

### **AUSTIN O.F.M.**

Families that sustain themselves also gather regularly, ideally daily, irrespective of whether there is a special occasion or not. They don't just gather when the energy is good, when everyone is at his or her best, when nobody is bored or angry, and when some occasion merits the effort. They come together regularly, despite tedium, boredom, low energy, busyness, distractions, and interpersonal tensions because they recognize that family life is as much about sharing the ordinary, the distracted, the football results, and the tensions of life, as it is about sharing special moments. The weekday pizza supper in 20 minutes with the conversation going no deeper than the sports results, is not exactly the same as Christmas dinner or the conversation that takes place at a wedding or a funeral, but it is equally as important in creating family and keeping a family together. Families are for every day—not just for Christmas—just as they are for special occasions. So too is the Eucharist. The Eucharist invites us to gather as family. The very essence of family life is haring with other both the special and the ordinary moments of life. What happens uniquely at our kitchen table we share communally with each other around our church table.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

We need everyone in full voice on the 14th! It's not an extremist meeting or choral practice—it's BINGO. Look forward to seeing you all at 2 pm in the Becket Centre, where refreshments will be provide after all that excitement.

### **FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**

Sat. 15th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £6 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Please contact Bernard on 07968 173110.

### **PARISH AGM**

#### **19th OCTOBER 12.30pm**

The Parish Council are always looking for new members and at this year's Parish AGM on the 19th Oct. at 12.30pm, we will be electing council members for 2015. Everyone in the parish is welcome to be proposed to join the council, which is open to everyone over 16 years of age and who is registered at the parish. Prospective members have to be nominated and seconded by members of the parish. If you wish to be considered can you please make your application in writing to the parish office confirming the names of who has nominated and seconded your application.

At this year's AGM there is an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. If anyone would like to raise questions in advance of the meeting please feel free to do so by submitting in writing to the parish office, or [Jeremy.davey@macegroup.com](mailto:Jeremy.davey@macegroup.com) or by text to 07717 456035. Questions will also be taken on the day.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

#### **Sat. 29th November 1pm**

Preparations are under way to make this year's Fayre better than ever, but we do need your help.

Apart from the usual donations, which we will be asking for nearer the time, we are looking for any businesses which might have appropriate surplus stock we can sell. Also interested stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

### **WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP**

Are celebrating Mass this afternoon (12th Oct) at 3pm in St. Thomas' followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

### **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2014. Applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own local authority. This application then needs to be returned to the applicants own local authority.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

### **QUIZ**

In aid of Across Group trip to Lourdes in April 2015 in St. Theresa's Hall, Station Road, Chingford on Oct. 25th at 8pm. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £5 from Moira 07901557876.

### **CWL JUMBLE SALE**

Sat. 1st Novemberr at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

### **CONFIRMATION 2015**

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The programme will commence on 12th Feb 2015 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in school Year 10. The closing date for applications is Wed. 5th November 2014.

No applications will be accepted  
after this date.

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

Can you assist as a catechist? Commitment is seven sessions on a Thursday evening for 2 hours plus four training sessions running from Feb.—May. We would especially invite parents of those children who wish to be on the programme. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Lola Gerri Speakman, Margot May Wood, Ryan Gerald Bance, Zachary Wieclaw, Jasmine Irshad Affleck, Cassandra and Clarissa Akanno who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

### **BRO MALACHY 80TH BIRTHDAY**

There will be a small celebration in the William Scott Room after the 10am Mass on Wednesday, 15th October. All welcome.

### **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**

Thank you for supporting Harvest Fast Day, for your compassion and solidarity. The amount you gave will help to ensure countless more people are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and can grow their own food to support themselves tomorrow.

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

In aid of breast cancer, bench appeal and displaced Christians in Iraq at the Becket Centre on Sat. 25th October 7.30pm for 8pm start. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Maximum of 8 per table. Tickets £5 each from Sheila 020 8504 7485 or Mona 07899797258.

**MOST (Mothers' of St. Thomas')**

### **ROSARY**

The Rosary will be said after the 10am Mass each day during the month of October.

### **SVP**

Thank you for your generous donations, we raised £630 at the last collection. If you are interested in joining, please call Gerry on 07754 100149.

### **HARRODS TRAINED**

Mobile hairdresser—contact Tina 07957977380.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfiled, John Burton, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Phyllis Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr, Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

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

**Lately Dead.:** Mary Clegg, Dr. Thomas Cruz, Dr. Charles Robert Dundas (Father of Isobel), Leonard Harris, Bill Hendricks, Peter Lloyd, Derek Pyner, Leonard Salkeld.  
**Anniv:** Regis Bonaventhor

### **RACE FOR JUSTICE**

With Berlin completed Alan Mair's Race for Justice moves to Chicago and Major Marathon No. 4 on Oct. 12th (today). Do. Support CAFOD and BCS by donating at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/alanmair63>. or put a little something in the basket at the back of the church after Mass. 100% of all donations support these two essential causes.

#### **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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Saturday 10.30am 18th Oct. Charmaine Turnell, Rachel Woolf, Siobhan Daly, Rosie O'Connor, Eweline Allen, Debbie Bryant.

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

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### **TUTOR REQUIRED**

I am looking for a KS1 English Tutor for one evening a week. Please contact me on 07874339950.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Governors of St. Antonys Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a School Office Administrator to ensure a high standard of secretarial, administrative and management support for the school, in order to assist in the smooth running of the school activities. 25hrs a week (term time only 8am—2pm) LBR Scale 3 points 14-17. Application form and job description 'phone 020 8504 4706 or Angela.Odunsi@redbridge.gov.uk. Closing date Tues 14th Oct. 2014.

### **HOST FAMILIES WANTED**

For foreign students. Good rates of pay. Please contact 020 8989 8378.

#### **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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**28TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME A**

**12TH OCTOBER 2014  
PRISONERS' SUNDAY**

**YOU  
HAVE  
PREPARED**



**A  
BANQUET  
FOR  
ME**

The scriptures today remind us of the lavish hospitality held out to us by a generous God.

**First Reading  
(Isaiah 25:6-10)**

Isaiah gives us a dazzling and reassuring image of the warm heart of our God.

**Second Reading  
(Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)**

St. Paul thanks some of his converts for their generosity.

**Gospel  
(Matthew 22:1-14)**

Jesus shows how sad it will be if we turn down God's invitation to the heavenly banquet.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

### **IN TOUCH**

The parish magazine is on sale at all Masses this weekend. The price remains at £2.