

POPE FRANCIS' REQUEST

Pope Francis wants to hear the experiences of the whole church on contemporary family and marriage.

A number came and listened to Quentin's attempt to set out what Pope Francis is asking of us. It became clear that there is little confidence in the process of the Synod. There is much in "the church" that is unsatisfactory. No clarity emerged about where we should go next. Perhaps the failure was that it proved to be yet another clerical talk. What was intended was a sharing of your thoughts, feelings, wishes, seeing the making of family and marriage from your angle. So can we start again next Wednesday? This time we will listen to you. Perhaps a SWOT analysis: Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. From your lived experience what is wrong with church teaching and its presentation; what could be, should be, changed? The Pope said he wants to hear what people really think: they should speak out without fear.

Do come along Wednesday 7.30pm in the Becket Centre.

POST IT!

A suggestion at the end of our first session on the Family and Marriage was to write down two areas/questions of interest and bring them along next week to organize the Group Sharing over the next few weeks. So do a "Post It" memo with two questions. If you are unable to come—send in your suggestions to the parish office so we can collate areas of interest. Hopefully then, we will feed the results of our discussions back through the parish and its various groups.

Come join the debate!!

Fr. Michael

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

After 10am Mass and at 8pm in the church.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Tuesdays in Lent, 12.15pm—1.30pm in the Becket Centre. There was an excellent response to the first of our lunches, which raised £220. If you haven't tried our delicious home-made soups, French bread and butter why not join us this coming week.—it's only £3 and your money would help to feed vulnerable children.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 6TH March

Praying for the Bahamas. Services at 2.15pm Holy Trinity Church, Hermon Hill E18 1QQ and 6pm Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead E11 2TL

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Please put your envelopes in the baskets provided at the back of the church.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Meeting 2nd March at 2pm at Chigwell Convent.

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary wish to extend a very sincere thank you to all who very generously contributed their time, talent and treasure to make last weekend's fundraiser Jumble Sale such a huge success. The proceeds, which were in excess of £1,300 will be used in our feeding programmes in Zambia, the Philippines, Uganda and El Salvador. Holy Mass has been offered for the intentions of all who helped out in the project.

PLEASE NOTE

The next Jumble Sale will be in October. We do not have room to store jumble so **PLEASE** do not leave any jumble in the church porch until it is requested in October.

MOTHER & TODDLERS

Are collecting Sainsburys vouchers, please hand them in to the Parish Office.

EXAMS OFFICER/ASSISTANT TO DATA MANAGER

Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint an experienced Exams Officer/ Asst to the Data Manager a.s.a.p. 36 hours/ week. Email sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Monday 16th March.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

23 February—8 March 2015

You can help—buy Fairtrade products when you see them. *To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, please join us in the Becket Centre after the 10am & 11.30 Masses this Sunday for a cup of Fairtrade coffee or tea.*

CWL

The AGM will be held this Wednesday, 4th March at 8pm in the William Scott room.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesday 3rd March after 10am Mass.

WANSTEAD & WOODFORD CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP QUIZ

Sat.7th March at Trinity Upper Site 7.30pm for an 8pm prompt start. Tables of 8—these can be made up or bought as a complete unit. £10 entrance includes ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses! Tickets from Ann Kyndt 020 8989032.

NANNY REQUIRED URGENTLY

We are a family with two boys aged 7 and 10, we would like someone to help with after school care from 3-7pm, 4/5days a week. Duties will include picking the boys up from school, help with homework, preparing dinner etc. Driving is essential with an immediate start preferable. Please call 07905 862994.

CHILDMINDER/BABY SITTER

For 8 year old boy. Please contact marian.chr@googlegmail.com.

JOURNEY OF FAITH RETREAT

There are still places available for anyone who wishes to attend. We begin at 11am with coffee and registration. Some may wish to attend Mass at 10am in the Chigwell Convent Chapel. The cost for the day is £25 which includes coffee on arrival, a very substantial lunch and afternoon tea. The retreat will finish at 4.30pm. Cheques or cash on the day will be fine. For further details please call Leon on 07454556565.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 28th March 7.30pm at Trinity School. Fundraiser for Young People of the parish on Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please contact Mrs Lanchester on 0208 504 8946 for tickets.

HOLY FAMILY

Meeting on Monday, 2nd March at 7.30pm at Maureen's house.

ST THOMAS 'SVP

Thank everyone for their very generous donations to the collection last weekend, over £750 was raised.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We would like to say a big thank you to the SVP for their generous donations towards the cost of sleeping bags. The next Soup Run is on Wednesday, 11th March.

ST. JOHN'S R.C. SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL

Are hosting a 6th Form and College open Morning on Wed. 18th March 10am—12pm. Please come along to hear our plans for our sixth form, and new post 19 college, in Woodford Bridge. Please 'phone to confirm your attendance on 0208 504 1818 or email office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Baby Frankie in Great Ormond St Hospital, Joan Green, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, 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, 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.: Eddie Carty, Mrs Fernandez, Maura Gilligan, Annie Greene, Rosalyn Greene, David Houghton, Alan McCormack, Seamus McGrath, Geraldine O'Carroll, Johnny Rogers,

Rosalyn Greene's Requiem will be on Monday, 2nd March at 10am in St. Thomas'.

Anniv: Brendan McGranahan, Frank Fuscoe (1st Anniv 15th March,) Dick Norman, Pauline White.

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

Friday 9am 6th March Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

We ask all groups and societies who advertise on the website to please send in updated information and contact details to the parish office a.s.a.p. Grateful thanks.

GARDENER/HANDYMAN

If you need help in cleaning and arranging your garden and minor home repairs. Contact gardener and handyman, send SMS to George 07405787338.

CAMPION SCHOOL CHARITY BALL

Sat. 21st March 6.30pm—Midnight in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) Cardiac Risk in young (CRY) and Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Tickets £35 to include a 3 course dinner and dance the night away to Chris Graves Disco! Contact Maureen Leech mleech@thecampionschool.org or 01708 452332.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX CHOIR

Bach Mass in B Minor Sat. 21st March 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Inmans Row, Woodford Green IG8 ONH. Tickets £14 £12 concessions available from www.southwestessexchoir.org.uk or 020 8554 2830.

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

St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE B

1ST MARCH 2015



Are we prepared to encounter the glorious risen Christ? It is not easy for us to look upon the splendour of the resurrection. To do so we are also called to embrace the cross.

First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18)

God pours blessings upon those who trust.

Second Reading (Romans 8:31-34)

God holds nothing back in love for us.

Gospel (Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus appears in glory to Peter, James and John. The disciples do not know what is happening, but Jesus tells them to tell nobody about this until after the resurrection

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living.