

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Peggy Carrig, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Antony Dover, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Phyllis Gould, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Alice & John Gyre, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Ethne Hubbard, Peter Jacques, Baby Samuel Keys, Jane Kirk, Eileen Lea, John Leahy, Ruby Lennon, Charles Long, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Clare Merrins, Angela Meyler, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Con Mulvahill, Kathleen Ogles, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

Anniv: Annie Greene, Daniel Lucey, Tina Woolf, Stephen Garrett, Michael Fitzgerald, Teresa Glock, Gerald Mooney, Andrew Lamarque

Lately Dead : Adolf Dourado, Tom Grey

Tom Grey's funeral will be held at St Thomas' on Friday 24th Feb at 10am

CHURCH CLEANING



Thursday 9am 23rd February
Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes.

SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for one extra person to help serve teas after the 10am Mass on a rota once in 7 weeks. For more information please ring Pat Bell on 020 8504 4577 or leave your name with the parish office.

FOUND

Black/Green watch in the Becket Centre. Please collect from the parish office.

ASSISI LUNCH

The next Assisi Lunch will be on February 24th in the Becket Centre.

BE PART OF THE TRAIDCRAFT BIG BREW 2017

During Fairtrade fortnight St. James URC, Palmerston Road are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, 14th March from 10.30am—12Noon.

Fairtrade coffee and refreshments will be on offer, games, a Traidcraft stall (including Fairtrade Easter eggs) and a raffle. Price £2.50 includes coffee and a raffle ticket. All are welcome.

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

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

19TH FEBRUARY 2017



We are called to be holy, just as God is holy. We are to love one another, not just those who are close to us but those from afar and those we might even consider to be enemies

First Reading
(Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18)
We are to be holy as God is holy

Second Reading
(1 Corinthians 3:16-23)
The Spirit of God lives among us for we are God's temple.

Gospel
(Matthew 5:38-48)

We are to be perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is compassion and love.

There will be a retiring collection for the Across Jumbulance

LENT DISCUSSIONS

Do you remember the significant contributions we made to the 2 Roman Synods in 2014 & 2015? The Pope had said: "I want to hear what you are thinking and feeling. Be honest. Don't hold back for fear of being inappropriate, saying something which is not "what the church teaches". This Lent we intend to carry the process further. On 3 or 4 evenings we will start with a nudge, reminding you what the Pope is saying in his letter *Joy Of Love*. We want you to bring out in the open what family life is, what personal struggles are in this stressed world of Trump and Brexit and its uncertainties. The Pope has a totally new approach to our moral and spiritual life. Like a PC app however it needs to be down-loaded, installed in our minds and hearts before it can turn blossom into life. Come and contribute on Wednesday 8th, 15th, 29th March and Thursday 22nd.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Through last Saturday there was a constant trickle of pray-ers before the Bl Sacrament. Several spoke of the peace and sense of rightness that grew by simply being present, some staying more than an hour. There will be further occasions each Saturday morning through Lent. And in the summer we will again have a 24 hour period. It proved so beneficial last year.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY

Cardinal Nichols, and the Papal Nuncio are coming to the mass of celebration in Brentwood on 22nd March. I have 5 tickets since they want people to come from all parishes. If anyone would like to take part in the Mass and reception after please ask me: Q.

JOY OF LOVE

Copies are available from the repository £4.50 each.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA

Parishioners are invited to an afternoon tea at the Becket Centre on Sunday, 12th March 3pm - 5pm to discuss the issues raised in today's Bishop's pastoral letter and co-ordinate the parish response to it. Since our future plan requires more active participation of the laity, the discussion will be stimulated and moderated by leaders of our parish groups. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and join in the activities of these very active groups.



STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

I do hope you have answered the questions posed to you last Sunday in conjunction with the Bishop's letter. Please return your answer – even if brief – without delay to the Parish Office. The replies have to be collated and used by next Saturday. But even if you miss this deadline, keep them coming!

PLEASE NOTE:

You can also email William@yeung.org.uk. If you need help text **steward help** to 0797912808.

ACROSS JUMBULANCE BUCKET COLLECTION

After all masses this weekend - please support this worthwhile initiative .

THE TABLET

Today and for 4 weeks there will be a couple of complimentary copies of this excellent paper for you to browse through in the porch. Taste it. If there is a demand we can arrange a regular subscription.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 can now apply for the school year 2016/17. Those children born between 1.9.2014 and 31.12.2014 may also apply to start in January 2018 if there are vacancies. Application forms are available on the school website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk.

Please note, any enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons after 1.30pm. Closing date for receipt of forms is Midday on Monday, 27th March 2017.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to those who told me of their wish for this Franciscan exercise. Each Friday evening of Lent we will follow this Way of the Cross together. No Christian dare fail to return regularly to a serious meditation on Jesus' suffering. Without such practice prayer can degenerate into sentimentality.



CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Are having their Annual Quiz on Saturday, 4th March at Trinity School, Upper Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm start. Please bring your own drinks. Ploughman's Supper will be provided. Cost £10.00. Tables of 8. Don't worry if you can't make a table of 8, we will put smaller groups together to make a table of 8. Tickets available from Ann on 020 8989 9032.



SOUP RUN

Will be on Wednesday, 22nd February. Donations of men's clothes, sandwiches, sweets, cakes and toiletries gratefully received. Please bring to the parish office from 9.30am—1.30pm on the day or 7pm to the Becket Centre. PLEASE NOTE we cannot accept items before this date due to lack of storage.

Quotes Pope Francis urges us to practice "tender-love". Are you receiving any? Are you giving any?

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following Fr Quentin's recent sermon about the laity's contribution to parish affairs, this is an appeal to you all. The Parish Council, of which I am the current Chair, has a number of subcommittees (below) which need more members if they are to achieve what they should. If you have an interest and might like to be actively involved, please contact me for an informal discussion (kit.tranmer@btopenworld.com)

Liturgy – anything and everything pertaining to our regular and special services

Maintenance – especially if you have DIY or professional skills

Becket Centre – it does not manage itself, and is an invaluable asset which we need to look after and use fully

Caring – many of our charitable activities, within and outside the community

Communication – it is crucial that we communicate effectively, with all sections of the Parish not just those who collect a Newsletter –that too needs effort.