

### **Austin O.F.M.**

Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury their talents? Jesus at least seems to say no. "To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." That hurts.

Remember—both heaven and hell have the same description! They are the ways we will live forever within the totally unselfish love who is God. The heaven of it is obvious. The hell of it...? Notice a spoiled child (or adult) doesn't fit easily into a loving family. The spoiled lives only for self, to get, to keep, to exclude...by definition cannot be at home where the well-being of another is primary. We don't have to achieve perfect love in this life—just simply travel together in the right direction; to live my life not as I see it but as you need it!



### **TEDDY BEAR**

Well loved hand knitted teddy bear feeling very lonely sitting in parish office awaiting collection from owner. Come quick!

### **MESSIAH FROM SCRATCH**

At the Royal Albert Hall, Sunday, 30th November. I have a ticket to take part in this fantastic event and I am unable to go. I would love to pass the ticket to someone who will enjoy the experience. If anyone who sings Alto would like to make use of it, please phone Angela on 020 8505 0356.

### **INTERNATIONAL TRIP**

One of the Guiders (Marie Morris) from the 15th Woodford is going to Switzerland with 40 other girls and leaders. She is holding a cake and homemade preserves sale as a way to raise money for this amazing opportunity in the Becket Centre after all Masses this weekend

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sat. 29th November 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 childrens' 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 stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

### **ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Family of 4 (2adults + 2 children) looking for accommodation before end of November 2014 in the Woodford Green/South Woodford/Snaresbrook or Wanstead area. 2 or 3 bedrooms. Contact Annette 07826326445.

### **CAFOD FANCY DRESS**

Nativity Run—Sat. 6th Dec. Join us for a 5k,10k or festive toddle around Clapham Common before warming up with a mince pie and fair-trade drink. All money raised will help raise funds for mothers and babies in Guarjila, El Salvador. Call 0208 502 9722 or brentwood@cafod.org.uk.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it with the names of your loved ones. Mass will be said each day during the month of November.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND 2015**

Due to the ongoing problems in the Holy Land, some of which we have seen in the news recently, the Diocese have been advised to postpone next year's pilgrimage. Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.

### **SUNG REQUIEM MASS**

On Sat. 22nd November at 10.30am at St. Patrick's Cemetery Chapel, Langthorne Road, Leytonstone, E.11., for all those at rest in the cemetery.

### **URSULINE SISTERS**

Are seeking to appoint a part-time Health Promotion Co-ordinator for their Sisters living in the London area. The post would be suitable for a qualified nurse. Initially the hours will be 35 a month; the salary will be calculated according to the AFC Band 6 pay scale. For more information and an application form contact Sr. Kathleen 07762661579 or email: ursprovuk@aol.co.uk.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE**

Monday, 17th November please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed so that the women helped, by The Good Counsel Network, will receive the Grace from God to continue their pregnancies. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or see www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

### **AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Their first performance in the UK is at All Saints', Woodford Wells on Monday, 24th Nov. at 7pm. You are warmly welcome. Tickets available from 0209 8504 0266 £5 adults, £3 children.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFTERNOON**

Please support our last fundraising effort on Sat. 22nd November in the Becket Centre 2pm-5pm with taster plates of foods from around the world.

**Mothers of St. Thomas' (MOST)**

### **WALK WITH ME**

A Journey of Prayer for Advent. Price £1 from the back of the church.

### **RACE FOR JUSTICE**

Congratulations to Alan Mair who on 2nd November successfully completed in New York the 5th of the 6 major world marathons. Thank you to parishioners who so far have donated over £980 to Alan's "Race for Justice" programme in support jointly of BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and CAFOD. Alan's 6th major marathon within a year will be in Toyko in February. To support Alan please go to <https://my.donate.bt.com/fundraisers/alanmair63>.

### **GREAT TRINITY GHOST LECTURE**

**On Thursday, 20th November at 7.30pm in the Ratcliffe Hall at Trinity High School, Mornington Road.**



Dr. Doherty is going to make a break from the past and concentrate on two or three very eerie ghost stories, originals, which he has recently written. He hopes to tell the stories in a very

dramatic way! Admission is £2. Refreshments will be on sale. Dr. Doherty shall raffle signed copies of his novels with all monies going to the school fund. If you wish to reserve seats please contact Mrs Sally Parry: [sally.parry@fc.tchs.uk.net](mailto:sally.parry@fc.tchs.uk.net)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfiled, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Fr. Tommy Flynn, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr. Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

*and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Lately Dead.:** Gabriel Hand, Angela Lloyd, Jean Mulgrew, Maureen Nonden (Kay Prendergast's Mother), Marie Paget, David Shepherd.

**Anniv:** Joseph Patrick Insole, John Mulligan.

Maureen Nonden's Requiem will take place on Tues. 25th November at 10am in St. Thomas'. **May she rest in peace.**

## CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 21st November Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

## CLASSES

Beginners cake making classes £25/day also Jewellery making classes for beginners £20/day. Contact 07475336769.

## DURUFLE REQUIEM

South West Essex Choir Sat. 6th December 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Inmans Row, Woodford Green. Tickets £13, £11 concessions in advance. Contact 020 8554 2830 or [www.southwestessexchoir.org.uk](http://www.southwestessexchoir.org.uk)

## KEEP FIT

Enthusiastic new Instructor. Come and join us in the Becket Centre on Mondays at 8pm for approximately 1 hour. Only £3—Come along and give it a try.

## LOST

Either in the church or the car park. A pair of red leather gloves. If found, please contact Patricia on 07906267321.

## NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please let the parish office know so that we can keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

## 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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## 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE A

16TH NOVEMBER 2014



To be here we have left the places of our ordinary living and come together to worship, celebrate and ponder the ways of the Lord. Yet here we will rediscover our ordinary lives and see them in new ways. Learning from the Lord, we can return to our places in the world, and live them more hopefully, more lovingly.

## First Reading

(Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31)

When the writer of Proverbs looks for an image to finish his book, and sum up what practical wisdom looks like, he offers a picture of the "perfect wife".

## Second Reading

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

As Paul writes to some of the earliest Christians, he is concerned that they learn to live their lives in joyful expectation, rather than in anxiety about the future.

## Gospel

(Matthew 25:14-30)

Today's Gospel tells us the familiar parable of the "talents". However small the work set before us, we are each called to respond with care and creativity.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**