

FR. IGNATIUS

Dear Parishioners

Recently, our dear brother Fr. Ignatius moved into Residential Care at the Franciscan sisters of Littlehampton Nursing Home so as to receive fuller professional care and be among Franciscan sisters who know and love him. He is very happy there and is looked after excellently. His family and the friars are very pleased too. We, as friars, regard Iggy as a member of this Friary Community and will visit him frequently. Last week, some of the friars celebrated the 70 years of Religious Profession with Ignatius O.F.M. Deo Gratias! We wish you our blessings, prayers and wishes of Easter. Alleluia!

Fr. Donal O.F.M. (Guardian)

READERS COURSE

An excellent course is on offer for readers of much or little experience. At St. Joseph's, Leyton on Sat. 2nd April 10am—3pm conducted by Christine Hammersley of Brentwood Rites & Ministries Commission. We can all read: but there is nearly always room to deliver the Word of God better, with a little training. If you are attending, please bring packed lunch. Please see poster on noticeboard. All welcome.

Collections from all Masses this weekend are the parishioners' contribution to the Franciscan Community.

REPOSITORY

Visit the repository where Orders are being taken for First Holy Communion gifts.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

“This is your busy week” kind people have been saying to me. It is a busy week for all of us at least insofar as it offers great opportunities for entering into what God is doing to us individually and as this parish, one member of the whole body of Christ.

We do need a reminder of the fact that through our Bishop we are an integral part of the church. The Confirmation candidates have recently gone to the Bishop to acknowledge that they are confirming their commitment to the church through him. He “elected” the new members to be received into our church this Saturday. We received the Holy Oils consecrated by him on Wednesday so that we can make the sacraments in the daily life we share in the parish of St. Thomas’.

He has asked us to co-operate in his programme for the ongoing development of the Diocese. I received just three communications in response to the Bishop’s letter on the first Sunday of Lent in which he asked us all to engage. I am most grateful to William Yeung for making himself available to serve as the steward for our parish. We wait to hear of the next step.

I am most grateful to all the busy people who have given much time and energy to make our Holy Week services. The procession at 11.30am last Sunday was—shall we say “interesting”? It was an attempt to involve everyone, not to be spectators but to enter into the spirit and practice of the liturgy.

I am grateful to the good number who came on Tuesday to clean the church. I am sure through the rest of the week our liturgies will be prayerful leading up to the joy of Easter.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 1st April in the Becket Centre.

We deserve a rest now. Mass will be at the usual times this week but there will not be the usual evening exposition.

I do thank you for your love, support and active engagement on the many good things we do in the parish and reaching out to many others.

May you all enjoy a blessed Easter

24 HOURS EXPOSITION

The Pope has asked parishes to have a 24 hours Exposition in the Year of Mercy. Is there any interest for such in this parish? Please let me know. Quentin.

WOODFORD BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Invites you to a Service of Remembrance for the benefit of bereaved families at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. This service is to remember children and siblings of any age who have died. We invite you to join us 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.

HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Lay Associates Meeting on Monday, 4th April at the Convent 7.30pm.

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.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE 2016

10th—16th May 7 Nights Half Board in 4* apartments & Airport Transfers £236.

Contact Jackie 020 3239 8662

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

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Once again the Mother and Toddler Group are collecting Sainsburys vouchers and would appreciate your help. Please hand them into the parish office. Thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are in need of ladies who would be prepared to learn how to arrange the church flowers on a rota basis. If you are interested, please contact Barbara, Parish Office.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Will parishioners pick up their envelopes for the next financial year from the back of the church. Grateful thanks.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY



A big thank you for the fantastic response to last Wednesday's soup run. Everyone left with a bag full of supplies to tide them over. We would

also like to say a massive thank you to an anonymous donor who has purchased a new minibus for us to use and to Moya Moffat for her continuing hard work and financial contributions towards the on going success of the soup run which has now been running in excess of 20 years.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, 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, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Anneli Prowse, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine,

Anniversaries Nina Brovelli, John Vernon, Patricia Kalinaukas, Lotte O'Neill, Ray Stokes.

Lately Dead Valerie Bland, Paddy Dear (aged 16 years), Ian Macpherson, Carmel Cork, Patrick Mahoney, Georgia Perera

Patrick Mahoney's Requiem will take place on Wed. 30th March at 10am in St. Thomas'.

Georgia Perera's Requiem will take place on Thursday, 31st March at 10am in St. Thomas'.

Carmel Cork's Requiem will take place on Tuesday, 5th April at 11.30am in St. Thomas'.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 10.30am 31st March Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

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.

MATHS TEACHER REQUIRED

Key Stage 3 Qualified Maths Teacher required for 1 to 1 personal tuition for year 8 child. Must have the ability to build up a child's confidence, be aware of the current GCSE syllabus. Required one hour weekly until the end of the academic year. Chigwell area 07838 666 424.

TENDER SOLE

Foot Care Treatments in the care of your own home by Jan Youngman MCFHP MAFHP. Contact 07974 508380. CRB checked.

TOYAKWAQI KARATE

Contact 020 8985 6228 for details. All ages and abilities

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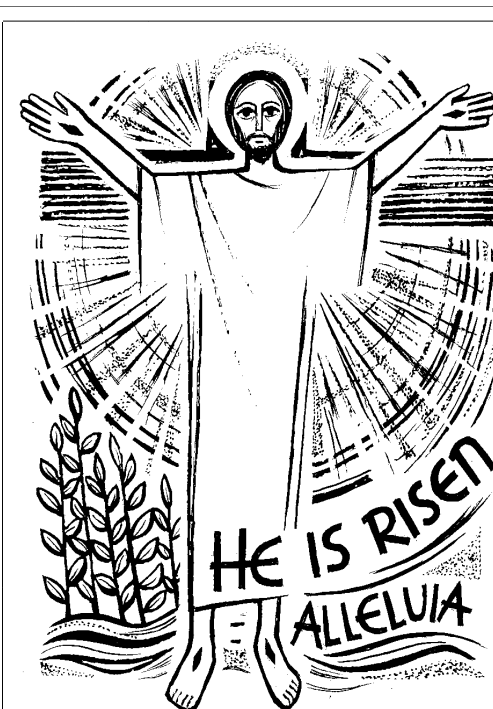
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EASTER SUNDAY CYCLE C

27TH MARCH 2016



Before dawn on the first Easter Sunday Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and sorrow turns to joy. Let us all rejoice and be glad for the Lord has risen from the dead!

First Reading (Acts 10:34. 37-43)

Peter proclaims the Good News of salvation to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, who had invited him to his house. It results in the baptism of Cornelius and all gathered with him.

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

Through baptism we have died with Christ and entered into the life of the resurrection, to be revealed fully when we are with Christ for ever.

(Gospel) (John 20:1-9)

John testifies to the empty tomb on the first Easter day.

HAPPY EASTER

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