

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

You responded magnificently to his invitation. Well done, and thank you. Through Friday evening, the night hours and all day Saturday, sometimes many dozen, always a good number sat quietly for long periods with Jesus, the Father and Holy Spirit. Very many have expressed their delight, appreciation, event total astonishment at a totally new experience. We must not lose the momentum of this new discovery of prayer. We will do it again.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Renew their commitment today. We renew our wonder that we should be so privileged; our readiness to serve; our sense that it requires of us that we be more like the Jesus we bring to others. I am still very concerned that we are not taking Holy Communion enough to the homes where our brothers and sisters are quietly bearing the cross of Jesus in their suffering. **PLEASE** tell us of anyone sick, either temporarily or long-term, or housebound who would welcome communion brought to them.

WHAT DOES A PARISH COUNCIL DO?

A parish is a large family. We pray. We have a social life of fun and sharing. We teach young and not-so-young, care for them and all in any need. We take our part in the political life of the country e.g. soup run and TELCO. We care for the buildings, fabric and supplies needed for these services. We are blessed in having a huge number of good talented people who give their services generously, lend their skills to build and achieve all this. It needs co-ordinating. That is the task of the Parish Council. It should comprise representatives of all generations, all activities and all interests in the parish. **Ask not what can the parish do for me; but what can I do for the parish.** Nominations for election to the Council by **6th June**.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

In line with our parish constitution we are looking to elect the members of the Parish Council at the AGM on the 3rd July 2016. The parish council meets once a month and supports the parish priest in parish matters. We are always looking for new council members to join the committee and we welcome all council nominations. As part of this process there is a nomination form that is available from the back of the church and the parish office that needs to be completed by anyone wishing to propose themselves for the council. Election of council members will be confirmed during the AGM on the 3rd July 2016. All nomination forms are to be received by the parish office no later than the 6th June 2016.

Jeremy Davey (Chairman)

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Annual Re-commissioning

At all Masses this weekend (the Feast of Corpus Christi) all our Ministers of Communion are invited to renew their commissioning promises.

Also, just to reiterate the Diocesan policy: that Ministers of Communion who take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound, undergo a "Disclosure and Barring Service" (DBS) check (previously CRB check). If you currently take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound and have not undergone a DBS check, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. A DBS check is not required for those who only distribute Holy Communion at Mass.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 6th June at 2pm in Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

PARISH GARDEN FETE

12 Noon – 5pm

Saturday 11th June

PLEASE DONATE A BOTTLE

We need wine BOTTLES, beer BOTTLES, spirit BOTTLES, mixer BOTTLES, soft drinks BOTTLES, ANY BOTTLES

for the Bottle Stall Tombola

BOTTLES can be left at the Parish office or to arrange collection please contact Laura Beales 07947765882 020 8505 2311

THANK YOU!



We also need donations of toys, books dvds, raffle prizes and plants (on the day). No jumble please. It will be thrown.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

Next weekend, 4th/5th June, Fr. Anthony Thourrd will be making the annual appeal in this parish for their missionary work in South Africa. Appeal envelopes will be given out after each Mass and you will be asked to bring it back the following week with your offering. The mission boxes will also be available for anybody who would like one in their home. We thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

FAMILY FUN DAY

In memory of Izzie Tudisca

We are holding a Family Fun Day at Chingford Rugby Club on Sat. 18th June from 2pm until 1am.

There will be a Band, DJ and BBQ. Please email dellatudisca@gmail.com for details and ticket prices. Entrance is by ticket only.

PARISH GALA CONCERT

Saturday July 2nd in honour of H.M. The Queen's Birthday and 120th anniversary of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

Please put the date in your diaries.

Flyers are available from the back of the church.

BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS

At St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, will be on Monday, 6th June 2016 at 11.30am.

Also the Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, will be on Monday, 11th July 2016 at 11.30am.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Yakim Elkin Mael Ake, Charlie James Stabrawa, Oscar Anthony Jordan, Freddie James Shinn, Sonnie Bob Shinn, Maisie Lola Shinn and Benjamin Ashaye who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

MEMORY-CAFÉ (FREE SERVICE)

Where people with varying forms of memory loss and their carers can visit to support each other. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, memorabilia, information, informal chats, singing, bingo etc.

13th May, 10th June, 8th July at The Loughton Club, 8 Station Road, Loughton IG10 3NH. For further information, please call Fran 07984 100379 or Pesh 07973166940.

P LEASE 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, Cora Coman, Cicely Croxton, Claver D'Souza, 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, Danny Henry, Wendy Holland, Imelda Lohan, Lauren, Camille Malone, Bridie McCoy, Mary McKay, Claudia McNulty, Roger Machin, Jutta Menzies, Pat Morgan, Miriam Mullally, Mary Quaine, Lily Reding, Jacky Rott, Tony Russ, Dermot Ryle, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Giovanni Bernardone, Ronald Johnson, Jack Poulter, Michelle Samarawara, Alex Weatherley

Lately Dead:- Lawrence Cunningham, Mary Lynch, Eudora Milton-King, Mr. Mullins, Peter Padmore, Elena Salvoni.

Mary Lynch's Requiem will be on Mon. 6th June at 11am at St. Anne Line Church, Grove Road, E18 2JA followed by burial at City of London at 1pm.

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

Thursday 9am 2nd June Frances Branch, Cathie Fitch, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis, Sheila French.

Church Cleaning Rotas are available from the church porch.

HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES

Meeting Monday, 6th June 7.30pm at the Convent.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL WANSTEAD

Applications for our Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2016 girls born between 1.9.12—31.8.13 and Reception Class birthdays between 1.9.11—31.8.12.

Contact 020 8989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

The Convent requires a Premises Manager 35hrs per week 52 weeks per year with 4 weeks paid holiday during school holidays. Contact school for an application pack.

ALSO requires a Mid-day Assistant. 7.5 hours per week, term time only. Contact school for an application pack.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Frank and Rosa Fitzpatrick who celebrated 58years of marriage last week.



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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI CYCLE C

29TH MAY 2016



Jesus himself is our food of life. We depend on so many material things for our human existence, but the bread of life, Jesus himself, is what sustains us at a depth nothing else can measure up to or compete with.

First Reading (Genesis 14:18-20)

Melchizedek, as priest of God Most High, brings bread and wine.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Jesus offers his disciples bread and wine as a memorial of himself.

Gospel (Luke 9:11-17)

Jesus blesses the loaves and fish and hands them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*You are a priest for ever,
A priest like Melchizedek of old.*