



FMU APPEAL

Fr. Tom Shabalala from our S. African Province is making the annual appeal for the Franciscan Missionary Union at all Masses this weekend.

Please take an envelope as you leave Mass and return it next week with your offering. Mission boxes will also be available for you to take.

CONGRATULATIONS

To David Martin and Gemma Barton-Smith who were married in St. Thomas' last weekend. We wish them every happiness and many blessings in their married life together.

BAPTISMS

If you need to attend a baptism course, please contact the parish office. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

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

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community.

Join us on the weekend of 4th/5th July at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. For further info call 01277373848.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday, 9am 19th June Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

ITALIAN TUTORS

One or two Italian tutors sought for evening classes from September, covering all levels from beginners to A Level and adults. Please contact Mrs Leigh, Principal, Leigh Languages, Buckhurst Hill on 07968 796072.

PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

4th July and 11th July. Please see noticeboard in the church porch for further details.

VACANCY

For KS2 Class Teacher at La Salette Primary School for September 2015. The post is open to both newly qualified and experienced teachers. For further information please contact the Headteacher Mrs A Fletcher 01708 555554.

HEALING MASS

At Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr. Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wednesday, 17th June. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for more information.

ASSISI LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Friday, 26th June in the Becket Centre.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB

There are two good courts and a clubhouse, idyllically situated in the friary gardens.

If you would like to play tennis there, do contact, Bernard Hunter on 07968 173110 for details. We charge a small subscription fee to cover maintenance and other costs. Membership is open to anybody.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will be holding our annual tea in the Becket Centre on Sun. 28th June from 3pm to 5pm. We welcome all who have been bereaved to join us for a simple tea and a chat. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative. It would be helpful for us to have numbers for catering so if you would ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 she will send you an invitation with the details.

VALENTINE SINGERS 1215 AND ALL THAT

Featuring Gilbert & Sullivan, Trial by Jury, Vaughan Williams, In Windsor Forest on Sat. 27th June 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, South Woodford 207 High Road E18 2PA Tickets £12, £7 students/benefit holders. £14/£9 on the door. Box Office 020 8550 4654.

SUMMER CONCERT

The Salway Singers invite you on Thursday, 25th June at 7.30pm at Salway Church, Top of Forest Approach, Woodford Green IG8 9BW. Admission Free.

BRENTWOOD NEWS

Copies of Brentwood News are available from the back of the church.

BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASSES

At St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green on Mon. 15th June at 11.30am. Also at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone on Mon. 13th July at 11.30am.

ORGAN RECITAL

Wed. 17th June 1—2pm in Brentwood Cathedral by Domenico Gioffre who is from Messina in Italy. Domenico is a student at the Royal College of Music. Refreshments afterwards in the Song School.

JOURNEY OF FAITH BBQ



To finish this year's JOF sessions there will be a BBQ/Garden Party on 28th June at 3pm at 72 Malvern Drive, Woodford Green, IG8 OJP. Anybody associated with the JOF over the past 30 years is welcome. Please spread the word. For catering purposes, please RSVP to leon@racionzer.net with numbers as soon as possible.

CANDLES

We remind parishioners to make sure that they place lighted candles in the stands provided at the altars.

1ST COMMUNION

There are now two Golden Books that are awaiting collection from the parish office. *Jack Dawson and Malena*

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

Sat. 4th July 11am—3.30pm. More information can be found on www.bradwellpilgrimage.webs.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Calling all former altar servers and their mums. If you used to be an altar server but have not returned your alb may we ask you to do so as soon as possible. Albs are costly items and if we can't recover those that are no longer being used, we will have to spend money replacing them. Please help us. On occasions we have had to turn servers away because we have not had an alb of the appropriate size.

SVP

A grateful thanks to parishioners £683.00 was raised in our May collection.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams -Batley, Angela Barrett, Bernadette Blade, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Baby Leo Francescotti who underwent an operation on Thursday, Trish Gardener, Stephen Grave, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Desmond Kavanagh, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Betty Norton, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Rosemary O'Rourke, Ben Perez, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anne Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Gary Sinclair, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead Jim Balmer, Patrick Callanan, Peter Finch, Teresa Fox, Margaret Nolan, Bridie Roche, Mr Slade, Alex Weatherley, Tony Wedwood

Anniv: Eileen Beerli, Patrick Black, John Larkin, Nena Morris, Mary Wosket,

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

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL DAGENHAM

Require Assistant Facilities Manager/ Caretaking & Site Maintenance for July 2015. Closing date Friday, 26th June. Full time Contact 020 8270 4242 for more information. office@allsaintsschool.co.uk.

The All Saints Teaching School Alliance (ASTSA) is hosting a free information Event for staff in primary and secondary schools who are interested in following the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders or the NPQ for Senior Leaders. This event is being held at All Saints Catholic School on Tuesday, 16th June at 4.30pm. Please contact Nigel Gardener ngardener@allsaintsschool.co.uk to book a place.

ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HORNCHURCH

Requires a KS1 or KS2 teacher for September. Band dependent on experience and skills. For a suitable candidate, a TLR would be available to lead a core area such as English or RE. Please 'phone Bernadette Matthews on 01708 555644.

Please remember in your prayers the young people who are taking exams at this time.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B**

14TH JUNE 2015



As we gather for our Eucharist, the Lord wants us to be confident that he is at work within us.

First Reading **(Ezekiel 17:22-24)**

Speaking of Israel's future, Ezekiel pictures God transplanting a tiny sprig into new ground where it grows into a mighty cedar.

Second Reading **(2 Corinthians 5:6-10)**

Though we make our journey "by faith and not by sight", we walk with confidence.

Gospel **(Mark 4:26-34)**

Jesus compares the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into a mighty tree, but its growth is often as imperceptible as that of a seed hidden in the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
It is good to give you thanks, O Lord