

## **PARISH AGM SUNDAY 3RD JULY**

Please come to this important meeting today at 12.30pm in the Becket Centre. You see on the church notice board the Agenda with list of candidates and 1 proposed amendment to the Constitution. No new business has been notified and none can now be added. There is much to do so brevity is absolutely essential. Ballot papers have been prepared to elect 8 of the 14 proposed candidates. The generosity of those not elected will be gratefully welcomed and they will be asked to join in the work of the emerging sub-committees. You may select up to 8 on your ballot paper. Counting will be speedily concluded, but probably after the meeting. William Yeung will also inform us of what the Diocese is asking in its programme of Stewards of the Gospel

### **NEW PARISH COUNCIL**

Will meet in the William Scott Room on Monday evening at 8pm. First we must get to know each other. Then we will hope to plan a completely new approach to how the Council will work. I am slightly apprehensive, but know the Holy Spirit is much at work in our parish.

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Farewell from the retiring chair
- Presentation of Annual Parish Accounts
- President looking at present and to future—v. briefly
- Your response
- William Yeung on Stewards of the Gospel—a Diocesan task
- Help for the bereaved: Angela Barnes
- Election of Parish Council members for the coming 3 years.

## **MASS CHANGES**

The Friars have a 2 day conference this week. So there will be NO Mass on Thursday or Friday. We hope to arrange Eucharistic Services for St. Thomas' at 10am on both days and Trinity at 8.20am.

### **FETE RAFFLE PRIZES**

#### **Pink**

46-50 AB527939

#### **Green**

471-475 AB553015

461-465 AB553015

#### **Yellow**

71-75 AB517721

101-105 AB517721

91-95 AB517721

#### **White**

41-45 AB565171

6-10 AB565171

Please collect from parish office.

### **FOSTERING**

#### **GIVING A CHILD IN NEED A HOME**

Have you ever thought of fostering and giving a child in need a home? If so, now is the time to learn more....

Citizens UK (**TELCO**) and **CORAM** are responding to the urgent call for foster families to come forward in response to the dubs amendment which has recognised the desperate plight of unaccompanied refugee children fleeing war and the need to provide them with homes and families. If you would like to know more about fostering children in Redbridge or to support the refugees welcome campaign in Redbridge, please come along to the Becket Centre on Wednesday, 13th July at 8pm. For more information please contact Angela on redbridgewelcome@gmail.com.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Michael and Rose O'Doherty who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

## **SOS**

*To all who launder the sacristy small linen*  
Some months ago we purchased a sizeable amount of additional linen—corporals and purificators. Yet for several weeks now there has been insufficient for most Sunday Masses. We have had to recycle used cloths not infrequently lip-sticked. Today SS Peter and Paul it was like “Mother Hubbard’s cupboard”. Will you please look in your used linen baskets at home to see if any of our sacristy items lurk there? I also draw attention of Sacristans and Ministers of Holy Communion to the notice recommending a more prudent and considerate use of these cloths.

### **SOUP RUN FOOD BANK FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY**

Please note there is **NO** soup run next week. We have been allocated a slot in Lincolns Inn Fields on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month so we will be up London on the 13th and 27th July.

### **DEMENTIA FRIENDS**

Is a social action initiative from the Alzheimer’s Society which aims to give people a little bit more understanding about what its like to live with dementia and then turn that understanding into action. The SVP have recently become Dementia Friends by participating in a Dementia Friends Information Session which we believe may be of benefit to other groups in the parish. We are keen to establish what interest there might be encouraging others in the Parish to become Dementia Friends with a view to developing a more dementia friendly community in the parish. We would also like to find out how many parishioners are already Dementia Friends and/or Dementia Champions. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the SVP via the parish office.

## **HOLY COMMUNION 2016-2017**

Application forms are now available from the back of the church. If your child will be in Year 3 in September please take one and return it to the parish office a.s.a.p. Closing date is Friday, 9th September 2016.

*Applications after this date will not be accepted.*

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Will be holding their annual Afternoon Tea in the Becket Centre on Sunday, 10th July, 2016 between 3pm and 5pm. We would like to welcome ALL who have been bereaved and particularly those who have lost their loved ones in the last year. We also look forward to seeing our friends who have been with us before. Please feel free to bring someone with you. Contact Angela Barnes 020 8505 0356 as soon as possible so that an invitation can be sent to you in order that we can have numbers for catering purposes.

### **FRANCISCAN MISSIONS**

As a result of the appeal by Fr. Antony Thouard we have raised £5,213 to be sent out to the Missions. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

### **UK EU REFERENDUM**

*Keeping London Safe and Secure Together*  
The parish office has been visited by our Neighbourhood Officer who is willing to offer support and friendship. If anyone witnesses or suffers any hate crime at St. Thomas’ please report it to a priest or the parish office immediately. Thank you.

### **IN TOUCH**

Parish Magazine is now on sale price £2.

### **KEY FOUND**

Large key found in Car Park. Please collect from parish office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Harry Butler, Genevieve Campbell, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Claver D'Souza, Seamus Connor, Teresa Daly, Tilly Deehy, Don Dourado, Betty Fielding, Chris Fitzgerald, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Karen Gallagher, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Joan Collins, Cynthia Gregory, Doris Harriss, Wendy Holland, Peter Jacques, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Dennis McCarthy, Camille Malone, Dr. Mary Malone, Bridie McCoy, Yomi McEwen, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Sheila Murphy, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Bill Roberts, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

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

**Anniversaries:-** Peggy and Charles Collins, Nena Morris,

**Latelty Dead:-** John Cotter, Mary O'Boyle, Guiseppie Richards, Jack Roberts

## MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 5th July meet after 10am Mass in the Francis Room.

## CWL

Meeting in the William Scott Room on Wed. 6th July at 7.45pm.

## 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

Thursday 10.30am 7th July Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Alan invites you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage through the Door of Mercy on Sat. 10th September 2016. 3pm Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. See poster in church porch.



*Joan & Peter Hayes would like to thank all who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.*

## SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 4th July at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

## HELP WANTED

- One of the metal legs of a Becket Centre round table needs welding.
- A vehicle is needed to transport our old electric organ to a parish in Upton Park (dimensions 1170 wide \*760 deep \*990 tall)

If you can assist with either of these, could you please contact the parish office.



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## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

3RD JULY 2016



A sense of urgency drives the Gospel today—an urgency to recognise that the kingdom of God is indeed at hand and that its presence will be felt through our desire to be its witnesses.

### First Reading (Isaiah 66:10-14)

“Rejoice, Jerusalem,” says the prophet. Jerusalem’s days of mourning are over; all will delight in her new found glory.

### Second Reading: (Galatians 6:14-18)

St Paul says the only thing he will boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. He owes everything to Christ.

### Gospel (Luke 10:1-12. 17-20)

Seventy two people are sent out with what we would call today a serious lack of preparation. Disciples should not waste time on preparations for Christ’s mission.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
*Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

**There will be an SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend**