



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
Happy Feast to all parishioners

CAFOD FAMILY FAST

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

REFUGEE CRISIS TELCO

Will you join us in Parliament Square?

324 parishioners signed the petition last December calling Redbridge Council to receive 50 refugees. We are calling to you all to support the campaign again by attending on Tues. 13th Oct. at 6.30pm the call to action of a 1,000 citizens asking the Prime Minister to resettle 1,000 refugees before Christmas. People in the UK are ready to welcome them, this action is important to help people come in. Since Feb. 2014 just 215 Syrian refugees have been resettled to the UK, less than 11 refugees a month. During the action, we will remember the lives of the 6 Syrian children who died because of the cold last winter by carrying candles, dressing up in our warmest winter wear and placing wreaths around Parliament. If you want to attend, please send an email to munizsoledad@yahoo.es.

REPOSITORY

Thanks to volunteers old and new. It is hoped that from now on the Repository will be open after every Mass each weekend. Please look in and see what we have to offer—for example, a good supply of baptismal candles—and let us know anything you think we ought to stock. Items for Advent and Christmas will be available after half-term.

LAY ASSOCIATES OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Meeting on Mon. 5th Oct. at 7.30pm at Maureen's house. Please bring your Phase II of the Congress booklet.

PARISH AGM

We are pleased to confirm that this year's Parish AGM will be held at 12.30pm on Sunday, 11th October 2015 in the Becket Centre. The meeting will last about an hour and it's a chance to hear about parish matters over the last year and look forward to 2016. Everyone is welcome. If you have any particular questions you want raised but are unable to attend please contact Jeremy Davey 07717 456 035 or jere-mydavey@btinternet.com and we will ensure that these are presented at the AGM.

PARISH COUNCIL

If you would like to be considered to join the council or would be interested in understanding the role further we would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Jeremy Davey on 07717 456 035 or jere-mydavey@btinternet.com if you would like to know more.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting will be held in the Henrietta Suite (our usual place) on Thursday, 8th Oct. at 7.30pm. Please ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small, supportive group is welcome to 'phone for more details.

ROSARY

During the month of October the Rosary will be said each day after the 10am week-day Mass.

ST. JOSEPHS CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD

Open Morning Wed. 7th Oct. 9.30am—10.30am. Applications are invited for Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2016. Girls born between 1.9.12—31.8.13 and Reception Class between 1.9.11—31.8.12. 020 8989 4700 for details of admission procedure.

ADMISSIONS TO TRINITY SCHOOL

It has been a trying time for you parents and for us. The Diocese seems to have changed the procedure several times, directed by demands of the Dept. of Education. I hope we will have completed all we can do in the next couple of days. Quentin will be seeing parents who have not already received their Certificate of Catholic Practice on Monday between 11am and 12noon and Tuesday 6th Oct. between 7pm –8pm upstairs in the Becket Centre.

FR. MICHAEL O'KANE O.F.M.

It is with sadness that I write to let you know that I have resigned as Parish Priest of St. Thomas' due to continuing ill health and stress.

I have been on "sick leave" since May and had hoped that I would have recovered by the end of the summer break. Unfortunately, I have to take a month's complete rest this October and I'm not guaranteed to be back on my feet again in the foreseeable future.

The Bishop has been informed and Fr. Quentin has been appointed "Priest in Charge" to direct the parish as it begins a new year.

Thank you for your support and prayers throughout this past year.

Please keep me in your prayers.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We had a good meeting last week: we prayed and reflected on our ministry. Now the priority is to discover all in the parish who would welcome Holy communion at home or in residential care. Please tell us if you know of anyone. Then we need to know which of our ministers is willing to take communion to the housebound. Please tell Quentin or the parish office.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2016/17

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 14th October at 1.45pm. This will give parents an opportunity to look round the school, meet the Headteacher and find out about the Application procedure.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Jesse Hollands, Nancy Wells and David Ekele Emohare who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Monthly meeting on 5th October at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

SVP

Thanks to all parishioners for their generous donations. Over £800 was raised at last week's collection.

MOTHER/TODDLERS MOTHER/BABY

Due to the foyer being re-decorated and for safety reasons we have decided to cancel the groups on Tues and Wed next week. Please remember Group photos are on Tuesday 13th Oct. in the William Scott Room upstairs in the Becket Centre and Wed. 14th Oct.

We are very grateful for the generous parishioner who has supported the refurbishment of the Becket Centre foyer. The works will take a few weeks and there may be some disruption to the Becket Centre entrance during this time. You may be required to enter through an alternative entrance during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

HAIRDRESSER

Harrods trained and colour specialist (mobile). Contact Tina 07957977380.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Marilyn Callow, Claire, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Alex McVeigh, Hohn Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Anneli Prowse, Polica Rajan, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Jean Terry, Kath Vaughan & Horace Whitehall

Lately Dead. Mary Cafferkey, Tom Diviney, John Kennedy, Rose McDermott, John Martin, James O'Donnell, Maria Rocas.

Anniv: Monica Brunning, Angela Francescotti, Baby Angelo Francescotti, Bridgett Kildea.

WHITE STORK TAI CHI CLUB

Rudi plans to start a new Tai Chi Class on Thursdays in the Becket Centre 9.45am—10.45am, please call him on 020 8502 9842 to find out more and he will decide if there is enough interest.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

For the tax year 2014/2015 are available at the back of church for collection.

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10.30am 10th October Charmain Turnell, Christine Pinnock, Rosie O'Connor, Eweline Allen, Debbie Bryant.

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

CWL JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

CWL Meeting Wed. 7th Oct. 8pm in the William Scott Room upstairs in the Becket Centre.

LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL

Are celebrating 65 years in Buckhurst Hill. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Michael Bossy S.J. at 11am at the church of St. Ignatius, Stamford Hill on Wed. 7th Oct. 11am to mark this milestone. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

28th November 1-4pm

If there are any local businesses who would like to advertise in the Bazaar's Programme, please contact the parish office and leave your details.

If you are a regular stall-holder and are willing to run your stall again this year please call Jackie 07952077546/0208 506 1799.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

Please note there is NO Soup run next week. The October runs will take place on the 14th and 28th Oct. A Big thankyou to Julie Prior and staff and pupils of Normanhurst School for their very generous donations following their harvest festival.

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**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B**

**4TH OCTOBER 2015
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**



Today we leave the busyness and day-to-day tensions of our lives in order to come closer to the heart of God's love in Jesus at the Eucharist. Yet what we hear today is not an escape from our ordinary lives but a fresh call to renewal in the Spirit.

**First Reading
(Genesis 2:18-24)**

The world in all its teeming variety comes from God who is above all created things and yet sustains all in divine love.

**Second Reading
(Hebrews 2:9-11)**

From the depth of the Trinity's love, God shares our humanity, even in suffering and death, so that we can be truly God's children.

**Gospel
(Mark 10:2-16)**

We often fail in love through weakness and sin, and so we have to make up ways of dealing with what goes wrong. But deep in creation lies God's plan for us to share, in our very bodies, in God's creative love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
May the Lord bless us
All the days of our life.