

AUSTIN O.F.M.

This demand, the seventh commandment, runs smack into the face of some rather deeply engrained, admired, and morally sanctioned habits we have today. We tend to believe that the right to own private property is inalienable and that it is morally right to own any amount of money and property, so long as we acquire them legally. But there is a caveat within the seventh commandment which forbids this. Having excess while others have too little is stealing. It may be culturally sanctioned and admired, but it is stealing nonetheless, and no celebrity in the entertainment world, no admired athlete, ever so talented, who earns millions of dollars along with our adoration, changes that.

A rather humble woman once asked that these words be inscribed on her gravestone. "thanks for the space!" She was wise because she understood that nothing is owed to us, but that the world gives us a little space as gift. Not to steal is to know one's place and to accept one's share, and only one's share of things.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, 3rd Oct.

Please put your envelopes in the basket provided at the back of the church. Grateful thanks.

"THE 10 STEPS"

Copies of Dr. Charlie O'Donnell's book available from the repository—price £1.99. Many thanks for the donations received —to date over £800 has been raised for the charity.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Friars from Assisi, and our own friars are organising a wonderful retreat for young people at Domus Mariae, Chigwell this Oct. We are lacking accommodation. Can you help by providing bed and breakfast? It would be a great support for the youth if you can. The Retreat is called "Corso Zero". For more details visit www.coldashcentre.org. If you feel you can help, please contact the parish office.

PARISH AGM

The parish Annual General Meeting is being held this year on **Sunday 19th Oct. 2014** at 12.30pm in the Becket Centre. The AGM is open to everyone and is an opportunity to understand what has been happening in the parish over the last year and look forward to the coming year. The meeting will also present the President's report, the parish finances and some of the parish groups will talk about their activities. The AGM will last about 1 hour and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

OPEN MORNING

Loyola Preparatory School Monday, 17th November 9.30am—11am. Loyola is the leading Independent School for boys in Essex, welcoming all faiths whilst still retaining a strong Catholic ethos. Come and meet the Headmaster, staff and pupils and have a guided tour of the school in action.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Thurs. 9th Oct. in the Becket Centre at 7.30pm. We are a small supportive group and we usually welcome between 8 and 10 bereaved people who are at various stages on their journey of loss. The meetings last an hour and those who come have an opportunity to talk about topics of concern in their bereavement in an understanding environment. Then we have a cup of tea and a more informal chat together. We meet once a month on the 2nd Thurs at 7.30pm. If you have any question or want any more information you are welcome to 'phone Angela on 020 8505 0356.

*Date for your diary
Service of Remembrance
Sun. 9th Nov. at 4pm.*

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2014. Applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own local authority. This application then needs to be returned to the applicants own local authority.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

QUIZ

In aid of Across Group trip to Lourdes in April 2015 in St. Theresa's Hall, Station Road, Chingford on Oct. 25th at 8pm. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £5 from Moira 07901557876.

MID DAY ASSISTANT

St. Joseph's Convent School Wanstead start from Monday, 3rd Nov. 7.5 hrs per week term time only. Contact 0208 989 4700 for more details.

OPEN MORNINGS

14th Oct. & 15th Oct. 9.30am—10.30am. Nursery Class to start in Sept. 2015 girls born between 1.9.11—31.8.12 and Reception Class, birthdays between 1.9.10—31.8.11. Contact 020 8989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk.

IN TOUCH

The parish magazine is on sale at all Masses this weekend. The price remains at £2. Get your copy early.

CWL JUMBLE SALE

Sat. 1st Nov. 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alan Mair who completed the Berlin Marathon last Sunday.

ST. ANTONY ADMISSIONS

For those children born between 1st Sept 2010 & 31st Aug 2011 who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept 2015. Applications to be made online at www.redbridge.gov.uk for Redbridge residents. If you live in another authority please apply directly to them. If you need access to a computer you can use those situated in all the libraries in the borough. The deadline for applications is Thursday 15th January 2015

If you have any queries please contact the school on 020 8504 4706

The Supplementary Forms & Priest's Reference Forms can be downloaded from the School's website www.st-antonys.net or collected from school.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

The school is holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 9th October at 1.45pm**

REPORT ON CHARITY CAKE SALE

We wish to thank this wonderful parish for their brilliant support and generosity during our charity cakes sales. We will report our donations as the weeks go by once we've reached our targets.

The first cake sale raised £513. A fantastic amount which we increased by selling more cakes during the week to £769 which was closer to our £800 target. This amount (£769) was remitted to the school in the Phillipines. They had 8 classrooms but no water. They have purchased the water tank, motor and pump and it will be plumbed through shortly so the pupils can use the toilets and get water.

We have made them so happy. Thank you.

Mothers of St. Thomas' (MOST)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, John Burton, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Phyllis Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Bert Suffield, Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren.

Lately Dead.: Dr. Thomas Crusz, Leonard Harris, Charlie O'Donnell, Michael O'Hara, John Ruffy,
Leonard's Requiem will be at 10.00am on Friday, 10th October in St. Thomas'.

Anniv: Baby Angelo Francescotti, Angela Francescotti, Jim McDonnell,

Dr. Thomas Crusz

Srimathie, Shanika, Samanthie, & Shanthanie and family wish to thank parishioners for their Mass cards, prayers and kind messages they have received during the sudden and short illness of Thomas. A Mass will be offered for parishioners' intentions.

May Thomas rest in peace

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

TEA ROTAS

Are available from the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am 9th October Pat Bell, Lisa Ford, Amanda Rae, Malanie Miller, Emily Hannon.

Church Cleaning Rotas are available from the back of the church.

1st COMMUNION

Catechists are reminded of the 1st Communion Catechists' Meeting on Wed. 8th October 8pm in the William Scott Room.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 7th Oct. after the 10am Mass in the Francis Room.

SOUP RUN

We are up London again on Wed. night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, sweets, fruit, toiletries and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office or in the B. Centre between 7-8pm on Wednesday night.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and pupils at Normanhurst School for their generous donations following their Harvest Festival.

We regret due to health and safety regulations we are unable to accept cartons of cooked food.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

5TH OCTOBER 2014



When we do not nurture the natural and spiritual gifts we have, or when we abuse them, we are in danger of losing everything.

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)

In Isaiah's "Song of the Vineyard", because of their poor stewardship, God proposes to remove the privileges of Judah and Israel.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9)

Paul urges the Philippians to aspire to all that is true, good and beautiful, as revealed by God.

Gospel (Matthew 21 33-43)

Jesus uses the imagery of Isaiah to tell a new parable about the coming rejection of the Son of Man and Son of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM The vineyard of the Lord Is the House of Israel