

Welcome to “ordinary time.” Times moves so slowly for a child. When you were seven years old, one year was one-seventh of your life. In mid-life and beyond, one year is a tiny fraction of your life and so time speeds up—so much so in fact that, at a point, you also sometimes begin to long for special occasions to be over with, for visitors to go home, and for distractions to disappear so that you can return to a more ordinary rhythm in your life. Routine might be boring, but we sleep a lot better when our lives are being visited by the “angels” of routine and the ordinary.

*Austin O.F.M.*

### **ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD**

Today is World Leprosy Day. We invite you to help us transform the lives of some of the world’s poorest and most marginalised people. This special day will raise awareness of leprosy as a 21st century disease. If you are interested there are copies of the Guild’s Review for 2013 at the back of the church or contact Fr. Michael Copps who is a Trustee of the Guild.

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The service for Christian Unity will be held at St. Paul’s Woodford Bridge on Tuesday, 21st January at 8pm. All are very welcome.

### **1ST COMMUNION**

Wednesday, 29th January 8pm in the Assisi Room Catechists’ Meeting to prepare three sessions on Reconciliation.

### **ST. ANTONY’S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Require a School Cleaner 14hrs per week x 52 weeks per year £8.32 per hour. Please contact the school office on 020 8504 4706 or admin.st-antony@redbridge.gov.uk. Closing date 20th January. 2014.

### **ADMISSIONS TO ST ANTONY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY**

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2010 and 31.8.2011. Application forms are now available at the school office for the Nursery for the school year 2014/2015. Those children born between 1.9.2011 and 31.12.2011 may also apply to start in January 2015 if there are vacancies. Either call into the office or telephone after 1.30pm on 020 8504 4606. The forms are also available on the website [www.st-antony.net](http://www.st-antony.net). Please note, these enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons. Closing date for receipt of forms is Mid-day on Monday, 24th February 2014.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**



Friday 9am 24th Jan Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

### **PILATES**

The next session for Beginners commences on Wednesday, 29th January 7.30pm—8.30pm. Intermediates Thursday, 30th January 7.30pm—8.30pm. For more details contact David on 07572527869.

### **PILGRIMAGE**

Spend a week in Medjugorje this Easter, 16th—23rd April only £499. Price includes return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick, coach transfers to Medjugorje, half board accommodation and experienced guide. For more information please contact Jonathan on 01423 546175.

### **LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

Require Deputy Headteacher commencing 1st September 2014. For application pack email [office:loyola.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office:loyola.essex.sch.uk). Closing date 29th January. School website [www.loyola.essex.sch.uk](http://www.loyola.essex.sch.uk). Poster on noticeboard at back of the church.

### **ROSARY PROCESSION**

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead a Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil from St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on Sat. 8th Feb. 2014. The day will start with 9am Mass and the procession will leave St. Thomas’ at 9.45am to Marie Stopes abortion centre in Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, where we will pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns while counsellors are offering help to those seeking abortion and also post-abortion help to those who have already had an abortion. We return at approx. 12noon for refreshments in the Clare Room. Please do your best to join us. Full details on poster displayed in church porch.

### **15th UNIT WOODFORD BROWNIES**

Are looking for a 3rd adult Leader and an additional young leader. Meetings are every Tuesday 6.30pm—8pm in the Becket Centre. Please contact Rachael on 07949 739549 or Fiona on 07834 731324 if you are interested.

### **HEAVENS ROAD FM CATHOLIC RADIO**

Seeks enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet—they have people in 10 different dioceses contributing. Contact [www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/](http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/).

### **DOMESTIC CLEANING & IRONING**

I am able to assist you with any cleaning or ironing duties. Very reliable. Work in all areas. Please contact Mags on 07944 983825.

### **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS**

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets and warm men’s clothing. Items can be left in the parish office on Wednesday morning or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening. With more and more people finding it hard to live on the income they have we find they are turning to soup runs for help, please continue to support us. We would also welcome some help in the kitchen at 6.45pm Wednesday for an hour to help cut and pack the sandwiches.

### **ST. THOMAS’ BADMINTON CLUB**

Come and get fit in 2014 and join us between 8pm and 10pm Thursday evenings in Trinity School. For details please phone Liz 07759 410304.

### **NANNY REQUIRED**

Afternoon and evening work 4 days a week. For further information please ‘phone 07769328745.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you have a relative or friend living alone or in a nursing home who would like a visit please call us on 07754 100149 or contact us via the parish office.

### **PAX CHRISTI**

There will be a Diocesan for Pax Christi after all Masses this weekend.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Siobhan Davids, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Francoise Duprey, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Constantin Ioana, Geraldine Kelly, Phyllis Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Nora Lucey, Mary McKay, Anne McShea, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Mrs Kathleen Meyler, Pat Meyler, Jean Morgan. Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Janet Pinfold, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Mary Taylor, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

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

**Lately Dead:-** Arthur Baggott, Augustine Carnell, Carmen Cohen, Joe Inzani, Mrs Keran, Mrs Moylan, Richard Price, Brigid Simpson, John Thurston, James Quigg, **Anniv:** M. Castro, Fiona Daniels, Mary Dionysius, Eugenia Galecka, Vincent Gilroy.

*The Passage wish to thank parishioners for £200 they received recently for the homeless.*

#### **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

### **CALLING ALL MUMS & DADS**

Staff and Friends of St. Antony's School to help fundraise for the school by running or sponsoring someone who is going to run 13.1 miles on 9th March 2014 at Roding Valley Half Marathon. Anyone happy to join the St. Antony's running team please contact:-

Aine Wood at [ainewood@btinternet.org](mailto:ainewood@btinternet.org) or sign up at <http://www.rvhm.org.uk/>.

If running isn't for you, you can always sponsor those who are at <http://www.justgiving.com/StAntonysSchool>.

### **STUDY DAY**

#### **WRESTLING WITH ROMANS**

Rev. Dr. Adrian Graffy explore the New Testament, the Letter to the Romans.

Sat. 8th March 10.30am—3pm Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Admission free—buffet lunch provided. Please book your place. [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) 01277 265289

### **HOUSE BLESSING**

If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact the parish office for details.

### **DIocese OF BREntWOOD**

Safeguarding Good Practice Guides are available from the back of the church. Please take one.

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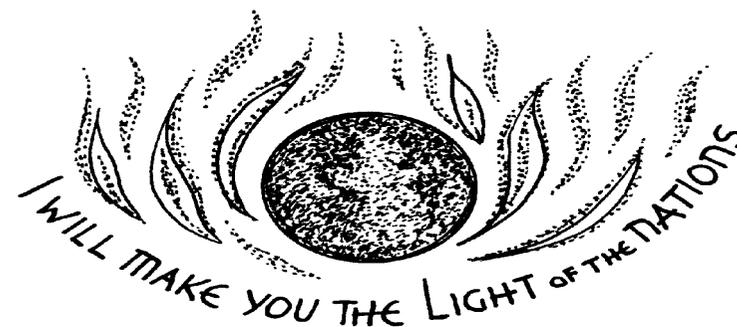
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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR CYCLE A PEACE DAY**

**19TH JANUARY 2014**



As Jesus begins his public life, the links with the Christmas season we have just celebrated are clear. He is, in the words of Isaiah, the light of the nations who will bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

### **First Reading (Isaiah 49:3. 5-6)**

The chosen one of God is the light of the nations who will bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

### **Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)**

Paul's greeting to his community is of grace and peace in the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel (John 1:L29-34)**

The chosen one of God will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Here I am Lord!*

*I come to do your will.*