

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Anna Appiah, Aichard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Belinda, Olivia Begley, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, John Browne, Antonia Buck, Claire Merrins, Nigel Dillon, Bernadette Fernandes, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Antony Dover, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Phyllis Gould, Cynthia Gregory, 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, Maureen Pollock, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydrick, Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

Anniv. Carmel Cork, Liz Browne, John Burnham, Stephan Garrett, Eileen Godber, John Golden, Michael Hynes, Josephine Leonard, John Leonard, Johnny Leonard, Mario Zeppa.

Lately Dead : Bruno Celaschi, Pat Conlon, Mary Grisdale, Lucy Holloway, Patrick Maloney, Valerie Meagher, Mrs McCarthy, Eoin O'Beirne, Iris Witchell

Bruno Celaschi's Requiem will take place at Chigwell Convent on Monday, 13th March at 11am. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass at Chigwell Convent on the 13th.



CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 10.30am 16th March Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

OPEN MORNING

St. Joseph's Convent School, Wanstead

26th April at 9.30am. Applications are invited for our Nursery to start in Sept. 2017 girls born between 1.9.13 - 31.8.14 and Reception birthdays between 1.9.12-31.8.13. Please contact our Admissions Secretary to arrange a visit on the above Open Morning where you will have an opportunity to view the school. Please contact 020 8989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk.

BRENTWOOD NEWS

Copies are available from the back of the church.

THE KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes for all occasions. Special rates for parishioners. Contact Nicola Gilbert 07792 933953 www.thekendalkitchen.com

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE A

12TH MARCH 2017



Jesus is truly God and truly human. The Father reveals his identity in front of the disciples and, in turn, shows us who we are as beloved members of Christ's body.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham is called to step out in faith with the promise of manifold blessings.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

God has called us from beyond all time and we are encouraged to lean on God's power in our journey of discipleship.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Peter, James and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus and hear the Father's voice confirming his delight in him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*May your love be upon us, o Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.*

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we see Jesus in glory: it is a glimpse of God. On the next 3 Sundays we will be treated to a slow lesson on baptism. Not just the plunge into the font with Jesus, but how the reality of baptism continues through an entire life-time. We will try to make much of this lesson beautifully dramatized by St John.

OUR CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES

At St Anthony's last Sunday the Bishop personally welcomed Sarah Clulow, Claudia Welfare and Claire Baglee into our family and the final stage of complete membership of our parish family. This will be completed at the East Vigil on Holy Saturday. Pray for them and welcome them warmly.

THE PORCH OF ST. THOMAS'

Were Harold Steptoe (and Son) to pay our church a visit, on some Sundays he would blush to see the disorder. Nearly always there are signs of minor or major fly-tipping. True some of the black bags are generous contributions to Jumble Sales, Summer and Christmas fund-raisers. But we can arrange these better. The church-cleaners are few and heavily stretched so that they cannot clean the porch areas adequately. We need more church-cleaners who will come regularly to take their place in the rota of those who come to deal weekly with the accumulation of debris and dust. Then the notice-boards give notice of a lack of care and organisation. Please give it a thought. Do we care for church and parish, or do we view it just as a one-stop spiritual supermarket asking nothing of us in return?

FAMILY FAST DAY

Please take an envelope in the basket as you leave church. Grateful thanks.

LENT DISCUSSION 1 A RAVING SUCCESS

About 80 came last Wednesday to take on board what Pope Francis is saying in his *Joy of Love*. Fired by an initial input they all joined in animated discussion in smaller groups where everyone got a chance to be heard. It even continued in the car-park when most working people were in bed. The presentation from the evening will be posted on the parish website. The views are all recorded and we will pick up again this coming Wednesday. It really concerns most of all you younger people – from teens to?? So please come on Wednesday and you will quickly pick up where we are. And remember Michelle's subtle counsel: It is cheaper than therapy...

TUESDAY CLUB

Why not combine two treats? Well! If no-one can introduce someone fascinating to speak to us, you'll have to put up with....us. "THAT'S LIFE" and refreshments in the Becket Centre at 2pm on the 14th.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA 3-5pm in the Becket Centre



Do come along to the Becket Centre this afternoon to see how our active groups are currently serving the community and to discuss the questions and formulate answers to the Bishop's Questionnaire handed out recently.

Tea and Biscuits will be served at 4.20pm

4.55pm Summary and Closing Prayer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through Lent we will provide the mediation for this devotion each Friday evening at 8pm. Also the stations will be said every Friday in Lent after the 10am Mass.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Every Tuesday until 11th April in the Becket Centre from 12.15pm to 1.30pm. Come and join us for home-made soup and French bread with butter, all for £3. All proceeds will be sent to Mary's Meals to provide lunches for schoolchildren in Haiti.

CAKE SALE

Sinead McVeigh would like to thank parishioners for their kindness and generosity at the cake sale last weekend. £768 was raised for Alzheimer's Research UK who she is running the London Marathon for.

FRANCISCAN VOCATION TALKS Saturday 1st April

Single Catholic men 18-43 years of age interested in the Franciscan Life.

Talks held in the Francis Room upstairs in the Becket Centre.

12 Noon Franciscan History.

2.30pm Franciscan Formation

4pm—5pm Franciscan Ministry and Mission

7.30pm-8.30pm Franciscan Spirituality

If interested in attending these talks and you are seriously considering a Religious Vocation then contact by 29th March. Br. Donal O.F.M. (Vocation Director) brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

There is a meeting on Thursday, 16th March at 7.30pm in the Clare Room. All are welcome to come along.

RACE NIGHT



St. Thomas of Canterbury Scout Group Saturday, 25th March 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Please come and support your Scout Group. Nine Race Card. Adults £2 children free. Pay on the door. Bring your own snacks/drinks.

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.

WELCOME

We welcome into our parish community Ruby Blu Martin who was baptized in St. Thomas' last weekend.

TELCO

Fr Quentin and a group of St Thomas' parishioners joined a thousand others, including a number from St Antony's School, at York Hall on Thursday evening. We were there to celebrate the Re founding of TELCO on its 20th Anniversary. We can be proud of our twenty years of fighting for the common good!

MUSIC GROUP CAKE SALE

Will be on Sunday, 2nd April after all Sunday Masses to raise funds for maintenance of equipment. Please come along and buy some cakes and help support us in providing music at Mass every week. *Thank you.*

