

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Peter Anderson, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Lesley Beerli, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Tony Daws, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Margaret Jones, Baby Samuel Keys, Rory McCreesh, Margaret McDonnell, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patricia Martin, 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: Vera Craft, Sean Davis, Paulette Macpherson, Lou Macpherson, Alice Vaz McMahon,

Lately Dead: Francis Burns, Betty Lester, Mary Luxton, Dick McCarthy, Mrs E. Terry, & Maria Belen Theodorou

Mary Luxton's Requiem will be on **Tuesday, 25th July** at 10am in St. Thomas'.

KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes.

Contact Nicola Gilbert 07792 933953

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 9am

27th July



Kath Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes, Iwan Moreno.

There will be no Assisi Lunches during July and August

BAPTISMS

The next baptism course will commence in September. If you need to attend a course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays in each month.



HAPPY 91ST!

On behalf of the parish we wish Fr. Brian McGrath O.F.M. a very happy belated 91st Birthday which he celebrated last week.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be open during August from 9.30am—1.30pm.

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**16TH SUNDAY
CYCLE A**

ORDINARY TIME

23RD JULY 2017



What do we do with the evil in our midst? We may need to confront it, but sometimes we must wait patient, confident that God will bring justice in the end.

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

God is mild in judgement and governs with great lenience

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit expresses our prayer in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

God is patient with sinners so that they may repent before the final harvest of judgement

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, you are good and forgiving

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

PARISH AGM

Thank you—to you who came last Sunday to show your interest in our parish. In general you showed satisfaction with the Council's performance over last year. As there were no nominations to take up the vacant places on the Council there was no election. We hope we may co-opt willing helpers to do the necessary jobs.

The Council, wasting no time, met on the following day to elect chair and vice-chair for the current year. Paul Turpin was chosen as chair, with Kit Tranmer now vice-chair. I look forward to working with them. It involves constant meetings and planning and is no sinecure. At Monday's meeting we ranged over much "blue-sky thinking". We found need to concentrate on the social life of our parish, on provision for young people and also further education and training at an adult level.

24 HOURS ADORATION

It begins at 6pm on Friday, 15th September and continues till the Vigil Mass on the following day. A long way off? Well—No. We hope that everyone in the parish will come at least for a brief visit. But in addition we invite all the groups that comprise the parish to come for an hour together. That needs organising now before we scatter holiday-bent.

CHURCH HEATING

As you swelter in the heat—much work has been done on the church heating and we are confident of warmth when winter comes. But do not throw away your overcoat.....

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to the parish please contact the parish office to register.

A DAY FOR LIFE

We failed to observe this national exercise last month. So there will be a retiring collection next Sunday for this work. Partly it supports the Anscombe centre maintaining progress in our understanding of ethical issues. It gives help to the several Catholic organisations voicing concern for life in a society which puts pleasure and convenience before life. I referred to last week to one such organisation—Good Counsel—as promoting what should be our practical help for those struggling with this matter of conscience.

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

Already scores have registered their desire for this training. Only one person has offered to help. I hope, and think, that when you have had a good holiday many more will offer. It is a very rewarding experience. You parents are the first and principal teachers of your children. This is nowhere more true than in accompanying the children as they come to know Jesus.

PLEASE NOTE if you would like to help contact Jackie Reilly on 07952077546.

BECKET CENTRE HIRE

If you have a group or society that wishes to hire the Becket Centre on a regular basis from September 2017, please submit your dates in writing to the parish office. Bookings will not automatically be carried over.

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.

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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

7 Nights half board, flights & airport transfers September & October. Flying from Gatwick to Split. **€495.00** per person. Email jackiemulort@btinternet.com or call 020 3239 8662

Or from March through to October 7 nights B&B and Airport Transfers **€279.00** Call 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

10AM SUNDAY MASS

The last day for the Music Group to play before the summer break will be 30th July. We will return on Sunday, 10th September.

SOUP RUN

The next Soup Run is 26th July. Donations of men's clothing sandwiches, cakes, toiletries gratefully received.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SOUP RUNS DURING AUGUST

Due to lack of storage, we ask you not to bring items to the parish office other than on the day of the Soup Run.

TELCO

St. Thomas of Canterbury **TELCO** Team are working with a team of other faith organisations in Redbridge in a community sponsorship project. This is a government scheme whereby local communities are involved in the welcoming and resettlement of a vulnerable refugee family fleeing war.

The group is looking to recruit befrienders for the family and would welcome applications from parishioners who would be willing to dedicate some regular time to the family; experience in working with refugees vulnerable people would be helpful but not essential. If you have any additional experience/skills helpful to such a family (teaching English/translating/play therapy/house maintenance for example) contact gemmabourdillon3@hotmail.com.

WANTED

Person needed from 7.30am—9am three mornings per week to drop off at St. Anthony's School from Buckhurst Hill. If interested please 'phone 07769328745.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A Mass for the Sick & Housebound (including those living in Care Homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St. Thomas' on Sunday, 24th September at 3pm; followed by tea and coffee. More details will be provided in early September.

NEWSLETTER

Please note there will be no newsletter during the month of August. A prayer list will be put on the notice-board at the back of the church.

If you have an urgent notice please hand it to a priest to be read out after Mass.

Grateful thanks.