

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Brentwood Cathedral have been approached by BBC Radio 4 who will be doing a live Broadcast of Sunday (Morning) Worship from the Cathedral with the Cathedral Choir and congregation on Sunday, 8th February at the 8am Mass. This will then be broadcast at 8.10am.

## **LENTEN EXERCISE**

Pope Francis wants to hear the experience of the whole church on contemporary family and marriage. That includes us. So we are exploring whether you would be interested in a series of meetings through Lent to share our experiences and make our contribution to next October's Synod of Bishops on Family and Marriage. The broad agenda has come out of last October's session of the Bishops in Rome. It includes such topics as the situation of divorced and re-married Catholics, who should have access to the sacraments, what of those co-habiting, the understanding of sexuality in all its contemporary expressions, parenthood etc. We do not intend a series of lectures rather a forum for sharing. Some input will be offered—to clarify the nature of the exercise and stimulate sharing of experiences. Would you come to take part? Details of the gatherings will be put in the newsletter shortly.

## **MEDJUGORJE**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje this Easter. Departing 1st April with British Airways, 7 nights half board accommodation, guide and transfers for £499. Or join 50,000 young people for the Medjugorje Youth Festival departing 30th July. Contact Jonathan on 02032892627.

## **HEALING MASS**

At Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr. Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wed. 11th Feb. 2015. All are welcome. Call 01277 373959 for more information.

## **STEWARDS REQUIRED**

We urgently require volunteers to join the rota for the 10am Mass at St. Thomas'. You will join a team of four on duty once every six weeks handing out service sheets and newsletters, conducting the Offertory and guiding parishioners to communion. More information about this ministry contact David 07905 741033.

## **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Ruby Mei Lavin Beatrice and Henry Huckle who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

## **1ST HOLY COMMUNION**

The second parents' talk will be on Thursday, 5th February at 8pm in the Becket Centre. The theme of the talk is "Reconciliaton" and will be given by Dr. Paul Doherty, Trinity Headmaster. These talks are an integral part of the 1st Communion Programme and we ask that all parents make every effort to attend.

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Sat. 7th Feb at 8pm**

At the Baptist Church in Buckhurst Hill Tables of 6-8 people so if interested in attending contact Miro on 0791 3754054. All proceeds to BHMAS (free personal advice service for people with financial difficulties).

## **TELCO**

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, 3rd February at 8pm upstairs in the Becket Centre. All welcome.

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you have moved in to the parish or have moved within, please let the parish office know so that we can keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

## **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES**

Meeting at the Convent on Monday, 2nd February at 7.30pm to join with the Sisters in memory of the occasion of 3rd February 1822.

## **AVAILABLE**

From 1st February a beautiful well decorated double loft room with en-suite. Double bed, wardrobe, desk, chest of drawers and fast wi-fi. £620 per month including bills. References and a month's deposit required. Live in landlord who has two friendly cats. Massive garden great for barbeques. Suit friendly young couple over 30. In Woodford ridge area 07838 666 424.

## **BINGO NIGHT**

7th February 2015 in the Becket Centre at 7.30pm in aid of Scout Japan Jamboree Fundraising 2015. Tickets—contact Kathleen Mahoney 07958 645746.

## **NEARLY NEW & JUMBLE SALE**

Chigwell Sisters. Sat. 21st February at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave donations in the church porch. Grateful thanks.

## **CWL**

Wednesday, 4th February meeting at 8pm in the Williams Scott Room

## **WANSTEAD & WOODFORD CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP**

Will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, 15th Feb at 2.30pm (please note the earlier time) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead followed by refreshments. All welcome.

## **TRINITY 6TH FORM**

Completed Priest's reference forms to be sent to the parish office.

## **DAY FOR PRAYER**

Next Sunday, 8th February, will be a Day of Prayer for victims of human trafficking.

## **ADMISSIONS TO ST. ANTONY'S SCHOOL NURSERY**

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2011 and 31.8.2012. Application forms are now available at the School Office Office for the Nursery for the school year 2015/2016. Those children born between 1.9.12 and 31.12.12 may also apply to start in January 2016 if there are vacancies. Forms are also available on the school website [www.st-antonys.net](http://www.st-antonys.net). Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is mid-day on Monday, 9th March 2015.

**Parish Office requires Priest's reference form, copy of baptismal cert and non-returnable family photograph.**

## **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 2nd February at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

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

Requires a Mid-day Assistant to start from Monday, 2nd March. 7.5 hours per week, term time only. Closing date Thursday, 12th February. Please contact the school for an application pack on 0208 989 4700 enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk.

## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Require a.s.a.p. D & T Dept. Technician. 28 hours per week 44.2 weeks per year. Contact [sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net](mailto:sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net) for application form or school website. Closing date Mon. 9th Feb.

## **LIGHT A CANDLE**

There are cards in the repository or parish office price 50p. if you would like to let someone know that you have lit a candle for them.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Joan Green, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, Jim Wilson.

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

**Lately Dead.:** Ann Archibald's Father, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Michael Sullivan, Harri Varda.

**Anniv:** James & Elizabeth Loughran, Pat Meyler (1st Anniv), Margaret McShea

### SPANISH CLASSES FOR KIDS

On Fridays at the Becket Centre  
3.45pm—4.30pm Year 2 & 3  
4.30pm—5.15pm Reception & Year 1  
Please contact Amaia 07957133176  
babelia@btinternet.com

### 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

Friday, 9am 6th February Maureen Insole, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Lisa Robinson.

### SVP

Would like to thank everyone for their generous donations last weekend, over £780 was raised.

### HOUSE EXCHANGE

If you would be interested in an occasional house exchange with a couple in Kesgrave, Ipswich, (Nr. Woodbridge) contact the parish office for details.

### BADMINTON CLUB

Come and get fit in 2015. We play Thursday nights between 8pm-10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. For details please 'phone Liz 07759410304 or turn up on the night.

### MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained. Contact Tina 07957977380 for more information.

### DOMESTIC HELP

Cleaning, ironing, general duties. Contact Drane 07502310642.

### BARBER

Experienced barber available for immediate start. Perm/part-time. Modern Trends & Classic. Contact Gee 07821624990.



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### FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B

1ST FEBRUARY 2015



The Gospels speak of a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, but Jesus has defeated Satan through his cross and resurrection.

### First Reading (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

The Lord will raise up a great prophet; we are to listen to his words.

### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

Paul expects Christ's return soon and so urges his congregation to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

### Gospel (Mark 1:21-28)

Jesus exorcises a demon in the synagogue as part of his campaign to overcome the kingdom of Satan.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

**There will be a Diocesan Collection for the Catholic Education Fund after all Masses this weekend.**