

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Angela 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, Jane Kirk, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Dennis McCarthy, Camille Malone, Dr. Mary Malone, Bridie McCoy, Patrick McGurk, Yomi McEwen, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Sheila Murphy, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds who has now moved to Ashlar House Care Home, Epping, Bill Roberts, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Debbie Smythe, Fr. George Stokes, Astrid Turner, Roswitha Wagener, Rita Watkins,

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Ray Finney, Desmond Leahy (6th Aug), Paulette Macpherson, Lou Macpherson, Izzy Tudisca (1st Anniv) Christie Quinn,

Latelly Dead:- Larry Healy, Sadie Kelly, Patricia Kirrane, Frances Long, Peter Valenti

THANKS

Mary Quaine is much better now, and would like to thank parishioners for their prayers.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 29th July Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson.

TUTOR

GCSE Science and Mathematics summer tutor available to offer 1 to 1 tuition to children over the summer holidays who are preparing for their chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics GCSE's. Contact Anele 07767124518 for further information.

We wish parishioners a very happy and relaxing holiday period.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Require experienced Examination Manager and Assistant to Data Manager for Sept. 2016. Applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate and must have relevant experience and excellent knowledge of the SIMS system. Contact sam gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday, 2nd September.

THE KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes.

Contact Nicola Gilbert 07792 933953,

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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



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

24TH JULY 2016



At Mass today we recognise how generous our God is to us, but also how we are called to treat God with the respect and trust that is due to a loving parent.

First Reading (Genesis 18:20-32)

Abraham beseeches God to have mercy on the sinful city.

Second Reading: (Colossians 2:12-14)

Paul reflects on what God has done for us through our baptism.

Gospel (Luke 11:1-13)

Prayer means trusting God to be a loving Father.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*On the day I called,
You answered me, O Lord*

LAST OF THE SEASON

From last Sunday the rush for the beaches seemed to have started. The parish has flourished wonderfully in the past year since it sprang back to life last September. Quiet prayer and loud liturgy both blossomed; caring and steady personal growth too. Thank you for all you have done and given. We will come back refreshed in September. I devoutly hope and pray that we all may have a happy restful and safe summer break.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

In 15 days since the Parish AGM the new Council you elected has met twice. They in turn have chosen Kit Tranmer as the chair, with Paul Turpin his vice-chair and Lesley Maeda as Secretary. Already they have fashioned a new pattern of working. Several task-groups have been formed, following the diverse talents of the members. They in turn will draw in other members of the parish to share their tasks. The broad areas so far addressed are:

Liturgy, Communications, Training/Education, Caring and the Diocesan task of the Steward of the Gospel. A pilot scheme for managing the Becket Centre had been in existence for the past eight months and proved a very definite success. More are in process of taking shape. The groups will seek to support and help all the good things already running in the parish. Each group will have a different style and mode of procedure. In general the suggestion is:

*Find what is happening at present
Any immediate needs for help? For recruitment? - for action by the Parish Council?*

How can we develop the present to be better?

Are there other areas than those so far identified which need attention?

The Council will meet again on 1st August and 5th September. You can contact any Councillor, or through the parish office.

CHIGWELL CONVENT DAILY MASS

From Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July there will be no daily Mass in Chigwell Convent. Normal service resumes on Friday, 29th.

PARISH DIARY 2017

We would ask all groups and societies who book the Becket Centre on a regular basis to submit their dates in writing for 2017 to the parish office.

Please do not presume that your bookings will be carried over. Grateful thanks.

Please note that this is the last newsletter until September. Urgent notices will be read out after Mass.

There will be a Prayer List on the noticeboard in the church porch.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

We are up London again next Wednesday 27th July, and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, fruit, tins (tuna, beans, soup etc) and clean men's clothing.



Items can be left in the parish office during opening hours or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday night.

Please note there is **NO** soup run during August and the next run after 27th July will be on 14th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A Mass for the sick and housebound (including those living in Care Homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St. Thomas' on Sunday, 25th September at 3pm; followed by tea and coffee. More details will be provided in early September.

WATERING PLANTS

Volunteers needed to water the plants outside the church from 23rd July—6th Aug. Please contact parish office if you can help.

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will commence in September. If you need to attend a course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays in each month.

FRANCISCAN NEWS 1ST PROFESSION HERE!

Sat. 13th August at 11am here at the Franciscan church of St. Thomas' we have the great joy for us Franciscan Friars and parishioners of celebrating the Mass of First Profession of Vows of our Novice Br. Tom O.F.M. Along with family members and Friars from Ireland, we invite all parishioners to come to this special Mass and happy occasion of witnessing a young man of 22 years of age committing his life to God in the Religious Life.

May this be a time of praying for more Vocations for the Church and parish.

Deo Gratias!

CAKE SALE

There will be a Cake Sale in the Becket Centre after each Mass on 31st July in aid of two parish members raising money for voluntary service overseas to volunteer in Ghana and Nepal. Please come along and support them.



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.

BECKET CENTRE USERS

To ensure we get the best out of our excellent facilities, and maintain them properly, the Parish Council has revised the Becket Centre terms and conditions of use. The new agreement makes users' responsibilities and liabilities much clearer, and you might have noticed that there is more monitoring and feedback and maintenance being done. But this all needs to be explained and short meetings have been booked as follows: Thursday, 15th Sept at 8pm or Sat. 17th Sept. at 3.30pm. It is very important that each group that uses any of the rooms in the Becket Centre is represented at one of these meetings. Please contact Bernard.hunter@which.net to book in, or if you have any queries.

HAPPY 90TH!!



On behalf of the parish, we wish Fr. Brian McGrath O.F.M., a very happy 90th Birthday.

IN TOUCH

Parish Magazine is now on sale price £2.