

EASTER THANKS

Grateful thanks to all who participated in making the Easter ceremonies such a great success. Over 3,000 attended.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish throughout the coming year.

Fr. Michael O.F.M.

The Franciscan Community here thank you for your Easter Cards, Gifts and generous Easter offerings particularly those Offerings from the Easter Collection for the support of the community.

Happy and Holy Easter!

Fr. Donal O.F.M.

HOLY LAND

Thank you for your generous support for the Good Friday collection £1,202 collected.

Bro Raymond & Fr. Michael
(Commissary of the Holy Land)

SVP

Thank you for the collection made at the evening mass of the Lord's Supper which raised over £550.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Franciscan Friars here and Stratford will renew their Religious Vows as Franciscans on Thursday, 16th April at 6pm Evening Prayer at St. Thomas'. All welcome!

HOME MADE CAKE SALE

After all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please support Brendan, Olivia and James in their fund raising to allow them to help the elderly and infirm parishioners of the Brentwood Diocese in their pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Thank you for your support.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

There will be an appeal next at all masses by one of the Sisters who will talk about the ways we can help them with their care for the elderly of modest means.

ABSEIL FOR CAFOD

Sunday, 3rd May. Why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details CAFOD Brentwood Office on 020 8502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you so much to the large group of people who turned up to help clean our Church for Easter. We were able to give a really good clean. Let's hope this will be the way it is in the future.

Friday 10.30am 17th April Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles.

New Church Cleaning Rotas are available from the back of the church.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The 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, 26th April at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and afterwards in the Becket Centre for refreshments. Any enquiries please contact Kathie on 07778 216212.

USED STAMPS

The Chigwell Sisters would like to thank all those who take the trouble to save their used stamps for the Missions and put them in the box in the church porch. Your help is greatly appreciated.

HELP!



43rd Scouts Group are making Go Karts as a Project. We desperately need old pram wheels. If you have a buggy or pram on its last legs, please donate the wheels to us. Ring Claire Hobbs 07905 406361.

BAPTISMS

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

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Join us on Thurs. 30th April at Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Wanstead, 7.30pm—9pm. No charge wine and nibbles are provided. Further details Roderick Sime 020 8530 8474.

TUESDAY CLUB



The Loughton Ladies' Choir will be singing and entertaining us at the Becket Centre on the 14th April. They like to start at 2pm so, if you

arrive later, please sidle in through the kitchen! Then refreshments for all. Look forward to seeing everyone again.

WANTED

A member of Trinity staff and their family are looking for a 3 Bedroom House to rent in the local area. Please ring 07980 467879 if you are able to help.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For the tax year 2015/16 are available for collection at the back of the church.

QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 17th April in the Becket Centre 7.30pm for 8pm start. £5 per ticket (max 8 to a table) Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Monies raised for Breast Cancer & Macmillan Nurses. Please call Shelia on 020 8504 7485 or 07826 378519 to book a table.

IN TOUCH

There are still copies of the Spring/Easter issue of the parish magazine available. These will be sold at all Masses today—price is still only £2.

ORGAN

We have an unwanted organ in the cloister. If anyone would like to give it a home they would be most welcome.

ST THOMAS' SVP CONFERENCE

We urgently need more members to help us in our work. For more information please contact Gerry Curran on 07754 100149 or email gerrycurransvp@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL

If you, a family member or a friend would like to see a Catholic Chaplain or receive Holy Communion whilst receiving treatment at Whipps Cross Hospital please contact the Chaplaincy Team 020 8535 6988.

MOTHER & TODDLERS

Are collecting Sainsburys vouchers, please hand them in to the Parish Office.

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, Baby Frankie in Great Ormond St Hospital, Trish Gardener, Joan Green, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Michael Hehir, Rowland Hill, 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, Mary O'Donnell, Jim Philpot, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Irene Boyle, Mary Carey, Mrs Madden, P.J. O'Neill, Colin Stewart,

Anniv: Dominic Correia, Chu Chin Ooi, Rose Prendergast, Ray Stokes,

ASSIST LUNCH

Friday, 24th April 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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

WITH BISHOP ALAN JULY 2015

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is filling up—book soon! Sunday 26th to Friday, 31st July 2015 from £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. For a brochure call Cathy O'Connor 01206 501146 or www.brentwoodlourdes.org.

10AM MUSIC GROUP

The group would like to encourage toddlers up to 7 years old to join them playing percussion during the recessional hymn. If you have any hand bells, small marrakas, miniature tamberines etc. you could donate please give them to a member of the Music Group. No drums or saxophones!!!

1ST COMMUNION OUTFITS

Wanted boys or girls communion outfits. Sr. Anne (Chigwell Convent) is going to El Salvador in May and would be grateful for any offers. Contact 07849 279882 or anneshjm@yahoo.com. Thanks to the family who gave a lovely little suit advertised in the bulletin.

Copies of The London Catholic Worker are available from the back of the church.

To celebrate 82 years of the Catholic Worker Movement, Mass will be celebrated on 2nd May at 1pm at Guiseppe Conlon House, 49 Mattison Road N4 1BG. For more information 020 83488212.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12TH APRIL 2015



Throughout this Easter season we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Let us be inspired by his first followers, who became enthusiastic witnesses and formed loving Christian communities.

First Reading (Acts 4:32-35)

The first believers in the resurrection were an inspired and enthusiastic community, dedicated to serving one another and sharing their property.

Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6)

Belief in Jesus and love for one another are inseparable

Gospel (John 20:19-31)

Jesus appears to the disciples, and all, including Thomas, become firm believers in the risen Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end*