

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo and wife, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Phyllis Gould, Cynthia Gregory, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Peter Jacques, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Ruby Lennon, Charles Long, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Angela Meyler, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Con Mulvahill, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Kathleen Ogles, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Heather Robertson, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Derek Timothyk Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Gloria Wood, Teresa Wiener, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

Anniv: Florie O'Brian, Anne & Michael Loftus,

Lately Dead: John Burke, Helen Crowsley, Ted Foley, Theodore (Carter) de Freitas, Jose Gomes, Charles Pamplin, Breda Sheehan.

We extend the sympathy of the parish to the De Freitas family on the passing of Theodore (Carter), a much loved and respected member of the church community. **May he rest in peace.**

Also to Mary Pamplin and family on the loss of Charles. **May he rest in peace.**

Theodore's Requiem will be on Tuesday, 2nd May at 10.00am in St. Thomas.

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10.30am 29th April Charmaine Turnell, Khristine Pinnock, Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara.

SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for someone to help with teas after 10am Mass once in 7 weeks. For more information ring Pat Bell 8504 4577 or pop in and see her after 10am Mass.

GARDEN FETE (24th June)

Asking all green fingers to start planting, so you can contribute to the Fete Plant Stall.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no children's liturgy on Sunday

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



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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE A

23RD APRIL 2017

The apostle Thomas addresses the risen Jesus as "My Lord any my God!" It is the fullest expression of faith anywhere in the Gospels and comes like dawn following night after a period of doubt and difficulty in Thomas' life.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

An insight into how the early followers of Christ lived in community, continued to worship in the Temple and shared all they had.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God for the new life of baptism given through the resurrection of Christ.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Thomas is not present when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and cannot accept their testimony unless he sees for himself. The Lord then appears to him and he believes. Jesus declares blessed those who have not seen and yet believe.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Thanks to a huge amount of work by Cathy Mair and Theresa McCleary we will shortly have 28 Ministers ready and cleared to take communion to the sick in their homes. We intend to provide one or two evenings for a refresher course of our practice so that we are all well able to serve the sick as they deserve. We are looking at Tuesday and Wednesday, 2nd and 3rd May if possible from 7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. With this rich resource I hope we shall immediately provide weekly communion for all who wish to receive it. More of this later.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

William Yeung has done a prodigious job for us. He has patiently gathered information to complete a 55 page response to the questionnaire and reported to the Diocesan co-ordinators. The picture of our parish emerging is very much a “curate’s egg” good in parts but languishing in others. See the whole report on line. But thank you William. We are much in your debt.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We welcomed three new members of our church and parish on Easter night. Now we need to resume the Journey with the next cohort of walkers. If more are to have that joy next Easter, we need to start now. Look to see if you know anyone who just needs a nudge to explore our faith with us: people of no faith, or other communities, also baptised who have had little instruction or experience of what we are privileged to enjoy.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

The first batch of young people who have been preparing since last September with fortnightly lessons, will receive Our Lord this coming Saturday at 11.30am.

LENT DISCUSSIONS

Have not stopped: only paused. Still good comments are coming in about how good the three discussions were. I have put up a summary of the main drift of what we explored. But it leaves big questions, particularly of where we go from here. Please read and comment in any way you like. Graffiti accepted!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The liturgies from Palm Sunday to Easter were well thought and performed. It was a work demanding much preparation and the involvement of many. I thank you all for your care and commitment, with a special word of thanks to both choirs. You sang beautifully—the result of much rehearsal. I will add a deeper reflection next week.

CHURCH CLEANING

The church was gleaming for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Thank you to six ladies, a man and a boy who came for the spring-clean. We really need to strengthen our teams for care of the church and regular maintenance of all its equipment.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Have raised a total of £1,650 for Mary’s Meals working with schoolchildren in Haiti. Thank you to all who contributed so generously with both time and money: the soup-makers, the soup consumers, the kitchen helpers, the furniture movers and the money collectors. A great team effort!

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP AGM

On Wed. 17th May 2017 at 8pm in the Becket Centre. All welcome. Cheese and wine served after the meeting.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 28th April in the Becket Centre.

REPOSITORY

There is a special display of appropriate gifts for our First Holy Communion recipients.

CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale in the Becket Centre after Church Parade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 15th Woodford Rainbows need adults to volunteer. We meet on a Tuesday and it is for only one hour when we do different activities each week. Please contact Janet on 07803810666 or speak to her after Mass today.

TUESDAY CLUB

More Favourite Poems—reflection and relaxation after the manic bingo (Thank you, Bernard). Hope to see you all at 2pm in the Becket Centre on the 25th.

PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS

Our sponsored walk for BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society) is taking place this year on Sat. 17th June. Our circular walk of approx 9 miles from the Becket Centre through Epping Forest is the best supported in the Diocese and is suited for all ages. It’s a great family event. This year its an earlier start time of 10am. If you would like to take part or sponsor the walk, contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will meet note change of DAY AND TIME Saturday, 6th May from 10am—4pm. It will be a special workshop and update.

The Friars in the Franciscan Community at Woodford thank you all for your generous Easter offerings and gifts.

*May God grant you many Easter Blessings
(Donal O.F.M.)*

URGENTLY REQUIRED

We need more printers to join the much depleted printing rota for the weekly newsletter. The machine is easy to use and tuition will be given. The printing is usually done on a Friday. If you feel you can help, please contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.

JUMBLE & USED GOODS

These have intermittently been left in the porch. Please do not leave anything of this kind. We have no means of using or directing such goods. In fact we are incurring expense in getting rid of furniture and bulky goods left here with good intentions but without any possibility of putting them to use.

SOUP RUN

Wednesday, 26th April. We would be grateful to receive men’s clothing, toiletries, shoes/trainers, fruit, cakes and sandwiches. Please bring to the office during office hours 9.30am—1.30pm on Wednesday or bring to the Becket Centre at 7pm.

A Massive thank you for the donation of Easter Eggs

Also the box of chocolates which were given to the volunteers as a “thank you”.
Gratefully received.

BAPTISMS

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

WELCOME

We welcome into the church Amalia Yazmin Sinniah, Mae and Alexander Allan who were baptised in St. Thomas’ on Easter Sunday.