

Austin, ofm.

This analysis should make it easier to understand our own temptations. Check it out this Lent. Possessions: cars, books, clothes, appearance, and so on. We can all make a list: eating too much; buying too much; holding our tongue when fairness demands that we speak out. Speaking out when we should be quiet. Look after yourself – no one else will!

Prestige: Do I ever try to please other people so they will have a good opinion of me? We used to call this “human respect.” What would happen if your son or daughter were thrown off a team at school? How did you react when you lost your job? And so on.

We sit at desks or in cars or the kitchen table; working hard, worrying about meetings and deadlines, wondering if we can live up to our own expectations and those of others; how to just keep our jobs. We say we have essential work to do. We are important. What we do makes us worthwhile. Ask yourself does your own experience show that the rich are happy and the poor unhappy – who are your happy people – and why do think they are?

LENTEN TALKS

The first of Fr. Austin talks commences on Wednesday, 12th, March at 8pm in the Becket Centre.

“ The Big Question
Why does God allow suffering?”
All welcome

REMINDER

Please refrain from putting flowers on the side altars during Lent. Grateful thanks.

FAMILY FAST 2014 14th March

Family Fast envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please take one and return it next weekend.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

Tom Jarvis (ex St. Antony’s pupil) is running the London Marathon for CAFOD on 13th April and is organising a Quiz Night in the Becket Centre on Sat. 29th March to go towards his sponsorship. 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tables of 8. Suggested donation £10 per head to include a Ploughman’s supper. Bring your own drinks. Contact David Underwood on 07905 741033. If you can’t attend but would still like to sponsor Tom, please go to www.justgiving.com/Thomas-Jarvis1.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets and warm men’s clothing. Items can be left in the parish office on Wednesday morning or in the Becket Centre between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening. With more and more people finding it hard to live on the income they have, we find they are turning to soup runs for help. Please continue to support us.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, 13th March at 7.30pm. The meeting will not be held in the Henrietta Suite as is usual but instead in the Sacristy. A member of the group will be by the usual entrance to meet and direct you to our temporary location. Please ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small, supportive group is welcome to ‘phone for more details.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Tuesdays in Lent in the Becket Centre 12.15pm until 1.30pm. Homemade soup with French bread £2.50 (tea and coffee extra). All funds raised will be sent to Mary’s Meals, which feeds schoolchildren in Haiti.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 14th March Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion, Liz Atkinson. Copies of the new cleaning rota are available from the back of the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent. After 10am Mass and at 8pm in St. Thomas’.

CWL

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th March at 7.15pm in the Assisi Room. Please note the change of date and time.

MESSENGERS’ MEETING

20th March in the William Scott Room at 8pm.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Florence Emily Wooller who was baptised last weekend in St. Thomas’.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Are at the back of the church for collection if you have requested them.

TUESDAY CLUB

More relaxed this week (‘though we can still be wiggling our toes). Bill is telling us about CANNING TOWN in his inimitable style. All welcome to the Becket Centre at 2pm on the 11th March.

GARDEN FETE COMMITTEE

Require a working freezer. Please contact 07944464757.

FREE BANANAS!

In support of Fair trade fortnight we are giving out a banana after each Mass. This is to remind us of the support that Free Trade Suppliers provide to farmers throughout the world and that cheap bananas threaten farmers’ futures. Over the last ten years the price of a banana has halved while the cost of production has doubled. This has resulted in millions of farmers around the world struggling to get a fair deal. St. Thomas’ is a Fair Trade Parish and are being supported in this weekend by Sainsburys in Loughton who are a fair trade supplier. Please enjoy.

TELCO TRAINING COURSES

Introduction to Community Organising ideas and methods—free of charge

2 day course 16th & 17th June (in East London—venue tbc). This course is an ideal opportunity for anyone wishing to gain an insight into building relationships within the community and to practice negotiation techniques. The course is especially useful for anyone thinking about Community based topics as a career or university studies.

Community Organising Training

5 day non-residential course 24th-28th March (London—venue tbc)

This course is primarily designed for local leaders wishing to develop their capacity to build relational communities and institutions. The course gives participants the opportunity to learn how to use Community Organising methods for the benefit of their local communities. Session include: negotiation, power analysis, self-interest, one-to-ones, leadership and the “universals” or broad based organising.

CLEANING & HOUSEHOLD CHORES?

Very reliable cleaner good rates. References available Contact Lisa 079884538389.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Siobhan Davids, Rudi de Burgh, John Burnham, Stanley Desborough, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Maureen Howlin, Baby Harry Johnson, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Jean Morgan. Maureen Noden, Betty Norton, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell, Janet Pinfold, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

Lately Dead:- Eileen Devlin, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Geoffrey Harris, Ettie Heavey, Gerald Mooney, Paddy Mullaly,

We extend the sympathy of the parish to Christine Mooney and family on the sudden death of her husband, Gerald. May he 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

Anniv: William Birbeck, Phil Callanan, Thomas Crossman, Maureen de Silva, Margaret Fuller, Mary Lee, Bridget Sullivan, Pauline White,

REPOSITORY ROTA

Is on the parish website and in the repository. St. Patrick's Cards are now available.

VALENTINE SINGERS

Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem
Saturday, 15th March at 7.30pm at St. John's Church, Epping CM16 5DN.
Tickets £12, £5 for students/benefit holders.
Book www.valentinesingers.org.
Box Office 020 8550 4654.

1ST COMMUNION

Catechists' meeting Wednesday, 12th March at 8pm in the William Scott Room. This is to cover the last two sessions of the programme.

2 REPLIES

Re Polish Navy Billett. One for the Wilfred Lawson which had been a temperance hotel at the top of Chingford Lane and the other being Tree Tops in Sydney Road. The latter would tally with Anna's description. Many thanks.

St Thomas of Canterbury

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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT CYCLE A

9TH MARCH 2014



Jesus, led by the Spirit, entered into the wilderness where he fasted for forty days. Having entered into the forty days of Lent, let us commit ourselves to guidance of the Spirit.

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7)

Using imagery, the story is told of man and woman's creation, of temptation and the origins of sin.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19)

Paul compares the disobedience of Adam, whose sin brought death, with the obedience of Christ, whose death restored eternal life.

Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus defeats three temptations as he prepares for his mission as Messiah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.