

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, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

Anniversaries:- Angela Carroll, Bernadette Mace, Marie Saliba, Aogan Tansey,

Lately Dead: Paddy Mannion, Pauline O'Sullivan, Georgia Perera, Steve Ritchie, Crescenio Rendora Jr. Lauren Sandell, Alan Walker.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 10.30am 21st October Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

THE ROSARY

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

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SHOW

Three tickets available for evening performance on 8th December. For further

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

Ian Mawdsley, SVP National Twinnage Officer, wishes to convey his thanks to the Friars and those present at the Becket Centre on Wed. 28th Sept. In a recent letter he wrote: "Please pass on my best wishes to all I met for their kindness and generosity in helping our work in Sudan and South Sudan. The generosity of those attending will help us to continue with the vital work in supporting the poorest people of the world."

VACANCY

Trinity High School—Teacher of English Maternity Cover. Ability to teach Drama to KS3 will be an advantage. Students follow AQA syllabus at GCSE & A level. Contact Sam Gillary 020 8504 3419 ext. 170 or sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.ne

HOME WANTED

Two brown tweed armchairs. Excellent condition. Free to anybody who wants to collect. Contact 020 8504 1796.

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 on Sunday, 23rd October for our "Bake it Better Cake Sale." You can find out more by going to www.bakeitbetter.org. Thanking you for your generous giving as always.



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**29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C**

**16th OCTOBER 2016
PRISONER'S SUNDAY**



The widow's perseverance with the unjust judge in today's Gospel is a sign of how we are called to persevere in prayer and never lose heart.

First Reading (Exodus 17:8-13)

Moses prays for the newly liberated Hebrews in their military engagement but when he can no longer hold out his arms in supplication Aaron and Hur support them and the battle is won.

Second Reading: (2 Timothy 3:14—4:2)

Paul reminds Timothy to be true to his teachers (among whom was Paul), to what he has been taught, to the scriptures, and to take every opportunity to proclaim the word of God.

Gospel (Luke 18:1-8)

The widow seeks justice from a judge who is unconcerned and gives no answer. Her persistence finally wins through. By contrast, God will always see justice done to those who cry out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

PRISONERS' WEEK

Holy God,
Thank you for your gift to us of your son, Jesus. Please help us to put you first in our lives and share what we have with others.

We ask you to be with people in prison and help them as they get closer to you. Please be with all those who lose what is special to them and help them to know that you are with them.

In Jesus' name

Amen.

The retiring collection today is for the Prisons Advice and Care Trust. It is our church's agency caring for families of prisoners, those coming out of prison and those in prison. We hear much of their plight as financial cuts hinder the ventures working for betterment of their conditions. Today we must pray for all involved in the vast array of suffering resulting from the custodial system. I am this week making some visits to prisons and prisoners as a small token of interest and help. Do be aware of anyone facing the steep hill facing one coming out of detention; and of their families' needs. They are truly on our doorstep.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Numbers are small: it makes for a more intimate discussion. Please come if you feel you would like to deepen your knowledge of our faith, and encourage anyone who might be interested.

We will meet on Tues. at 7.30pm for a cup of tea to make a relaxed atmosphere, a short sharing of next Sunday's gospel and then some input. This week will be about Vatican II

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

I think I have attended to most who need a certificate of catholic practice. If there are any more, I will arrange more opportunities. Evenings seem best.

ASSISI LUNCH

The Assisi lunch is monthly for those who are elderly, housebound or maybe live alone and would like a wonderful home cooked 2 course meal where guests can sit and chat and make new friends or even catch up with old friends. The cost is £4. Come and join us in the Becket Centre and give it a try! Next lunch is on 28th Oct. meal at 1pm.

We are also looking for drivers to assist in bringing guests to the lunch at 12.15pm and taking them home again at approx. 2.30pm The lunch is only once a month usually the last Friday of the month. If you are available to help when required please call Dolly on 07940429815 (eves only).

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', Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell facilitated by Sue Seward who comes highly recommended. The aim of the session 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.

MUSIC GROUP

Children's Playalong will resume after school holidays on Sunday, 6th November at 10am Children's Mass.

CWL NEARLY NEW AND JUMBLE SALE

On Sat. 22nd Oct. at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the church porch.

Please take a flyer as you leave church today.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

The latest issue of The Troubadour is at the back of the church.

Please take a copy as you leave after Mass.

TELCO

Refugees Welcome

"London will not have forgotten how to treat a stranger" Paddington's Aunt Lucy.

Join us at Kings Cross Square on Mon. 24th Oct. at 2pm to show that London is ready to welcome the 387 children in the Calais camp eligible to come to the UK.

Hear from refugees, faith and community leaders. Local council leaders and the Mayor have been invited to stand with us. Children (& adults!) invited to dress up as Paddington or create a Paddington banner or mask to wear. We look forward to seeing you there! If you need more information munizsoledad@yahoo.es.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

We are required by the Bishop to re-commission our Parish Ministers of Communion outlining the re-commissioning process together with a re-commission form which are available at the back of the church.

If you can, please complete the form today and return it next Sunday or to the parish office.

If you are a Minister of Communion and haven't received a letter, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 4th June 2017

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The Programme will commence on Thursday, 9th Feb. and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in school Year 10. 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)

The Rainbows will be losing 2 helpers at Christmas. They are in 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.

REPOSITORY

The repository has been re-stocked in the children's section with Mass and prayer books and bible stories. Do pop in and see if what you need for your children is now available and, if not, let us know what could help. Don't forget there is a free rosary ring for any child who visits during the month of October.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next baptism 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 in St. Thomas'.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please let the parish office know.