

## **THE SYNOD**

A hiccup in the transmission of our contribution. A collator judged it to be “dissent rather than a contribution to a balanced discussion”. We thought it obvious that we love the church. We look to her for teaching, leadership and the channel of grace from and through which alone we draw the energy of our marriages and families. We are dismayed that the voice which should be an ear-trumpet to a world hard of hearing fails to communicate to cotemporary listeners. The legalism and insistence on control belong more to the Pharisees than the practice of Jesus, and to the primary school. We are adults. We limp often in faith, knowledge and resolution, so need the ministry of the church. We yearn that the clarity of Pope Francis’ bursting vitality, joy and love will permeate teaching at a level and ministry in all its forms and occasions. Bishop Alan has made sure our voice will be heard in Rome.

## **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Annual Re-commissioning at all Masses next weekend (the Feast of Corpus Christi); our Ministers of Communion will be invited to renew their commissioning promises.

## **FIRE HAZARD**

Eleven votive lights were found alight in church and perched dangerously last Sunday. We do ask that you only leave candles in the stands provided at the altars. Grateful thanks.

## **BAPTISMS**

If you need to attend a baptism course please contact the parish office for details. After the completion of a course, baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month.

## **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES**

Meeting on Monday, 1st June at 7.30pm at the Convent. Please bring your ‘Joy of the Gospel’ booklet.

## **PARISH GARDEN FETE**

**12Noon—5pm**

**PLEASE DONATE A BOTTLE** before  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**We need beer BOTTLES , spirit BOTTLES, mixer BOTTLES, soft drinks BOTTLES, ANY BOTTLES** for the **Bottle Stall Tombola**

**BOTTLES** can be left at the Parish office or contact Laura Beales 07947765882  
020 8505 2311 to arrange collection

**THANK YOU** for your support



## **DONATIONS PLEASE**

We also require donations of toys, books & DVDs (Good condition). Please leave at back of church. Thank you. Santina Carver 07761147077.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We are always in great need for volunteers to help with the running of the Fete. If you could spare even just an hour, that would make such a difference. We are especially looking for help with running the stalls, and much of the lifting and carrying involved in setting up and clearing away on the day. Please contact Lisa-mchugh@live.com or 07944464757 or 02036657750 if you can help. Thankyou!

## **PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Please reserve the following Saturdays in your diary:- **4th July and 11th July.** Please see noticeboard in the church porch for further details.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 10.30am 5th June Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

## **MASS AND ROSARY PROCESSION**

There will be a Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Rosary Procession, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, on Saturday, 13th June 2015 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 9am after which we start our Rosary Procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes Essex Centre, Buckhurst Hill, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approx 12noon we return to St. Thomas’ for refreshments in the Clare Room. See poster on church noticeboard.

## **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Monthly meeting on Monday, 1st June at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. This month we will prepare for our spiritual needs for the feast of the Sacred Heart on the 12th June. All new members are welcome.

## **ACCOMMODATION WANTED LOCALLY**

For a couple with a 4 year old daughter. Preferably a loft/garage conversion or studio flat. Will consider double rooms. Please call 07841 863702 if you can help.

## **PARISH SPONSORED WALK**

The sponsored walk for BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society) is taking place this year on Saturday, 6th June. Our walk from the Becket Centre through lovely Epping Forest is the best supported in the Diocese and is suited for all ages. It’s a great family event. If you would like to take part or sponsor the walk, please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

## **1ST COMMUNION**

We ask you to remember in your prayers the children who will be receiving Communion for the first time this weekend.

## **REPOSITORY GIFT SHOP**

Confirmation invites, cards, and photo albums now available in the Repository. Confirmations are on 7th June this year.

## **IN TOUCH**

Articles and letters for publication in the summer issue, due out at the end of June, must be with the editor at the very latest by June 7th. Please don’t leave it to the last minute to be sure of inclusion.

## **15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES**

Are looking for two volunteers to help run Brownies in the Becket Centre on Tuesday evenings. One to take over the admin for the unit, the other to help run the weekly sessions. They’re very varied roles, sadly unpaid but fun to do (and will look good on your cv too). We have a really great group of girls; and leader’s children do get automatic entry to the unit too. Please call Julie Traynor on 0786 0262 065.

## **SVP 'OPEN EVENING'**

If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP and the work we do, please come along for a chat and a glass of wine on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Assisi Room. All welcome.

## **PASTORAL VISIT**

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at St. Thomas’ next weekend, the feast of Corpus Christi. He will also celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 3pm.

*We ask you to remember in your prayers the 71 Confirmandees who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams -Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Trish Gardener, Stephen Grave, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Desmond Kavanagh, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Betty Norton, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Ben Perez, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anne Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Gary Sinclair, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

**Anniv:** Hugh Channer, Felix McMahon, Pat Murphy, Terry Murphy, Karen Spencer.

### RE TEACHER

St. Benedict's College, Colchester, is seeking a well-qualified, innovative and enthusiastic RE teacher for Sept. 2015. Further details from website [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk) or Mrs Angela Jones 01206 549222.

### 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.

### MEDIA TECHNICIAN TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Required as soon as possible 30-35hours per week. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. Details and an application form are available from [sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net](mailto:sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net).

### ALSO

Teacher of Food & Textiles from Sept. 2015. This post would be suitable for highly motivated NQRs or an experienced Teacher who feels they can make a significant and positive contribution to the HE Dept and the school.

### A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday, 6th June at the Most Holy Redeemer, Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill. Please see poster in porch for more details.

### WOODFORD GREEN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will be holding our annual tea in the Becket Centre on Sun. 28th June from 3pm to 5pm. We welcome all who have been bereaved to join us for a simple tea and a chat. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative. It would be helpful for us to have numbers for catering so if you would ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 she will send you an invitation with the details.

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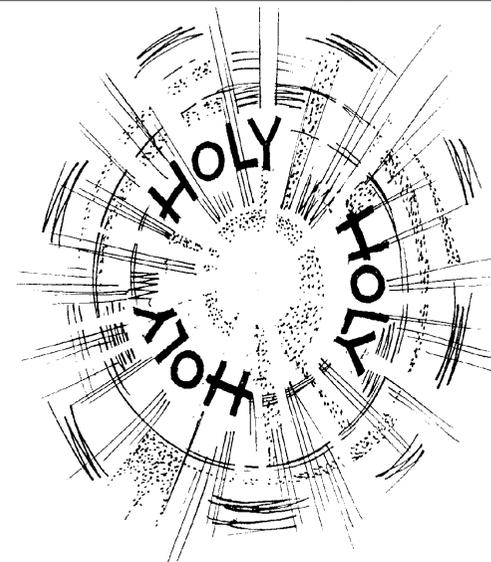
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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY CYCLE B

31ST MAY 2015



We are a people named by the Most Holy Trinity. Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we share in God's own life and mission.

### First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40)

Moses challenges God's people to reflect on the greatest mystery of all: that God, who is beyond all understanding and all human reach, seeks to be close to men and women in their own place.

### Second Reading (Romans 8:14-17)

As children of God, St. Paul teaches, we are people intimately involved in the life of the Trinity.

### Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

As the Lord reveals the mystery of God's love more clearly, he sends his followers out to share in his mission. Through Jesus, and in the Spirit, we are never alone, but always held in God's power and love.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.