITORY**

Advent will shortly be upon us and Christmas not far away. Take a look in the shop after Mass. We have Advent Candles and Wreath Sets. Advent Calendars and plenty of Christmas Cards. All at very competitive prices. If you need crib figures there is still time to order. Check out the brochure and put details and tel. no. in order book.