

## **24 HOURS WITH JESUS**

Starts with evening prayer at 6pm this Friday. Exposition will finish about 5.30pm so that we can prepare for the Mass which brings the day to conclusion. Please note there will be no 10.00am mass on Saturday morning.

Please come for an hour: come as you can. There are some leaflets to help you. You could bring a bible or spiritual book. Talk to Jesus. Stop talking/reading and give him a chance to speak to you. Mostly it will be in silence. In some hours—see the list in the porch—there will be a little music or reflection. But Please—mostly silence!!!

If you wish for the sacrament of reconciliation a priest will be in the confessional 9.30am to 11.30am and 4.30pm—5.30pm on Saturday. At other times just ask as priests will be around and very willing to hear confessions.

## **CONFIRMATION**

I congratulate the 77 young parishioners who will receive the Holy Spirit in confirmation today. They have to live in a world dominated by twitter and instagram, in which greed, pride and selfishness are forcefully promoted in ways both subtle and blatant. Still they opt for Jesus and our faith community. Well done. We pray that this will give you a life of achievement and full personal fulfilment.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

At the Easter Vigil 8 took a major step of their journey with us. Monday by Monday they still come to deepen their grasp of our faith. We will be taking a summer break. But already we are looking for new fellow journey-ers. It is for anyone of any faith or church or none. Equally for Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge and practice. Our church is moving, and many need to catch up with where we are now. Do join us any Monday at 8pm in the William Scott Room, upstairs in the Becket Centre.

**QUENTIN**

## **TELCO**

We need more leaders. Interested? Please come along to our meeting at 7.45pm on 24th May in the Clare Room.

**DID YOU KNOW** our own Fr. Quentin, Fr. Brian and Fr. Michael Copps were the founding members of The East London Community Organising (**TELCO**) organising communities to act together for power, justice and the common good. Community organising is democracy in action, winning victories that change lives and transform communities. Now in its 20th year **TELCO** has grown into the UK's largest Civic Alliance (**Citizens UK**) influencing and holding politicians and policy makers to account. Our Franciscan brothers, with small numbers of parishioners have worked tirelessly on a number of campaigns especially the Living Wage to reduce poverty and inequality. We now have 2,500 Accredited Living Wage employers. You told us that affordable accessible housing is the primary challenge for our young people. Sadiq Khan the newly elected Mayor of London has agreed to adopt the London Citizens "Good Development Standard" to support the building of more genuinely affordable homes and public transparency, **BUT WE** do need **MORE** leaders to hold the Mayor to account on this and other commitments he made at the Copperbox.

## **1ST COMMUNION MASSES**

Sat. 21st May 6pm Fr. Quentin  
Sun. 22nd May 11.30am Fr. Antoine  
Sat. 28th May 11.30am Fr. Michael  
Sat. 28th May 6.00pm Fr. Antoine  
Sun. 29th May 11.30am Fr. Quentin  
**Chigwell Convent**  
Sun. 22nd May 10am Fr. Donal

**Please do not remove the flower rings at the end of the pews. They are to remain in-situ for the month of May**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Teas and coffees will not be served in the Becket Centre during the month of May due to 1st Communion Masses.

We ask parishioners to remember in your prayers this weekend the children who are receiving communion for the first time. Also the confirmandees who will receive the sacrament of confirmation

## **PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS**

This year's walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on Saturday, 18th June. Approx 9 miles through lovely Epping Forest. Suitable for all ages. Families especially welcomed. Join us at 10.30am in the Becket Centre for registration for 11am start, returning at approx 3pm for refreshments. Contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 for more details.

## **ST ANTONY'S RC PRIMARY**

Are accepting applications for a Class Teacher for September 2016. The position is available for a Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2. NQT's are welcome to apply. Please download an application form and job description from our website [www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk](http://www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk) **Closing date for applications 18th May 2016**

## **GARDEN FETE 11TH JUNE**

Well once more it is that time of year When we call on you to volunteer We think you would be really great As a helper at our annual Fete So if you can spare us the time Sign up on the dotted line Come and join the chosen few These things can't happen without **YOU**

**Please take a form from the back of the church.**

## **PARISH GALA CONCERT**

Saturday July 2nd in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

*Please put the date in your diaries.*

## **KARATE**

Adults and children's Karate Classes every Wednesday at the Mile End Leisure Centre from 6pm until 7pm. Contact Sensei John on 07765 495482. For a free first class reference Mrs Klis.

## **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Noah Andrew Kent, Zachary James Kent, Soline Domitille Marie-Joseph and Lana Belle Dujon who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

## **URGENT NEED**

**Leaders for Sunday 10am children's liturgy**

Please tell Jackie Edwards or Quentin if you are ready to take your turn on a rota basis.

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Require Art Technician 13 hours per week 43.2 weeks per year in the Art Dept. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. Please note that due to high volumes of applications only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Please download the application form from the school website. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday, 3rd June. Any queries, please contact Mrs Sam Gillary 020 8504 3419.

## **ASSISI LUNCH**

The next Assisi Lunch will be on Friday, 27th May in the Becket Centre.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, Lewis Cullinan, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins

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

**Anniversaries:-** Daniel Kilvington, Peter Martin, Karen Spencer, Juliette Woodleigh,

**Lately Dead:-** Mary Lynch

### **CHIGWELL DAILY MASS**

There is no 10.00am mass at Chigwell Convent next Wednesday, 18th May.

### **ROOM REQUIRED**

A professional, female, in full time employment, is looking to rent a room in local area. Please contact 07413808100.

#### **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

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday 10.30am 19th May Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

### **CONGOLESE ORPHANAGE** **Garden Party-Sun 29th May**

The Oblates of the Assumption will hold their annual Garden Party at the Convent, 20 Higham Station Ave., E4 9AZ on the above date. Hot meals will be served between 12.30pm and 3pm. All Welcome

### **MATHS TUTOR**

Available for last minute GCSE and A Level preparation, and for extra support over the summer months. Mathematics student at university, back home in Woodford for the summer. Please contact Brendan on 07954 272571.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT** **SCHOOL, WANSTEAD**

Requires a Premises Manager 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year with 4 weeks paid holiday entitlement (during school holidays) plus Bank Holidays. Contact 0208 989 4700 for application pack or sbm@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

**ALSO** a mid-day Assistant. 7.5 hours per week, term time only. Please contact the school for application pack on the number above or email.



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### **PENTECOST SUNDAY** **CYCLE C**

**15TH MAY 2016**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said.

#### **First Reading** **(Acts 2.1.11)**

When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles people from all over the world heard the Good News proclaimed in their own language.

#### **Second Reading: (Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13)** **Optional Second Reading: (Romans 8:8-17)**

#### **Gospel** **(John 14:15-16.23-26)**

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples, to teach them and remind them of all he has taught.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** **Send forth your spirit, O Lord,** **And renew the face of the earth**

#### **SVP**

Would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations made at the recent collection. Over £800 was raised.