

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Peter Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Sean Harte, Joan Hayes, Margaret Jones, Annie Keenan, Baby Samuel Keys, Anna-Maria Intz-Trak, Rory McCreech, Margaret McDonnell, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, Jutta Menzies, Vi Mulligan, Tom Moran, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Bob Thompson, Astrid Turner, David Underwood, Rita Watkins.

**Anniv:** Tilly Deehy, Tom Hennbery, William Macpherson, James Madigan, Beryl Mahoney, John Martin,  
*Izzy Tudisca in memory of her birthday.*

**Lately Dead:** Terence Bartlett, Paddy Costigan, Howard Cross, Margaret Price, Alan Wakely (formerly Kings Avenue), Michael Whitehead.  
We extend the sympathy of the parish to Veronica Wakely and family on the death of Alan. May he rest in peace.

### BRENTWOOD NEWS

Copies available from the back of the church. Please take a copy.

#### 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

*Saturday 10.30am 23rd September*  
*Charmaine Turnell, Khristine Pinnock,*  
*Rosie O'Connor, Deborah McNamara.*

### PLEASE COLLECT FROM PARISH OFFICE

Envelopes for Anthony Browne, Marion Spears and Florence Maskell

### DRIVER WANTED



To drive 4 people to Coggleshall, Kent in 2/3 weeks' time and return. Please contact 0208 504 4649 if you can help.

### BABY SITTING

Reliable 16year old from Trinity 6th form School is available for baby sitting. Contact 07940504781 if interested.

### 1ST COMMUNION

The first meeting for catechists helping with the First Holy Communion Programme this year is on Wednesday 20th September at 8pm in the Clare Room.

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

First session will begin on 20th September. Please contact alan\_mair@yahoo.co.uk

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### 24TH SUNDAY CYCLE A

### ORDINARY TIME

17TH SEPTEMBER 2017



As we gather today to celebrate the mercy and generosity of our God, let us nurture compassion and reconciliation in our own lives.

### First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7

The Lord deplores resentment and anger, which can be readily found in sinners. Mercy and forgiveness are found in God's faithful followers

### Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

### Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus uses the parable of the unmerciful servant to urge forgiveness and mercy.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy*

## **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

We have not been giving this sacrament sufficient attention. Next Sunday there will be a mass at 3 pm in St. Thomas'. We invite all who are sick, housebound, or advanced in age to come to the mass to receive this sacrament. I know the benches are hard and so the mass will not be long. But please do come. If you need transport please let the office know and we will make sure you are brought hither and safely delivered back home. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for those wishing to receive it. We are keen to invite as many of our sick and housebound parishioners to this Mass, so please take a flyer giving details of the Mass (available at the back of the church) and invite any neighbours your know who might like to come along. Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the sick: please ensure that you invite those you Minister to. Anyone wishing to attend the Mass and requiring transport, please call the parish office 0208 504 1686. There will be tea and refreshments in Becket after the mass. And I ask everyone to think: is there someone I know who is not getting to Mass? Then tell us. I am concerned by my conviction that there are many among us who have come faithfully to Sunday mass through their former lives, and are now impeded by age or ill health. We do have good ministers of communion very willing to bring Our Lord to their homes. Please help us to link service to need.

## **DIOCESAN PLAN**

A document proposing how our Diocese should be renewed and restructured was made public at the beginning of August. A good time to hide it you might think. But this document has very serious implications for the future of our church. Please read it and let me know if you are interested to engage in a serious discussion of its premises and proposals. Web site:

## **FAMILY CINEMA EXPERIENCE ZOOTROPOLIS**

On Friday week: 29<sup>th</sup> September you are invited to this new venture. The Barbecue will be providing food from 6 pm and there is a licensed bar. I hear a lot of enthusiasm for the film especially for family audiences. The entry prices seem to be incredibly low for a venture that has two purposes: First to stimulate the social life of the parish. We do not meet often enough just to get to know each other. Then it is hoped the result will be some money raised for the needs of the Syrian refugees whose care is now the responsibility of our branch of Telco. Please come. Bring warm clothing, a chair if you need one or something for the wet grass. Alternative provision should the weather be unkind.

Tickets for cinema will be £6 on the door (under 3 free). Advance bargain tickets can be purchased £8 per person for cinema, BBQ and soft drink or family ticket for 4 people for £30 to include cinema, BBQ and 4 soft drinks. All welcome. Popcorn and ice cream will also be available. Advance tickets must be paid to the parish office by Tuesday, 26th Sept. Please leave your name and tickets will be ready for your collection on the door.

If you would like to know more about the event/community sponsorship/st Thomas Telco Team please email Gemma at [gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com).

## **MARRIAGE CARE**



Marriage Care, Ilford is looking for a volunteer to carry out PR work for Marriage Preparation. Training will be given. Please email Glenda on [marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk).


## **CONFIRMATION 2018**

This Year's Confirmation with Bishop Alan will take place on Wednesday, 31st January at 7.30pm. Application forms are available from the back of the church or from the parish office. Because of the re-organisation of our Programme, no applications will be accepted after 1.30pm on Friday 22nd September.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

At St. James URC, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill on 23rd and 24th September. A Barn Dance will be held there on Saturday, 23rd September from 7-10pm with live music by the Let's Dance Band and caller Jane Pfaff. In the interval, enjoy a buffet of locally grown fruit and vegetables. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. Please contact Margaret or Peter Minoletti on 020 8505 3883 or [margaretminoletti@gmail.com](mailto:margaretminoletti@gmail.com). All ages welcome!

## **FITNESS CLASS**

 Monday 8pm in the Becket Centre. Please come and join us for total body conditioning and The Plank Challenge! Suitable for all levels of fitness (bring a mat or towel for floor exercises)

**Only £3 per session PAYG. All profits donated to charity.**

***Don't be shy come and try!!***

## **CALLING ALL COOKS!!**

We are organising an international social evening on Sat. 18th Nov in the Becket Centre. We are looking for lots of cooks who can prepare some international dishes for us all to share. Please contact Sue [susimusi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susimusi@hotmail.co.uk) by Mon. 25th Sept.

## **FAIRTRADE NEWS TROUBLE BREWING**

**CAFOD** dismayed by Sainsbury's move away from Fairtrade. For more information and to join 95,000 people who have signed the petition to Sainsbury's go to <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Sainsbury-s-blow-to-Fairtrade>. Aim is to get to 150,000 signatures.

Leading the way: Waitrose has recently announced a strengthening of its commitment to Fairtrade. All their own brand tea will in future be Fairtrade. And we are delighted to announce that for the next six months the WAITROSE Branch in Buckhurst Hill is supplying all the Fairtrade tea and coffee we use after Sunday 10am and 11.30am Masses. This means that all the donations for these refreshments received from parishioners can be shared between CAFOD and local charities. Come and join us for a cuppa after Mass today!

## **BEFRIENDERS WANTED**

St. Thomas' TELCO Team are working with a team of other faith organisations in Redbridge on a community sponsorship project. This is a government scheme whereby local communities are involved in the welcoming and resettlement of a vulnerable refugee family fleeing war. The group is looking to recruit befrienders for the family and would welcome applications from parishioners who would be willing to dedicate some regular time over a period of 1 year to help support the family through this transition. Please contact [gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com) for more information

## **CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE**

Fr. Quentin will be signing forms on Thursday, 5th Oct. 8.30am—9.30am in the parlour & Friday, 6th Oct. 7pm—8pm in the Assisi Room (upstairs in the B.C.).