

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire, Teresa Daly, Nigel Dillon, Carla Doherty, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Lenny Finney, Garrie Godkin, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Jane Kirk, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

Anniversaries:- Lucca Marrai, Maureen Noden,

Lately Dead: Maisie McCarthy, Cathy Mulroney, Ann Ryan,

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 4th November Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes. Nicola Gilbert. Contact 07792 933953
www.thekendalkitchen.com

Parish Diaries 2017 are available from the back of the church. Please put your donation in the basket provided.

Grateful thanks.

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

BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS

At St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green on Monday, 7th November 2016 at 11.30am.

At St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone on Monday, 14th November 2016 at 11.30am.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting Monday, 7th November at 7.30pm at the Convent.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 1st November after 10.00am Mass in the Francis Room, upstairs in the Becket Centre.

CRY AWARENESS WEEK

Forissy Chill Out Day at the Becket Centre on Monday, 21st November. There will be breakfast, cake, hot lunches and an amazing Christmas stall. We are in need of cakes on the day and raffle prizes. Contact Della on FORISSY@aol.com

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Mon. 7th November at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

LOGS

Do you have a log burner? Please help yourselves to the pile of logs located in the car park (next to the garages)



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31ST SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE C

30TH OCTOBER 2016



God is merciful and wishes all people to be saved. In facing and in dealing with the evils of this world we are called to practise both justice and mercy.

First Reading (Wisdom 11:22-12:2)

The writer of ancient wisdom understands that God's p

Second Reading: (2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2)

A prayer that God's power will fulfil our desire for holiness of life.

Gospel (Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus enters Jericho and surprises everyone.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

G.O.S.H. CHARITY

A big thank you to parishioners. £422 was raised last weekend for Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity from the cake sale held in the Becket Centre.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

I intend that the commissioning of Ministers which will take place at all Masses on November 27th will be a renewal for all of us, priests and yourselves, of our shared service. To this end I propose we will have a couple of opportunities.

1. To pray together: our personal development is the first essential
2. To review our purpose
3. Our practice. I see our primary duty to take care of the sick and housebound.

We need more who can be relied upon to do this service regularly. We need also to share information, so that we can co-ordinate our resources. The sick and housebound need Holy Communion each week. It will be a great help if you will then tell us priests when their circumstances change.

Would 17th and 24th November be good dates to come together? Do you need a wider range of opportunity to choose one evening?

Please return your re-commissioning forms as soon as possible. You can either place them in the post-box at the back of the church, drop them into the Parish Office or put them in the Friary letterbox.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Tuesday, 1st November

Vigil Mass Monday, 31st October at 7.30pm in St. Thomas'
Tuesday, 1st November
10am St. Thomas' and Chigwell Convent.
8pm St. Thomas'
2nd November ALL SOULS

ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD

The annual Mass for the Guild will be celebrated this Thursday, 3rd November at Farm Street at 6pm.

WE NEED YOU CHRISTMAS FAYRE Nov. 26th

To make this a success we need

- A Man with a Van
- Willing volunteers
- Raffle Prizes
- Good quality donations—no clothes or books.

Ring Jackie 07952077546.

EPPING FOREST SOUTH 43RD SCOUTS

Parents, do something rewarding and support our children, get involved with our Scout, Cub and Beaver Group for just a few hours a week either on a Friday (Cubs) or Monday (Scouts) evening.

Unless we can recruit three new Leaders/ Assistant Leaders before the end of October we are in danger of closing. Our members have great fun learning lots of life skills and doing a whole host of activities such as kart racing, camps, night hikes, cycling etc. and will be extremely disappointed if the group has to close.

Please contact Chris Kurton at ckurton@hotmail.com or Terry Hobbs at hobbsfamily49btinternet.com.

TELCO

St. Thomas went to Ilford in force last Thursday to continue pressure to implement a living wage for all. Our parish has also been highly influential in persuading Redbridge to take in refugee children, to purchase land for affordable housing. All of us wring our hands in anguish, professing our inability to remedy the appalling human iniquities that fill our daily papers. Through Telco our parish is making a real contribution. Were you there? More of it next week.

READERS' WORKSHOP

On Sat. 19th November between 10.30am and 1.30pm we will be holding a Workshop for all Readers of the parish (St. Thomas' B.Hill and Chigwell). There are still a few places remaining, so please 'phone the parish office as soon as possible to book your place.

IN TOUCH

Contributions for Christmas edition of In Touch to the editor by Nov. 9th. Contact 077343 08925. Would a member of the "SHINE" Charity get in touch urgently.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER SHARING

Next meeting of Scripture Prayer sharing group, led by Sr. Sandra will be in the Becket Centre on 3rd November at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ALTAR LINEN

Hooray! 54 items returned this week to the sacristy drawer. But please continue your detective work searching for the rest of our stock still absent from home. And thank you for the laundering: we seem to use a great number of purificators each week.

CWL

Meeting this month will be at 2pm in the afternoon. This change of time is for November and January meetings only.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 4th June 2017

The closing date for applications is **Monday, 31st October 2016.**

No applications will be accepted after this date.

15TH WOODFORD RAINBOWS (5-7 YEAR OLDS)

Urgent need of adult volunteers to help support the unit on Tuesday nights from 5.20pm until 6.20pm. Please contact the parish office with any help you can offer.

CAFOD ART SALE

A parish artist will be selling original paintings to raise funds for CAFOD in the Becket Centre after every Mass this weekend. Come and have a browse—tea and coffee will be available.

CWL JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Jumble Sale and for those who donated the goods! A fantastic £1,200 was raised for Children's Charities.

Although everyone enjoys the day it is extremely hard work, moving jumble to the sheds (Fr. Michael assisted with this!) for the 3 weeks beforehand and especially at the end of the day. We need a team of men and women to assist even if only for an hour on the Saturday afternoon. If you would be willing to help (its only twice a year), please give your name and number to the parish office.

The next jumble sale will be in February so please do not leave any jumble in the church porch until you see the note in the newsletter as we do not have any storage facilities.

NEW SACRISTANS' ROTAS

Are now available from the back of the church.