

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Peter Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Margaret Jones, Mary & Ronald Luxton, Margaret McDonnell, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Greta O'Donnell, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Joan Reynolds, Debbie Smythe, John Stokes, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniversaries: Paddy Mahoney,

Lately Dead: Rosa Daoud, Rochelle Frank, Kathleen McLaughlin, Theresa Williamson, Nora Ryan.

ENGLISH TEACHER AVAILABLE

Very experienced English teacher available over the summer holidays for tutoring. If your child is transitioning from primary to secondary school and needs some preparation to make sure they are well equipped for challenges they will face, if your child is preparing for their GCSE or A level years, or if you simply want to give them some more support in any area of their English education, I am able to adapt my teaching for what they need. I can travel to you and am flexible with times and days. Call Jennifer on 07590078130.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 13th July
Doroto Marcewicz, Michael & Rose Doherty, Rosanna Baker, Leah Bettis.

ST ANTONY'S SCHOOL MASQUERADE BALL

Following the news of her impending retirement, the parents of St. Antony's School are organising a Ball in honour of Ms Chris Curtis. St. Antony's Masquerade Ball will be taking place on Sat. 16th Dec. 2017 at the Prince Regent Hotel. Tickets £65 per person for champagne reception, 3 course dinner and a half bottle of wine p.p. plus live music from Hot Stuff. Please contact Aine Wood on ainewood4@gmail.com should you wish to join us in celebrating Ms Curtis' dedication over the past 22 years to St. Antony's School.

ST. THOMAS' FOOTBALL

Still looking for players of all ages Year 1-10 to join our growing club. Training is Tuesday evenings at Ashton Playing Fields. More info Matt Tallon 07855170256 or chairman@stcyfc.com.

There will be no Assisi Lunches during July and August

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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14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

SEA SUNDAY

9TH JULY 2017



Jesus reveals to us the tenderness of the Father, inviting us into a loving embrace. We, in turn, can emulate this by being a people of compassion and hospitality.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet shares a vision of the forthcoming joyful reign of a servant king and calls all to be jubilant in anticipation.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9. 11-13

We are called to live a life according to the spirit of the living God, who resides in each one of us and makes us God's sons and daughters.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus knows the heart of the Father and reflects that tenderness to all, who, drawn low by the pressure of life, trust in him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

The two major events of our parish year—the Fayre and the Concert. Both were hugely enjoyable and a tremendous success. I congratulate and thank you. Each a product of much planning, reparations and hard work. It is this that makes our parish great.

24 HOURS ADORATION

This will take place from the evening of Friday 15th September till the Saturday vigil Mass. Preparations are in hand. It is hoped that the various groups, organisations and any other clusters in the parish will plan to share one of the hours in their own fashion. Overall it will be a period of silent prayer. Just living in love with Jesus. This generates peace.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10AM MASS

For children and their parents this is a most welcome service. We need to value and appreciate the demands it makes on the persons who take responsibility for largish groups of young children. We proclaim we are attentive to the strict demands and rules under the title of Safeguarding. There can be no Children's liturgy unless there are sufficient responsible carers to maintain order and care. So each Sunday, prior to the departure of the children at the beginning of Mass, we need to check this availability. If it is not there then the children will remain under the care and control of their parents.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday 10th July.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next Sunday's meeting, in the Becket Centre after the 11.30am Mass is crucial. Everything in our church and Diocese is pointing to the need for you to take responsibility for the development of our parish. It is disappointing that nobody has come forward to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council.

Our parish is not a Supermarket where people come just to pick up what they need and fancy. It is a family. A family thrives – or perishes – on the generosity of giving to each other; of anticipating needs and being ready to sacrifice time energy and love for other people. Because this has been our practice till now we are a good parish. But people grow old, move, circumstances change. Replacement of those who have served well is essential if we are to maintain the high standard

As no one has been nominated there will be no election next Sunday. The Council will however continue undaunted. It will meet again on 17th July to plan the next stage of our parish-family life. We will then be looking for generosity from you, to continue what is good and develop healthily for the future. It is this engagement which generates vitality and fun. Social life can continue in a busy lifestyle. Pope Francis wrote of the JOY of the Gospel. St Francis found joy everywhere, even where others could find only gloom. That is what we are planning on Sunday.

If you have any business you wish to be aired at Sunday's meeting you should give notice today. There will be opportunity for questions and contributions from the floor.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2017-2018

Applications 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 for applications is Friday, 1st September 2017.

Applications after this date will not be accepted

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 22nd July

The cost is £14 per head. Please confirm your booking and make cheques payable to St. Thomas of Canterbury Church Parish Account or cash and send to parish office by Wednesday. Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of water. The coach will be leaving St. Thomas' at 8.00am and hoping to leave at 4.30pm.

REPOSITORY

To celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima we are now able to order statues for those who would like one in their home. Two small samples are available to view.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Smells & Bells—London Catholic Culture Monday 10th July 2pm. Meet at St. Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, walking to St. Paul's via Covent Garden. Nearest tube: Charing Cross or Leicester Square.

For King and Country

Wednesday 19th July 6pm. Catholics and politics: St. Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Annie Matilda Mackintosh, Finlay Wallace Mackintosh and Maya Ava Vyas who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend. If you need to attend a baptism course, please contact the parish office for details.

IN TOUCH

Please send articles for IN TOUCH magazine to the Editor by August 1st. Photos of the Parish Fayre would be most welcome editor@myintouch.co.uk.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

So far the appeal by Fr. Cornelius on behalf of the Franciscan Missions has raised £7,034.71. A big thank you to all who have made offerings. The mission envelopes are still available for anyone who missed the appeal and would like to contribute.

TUESDAY CLUB

The last gathering of the Sumer, so it has to be STRAWBERRY TEA! See you all in the Becket Centre at 2pm on the 11th.

SOUP RUN

Wednesday 12th July. Donations of men's clothing, trainers, toiletries, sandwiches, sweets, biscuits all gratefully received. Please bring to the parish office on Wednesday between 9.30am—1.30pm or 7pm to the Becket Centre.

There will be a Diocesan Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea after all Masses this weekend.

ACROSS

Charity to provide transport and support to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes. Requires a HR/Admin Administrator For further information please email contactus@across.org.uk.

To apply for the role, please submit a CV and covering letter to Debbie Hourihan via email as above. Closing date 10th July.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office.