

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire, Teresa Daly, Nigel Dillon, Carla Doherty, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Raymond Flynn, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Jane Kirk, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

Anniversaries:- Stanley Dias, David Forsyth, Elsie Valles

Lately Dead: Nellie O'Sullivan,

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 27th Oct. Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis.

THE ROSARY

Will be said after the 10am Mass during the month of October.

HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained mobile hairdresser. Contact 07957977380.

ASSISI LUNCH

Next lunch is on 28th Oct. meal at 1pm in the Becket Centre.

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

ST. FRANCIS RAMBLERS

Welcome parishioners to our ramble on Sunday, 30th October (Suitable footwear please!). Meet Loughton station 10am for a 10.15am SHARP departure.

THE CLOCKS SHOULD HAVE GONE BACK BY 1 HOUR OVERNIGHT!

Lunch at The Bull, Station Approach, Theydon Bois, CM16 7HR. Distance 9 miles finishing at Epping. Please call Tony on 020 8767 5293 for more details.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Would you be interested in taking part in a study in childhood development? I'm a local mum and Child Psychotherapy student looking to observe new-born baby in its family environment for 1 hour a week. It's an opportunity for me to learn while you become the experts on growing a relationship with your new baby. If you might be interested and would like to know more, please contact me Tracy 07775 580808.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SHOW

3 tickets available for evening performance on 8th December. For further details contact Pat on 07906267321.

KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes. Nicola Gilbert. Contact 07792 933953
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE C

23rd OCTOBER 2016



In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we know that if we want to experience the mercy of God, then we have to be merciful ourselves. We cannot set ourselves up in judgement of others.

First Reading (Ecclesiastics 35:12-14. 16-19)

God's judgement of people depends not on their status but on the attitudes of their hearts.

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18)

The Lord is the righteous judge who stands by Paul in the face of all who seek to do him harm.

Gospel (Luke 18:9-14)

The Pharisee judges himself to be better than the tax collector, but it is the humble man's prayer that is heard.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

G.O.S.H. CHARITY

We are raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity so please join us after every Mass 8.30am 10am and 11.30am Masses today (Sunday, 23rd October) for our "Bake it Better Cake Sale."

PRISONERS

Thank you for your support for prisoners and their families last weekend. You gave £600 in the retiring collection. A man just two weeks out from 9 years of prison happened to call during the week for help. It is well to know that there are such men and their families on our doorstep. Above all they need trust to help them start on a job and a search for a home.

SACRISTY LINEN CARE

We have a real crisis in the lack of the small towels and purificators needed at Mass. As I write there are just 4 in the drawer. We have been using handkerchiefs and a towel, not appropriate for the proper respect to Our Lord in the Eucharist. There should be a large stock of these small linens. Evidently they have been taken home for washing and not returned. So please look to see if there are any lurking in your linen drawers at home.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you, current Ministers, for taking your envelope from the table at the back of church. We are grateful that you either have filled, or will fill in the form for the commissioning which will happen at all Masses on the first Sunday of Advent. If you have not yet taken your envelope and returned the included form please do so as soon as is convenient.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Fr. Quentin will be seeing people who require a certificate of Catholic practice on Monday, 24th Oct. and Friday, 28th Oct. between 7pm and 8pm. Please contact the parish office to put your name down.

YOUTH SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

If our church is to have a future: if our parish is to have a future—we need to help our young people to discover the joy of our belonging to the family. The family of our parish that is, and then to the family of the church. We who are older and much older can look back to the clubs and activities of our childhood and adolescence. It was by coming regularly together for common interests that we learned it is good to belong, especially with like-minded people holding the same standards and values. We need to pray for our young people. We also need to come up with better ways of helping them.

CRY AWARENESS WEEK

Forissy Chill Out Day at the Becket Centre on Monday, 21st November. There will be breakfast, cake, hot lunches and an amazing Christmas stall. We have screening weekends now booked for 2017 and we are now raising money for 2018 plus equipment. We are in need of cakes on the day and raffle prizes. Contact Della on FORISSY@aol.com

EPPING FOREST SOUTH 43RD SCOUTS

Parents, do something rewarding and support our children, get involved with our Scout, Cub and Beaver Group for just a few hours a week either on a Friday (Cubs) or Monday (Scouts) evening. Unless we can recruit three new Leaders/Assistant Leaders before the end of October we are in danger of closing. Our members have great fun learning lots of life skills and doing a whole host of activities such as kart racing, camps, night hikes, cycling etc. and will be extremely disappointed if the group has to close. Please contact Chris Kurton at ckurton@hotmail.com or Terry Hobbs at hobbsfamily49btinternet.com.

TELCO

We need to order tickets for a very important meeting at The Salvation Army Headquarters in Ilford (179 goes there directly). We are actively working with Redbridge Council to obtain land to build Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to enable our young people to own their first home. Redbridge Council respects numbers so we need a minimum of 20 people to join us on Thursday, 27th October at 19.00. We have nine volunteers but need eleven more. Will you help us? Please 'phone Angela on 020 8504 2138.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Luca Nardi, Jemima Charlotte Antoinette Franklin, Violet Persephone Horne, Alfred Anthony Philpotts who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next course is on 2nd, 9th and 16th November. If you need to attend for your first child, please contact the parish office for details. There will not be another course before 2017.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

CALLING ALL READERS

On Sat. 19th Nov between 10.30am and 1.30pm we will be holding a Workshop for all Readers of the parish (St. Thomas' B.Hill and Chigwell). The aim is to provide Readers with coaching on acoustics, voice projection and use of the microphone (amongst other topics). It is over 6 years since we last had any Readers training and regardless of whether you have been a Reader for 4 months or 40 years, please make every effort to attend. Places are limited, so please 'phone the parish office to secure your place.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 4th June 2017

The closing date for applications is **Monday, 31st October 2016.**

No applications will be accepted after this date.

15TH WOODFORD RAINBOWS (5-7 YEAR OLDS)

Urgent need of adult volunteers to help support the unit on Tuesday nights from 5.20pm until 6.20pm. Please contact the parish office with any help you can offer.

CAFOD ART SALE

A parish artist will be selling original paintings to raise funds for CAFOD in the Becket Centre after every Mass on the weekend of 29/30th October. Come and have a browse—tea and coffee will be available.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER SHARING

Next meeting of Scripture Prayer sharing group, led by Sr. Sandra will be in the Becket Centre on 3rd November at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and staff of Loyola School for the large donation of food following their Harvest Festival. We filled the boot and a large number of seats on the parish mini-bus. For this reason, we are **NOT** asking for any further donations of food for Wednesday's Soup Run as we have very limited storage space. The next Soup Run will be on 9th November.

TUESDAY CLUB

Not only are we being treated to Frank's Music on the 25th but menus are available for our Christmas Lunch, and we'll count those who wish to attend. 2pm in the B.C.