

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
10TH February 2016**

Masses with distribution of ashes:-

**Chigwell 9.30am  
St. Thomas' 10.00am  
Solemn Opening of Lent  
St. Thomas' 8pm**

Please take a flyer from the back of the church giving you information of Masses and services during Lent.

**THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

A "Mystery" because it is something happening in each of us, and we discover it only gradually. It means the whole span of Jesus' life through suffering death, resurrection and triumphal return to heaven. We rehearse it each year in our shared liturgy and private prayer. So we begin on Wednesday: 40 days through which we go deeper in understanding that Jesus' suffering is now precisely the things that go wrong for us. It is not miserable, because it is the discipline that lays the foundation of future glory.

Fr. Austin will talk to us about **MERCY** on Tuesdays 16th February and 1st March at 8pm in the Becket Centre. The two Tuesdays following his talks we will meet again to explore how it is working in us. So to unravel the mystery. This is the most important of our Lent exercises, until we come to Holy Week.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday we engage in this devotion. After the 10am Mass it is led by a volunteer of the parish community. So far we have two people who have offered to lead this starting on Friday. Volunteers please come forward for the other Fridays. The friars will generally lead the evening devotion at 8pm.

**FAMILY FAST  
Friday, 19th February**

**LENT LUNCHES**

In the Becket Centre on Tuesdays in Lent starting on Tuesday, 16th Feb. 12.15pm—1.30pm in aid of Mary's Meals (an organisation which provides meals for school children in crisis-stricken countries). Home Made Soup and French Bread £3. Everyone is welcome.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

A sizeable number have quietly journeyed through the weeks. Some are already baptised Catholic, seeking better knowledge and understanding. Now two catechumens are ready for baptism and another to enter into full communion of our church. Next Sunday at the 11.30am Mass we will send them with our blessing to Brentwood, to meet the Bishop and be formally elected by him. The grand entry will be at the Easter Vigil.

**DESPERATE NEED**

We are in urgent need of more volunteers to print the weekly newsletter on a rota basis.

If you feel you can help, please contact Mario Cheong 8504 9368.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

Father Quentin will be available on Wednesday 24th February in the Becket Centre from 7pm for approx an hour. There are no individual appointments just pop along.

**TELCO**

Date for your diary - **Thursday 28th April** coach to the Olympic Park at 5pm from St Thomas', to hear the 3 perspective London mayors being grilled about their aspirations for the 4 1/2 year tenure.

*The coach leaves St. Thomas' at 5pm  
prompt. Don't miss it!!*

**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS**

Once again the Mother and Toddler Group are collecting Sainsburys vouchers and would appreciate your help. Please hand them into the parish office. Thank you.

**15TH WOODFORD GUIDES**

The 15th Woodford Guides have spaces for girls between the ages of 10-14. We meet on a Friday 6.30pm—8pm. If interested please contact Janet at 07803810666.

**BIBLE ALIVE LENT**

Copies available from the back of the church—price £2.25.

**WALK WITH ME**

Daily Reflections during Lent.  
Copies available from the back of the church—price £1.

**SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY**

We are up London on Wednesday and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, biscuits and cakes. We are asking for no tins or clothes on this run as we need to clear the supplies that have built up when we have been without a van. Items can be left in the Becket Centre between 7p & 8pm or Wednesday night or in the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30pm.

**MIRACLE NEEDED!**

Accommodation required for single mother with 2 year old son. Excellent references. Please call 020 85051057.

**DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

On behalf of the parish, we would like to congratulate Michael and Peggy Carrig who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

**CHIGWELL SISTERS**

**NEARLY NEW & JUMBLE SALE  
ONE MORE WEEK TO GO!**

Sat. 13th Feb. at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the church porch. Many thanks.

**BAPTISM**

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child please contact the parish office for details. We advise parents to attend a course before the birth of their child.

**ASSISI LUNCH DRIVERS NEEDED**

The lunch teams are in need of a few more drivers to be added to the helpers list to bring at approx. 12.30pm and take home approx 2.30pm on the last Friday of each month. Please call Dolly on 07940429815 New Assisi lunch guests required as we have spaces—see flyers at the back of the church or call Dolly on the number above (evenings only).

**PLEASE NOTE**

Mother & Baby Group is cancelled due to Ash Wednesday (10th February). Due to half term the Toddler and Baby Groups will not be meeting on 16th and 17th Feb but will resume on 23rd Feb as normal.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

Fr. Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral, would like to invite all refugees, those enslaved by all forms of human trafficking and those who help, defend and care for these people to come to the Cathedral, and join the Cathedral parish community at Mass on Sunday, 14th February at 6.30pm. The preacher will be Fr. Sean Connelly.

**Please refrain from putting flowers on the side altars during Lent.  
Grateful thanks.**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Mike Angelo, Maria Ashley, Baby Oliver Barker, Betty Bere, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Browne, Genevieve Campbell, Yvonne Carpenter, Eustage Chesley, Claire, Ann Carmody, (Kieran's Mum), Mike Crutchlow, Bernadette Clancy, Carmel Cork, Claver D'Souza, Don Dourado, Laurie Durrant, Maureen Halford, Thomas Hefferman, Joan Farrelly, Maurice Flynn, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Trish Gardner, Mary Grisdale, Cynthia Gregory, Catherine Heagney, John Harris, Doris Harriss, S. Kuntz, Lauren, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Paul McDonnell, Claudia McNulty, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Frances Piller, Dr Courtney Price, Lily Reding, Edward Shearer, Joshua Smikle, Melda Tierney, Pauline Tuite, Astrid Turner, Mary Quaine, Kath Vaughan, Evi Maria Vogel.

*If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.*

**Lately Dead** David Gibbs

**Anniv.** Luigi Bragoli, Brida Connelly, Harriet McDonnell, Giliande Mastroddi,

### IN TOUCH

Parish Magazine on sale at the back of the church price £2.

#### 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

Friday 10.30am 12th Feb. Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker. Please contact Pat Bell on 8504 4577.

### TEA ROTA

We need additional people to help serve teas on a rota basis after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. If you feel you can help, please contact Sheila on 8504 3839.

### CHARITY BALL

Tickets are available for a Charity Ball on Friday, 15th April at Packfords Hotel in Woodford to raise money for Target Ovarian Cancer in honour of late parishioner, Letitia Featherstone. If you would like to attend or want further details, please contact Rachael on rachael12512@msn.com or 07971 375073.

### TUTORING

Do you require a tutor to help you with core, additional or triple Science. An ex-Trinity student is willing to help. £7.50 per hour. Call 07474 403126 or lakshanperera@live.co.uk

### NANNY SHARE?

We would be keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in a nanny share with another family. For more information contact Clare 07957 383079.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CYCLE C**

**7TH FEBRUARY 2016**



Jesus lived, died and was raised to life again. This is the powerful truth on which we base our lives.

**First Reading**  
**(Isaiah 6:1-8)**  
The vision of God convinces the prophet of his own unworthiness.

**Second Reading**  
**(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**  
Paul reminds us of the reliable truth of the Gospel.

**Gospel**  
**(Luke 5:1-11)**  
Jesus begins in the "theatre" of Galilee.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.