

### **P LEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Angela Bromfield, Antonia Buck, Claire, Teresa Daly, Nigel Dillon, Carla Doherty, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Raymond Flynn, Cynthia Gregory, Mary Grisdale, Doris Harriss, Jane Kirk, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins,

*I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and prayers for my wife Carla during the last sixteen months. She has had a successful stem cell transplant for bone marrow cancer and is recovering well.*

**Paul Doherty OBE**

**Anniversaries:-** Baby Angelo Francescotti, Brian Howes, Bridgett Kildea, James McDonnell, Michele & Constanza Riu, Francis Sydric,

**Lately Dead:** James Bradley, Rita Contreras-Cruz, Aiden Halloran, Una Mangan,

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 9am 7th October Maureen Insole, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Jack Edwards.

### **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.

### **WORKS OF MERCY**

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants hold a Prayer Vigil every Sat. between 7.30am—11.30am opposite Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, Russell Rd. Buckhurst Hill. Could you join us for 1/2 hour or 1/4 hour? Your prayers and presence will make all the difference. For more information 'phone 07960650517.

### **CARER**

Carer needed to support an 18 year old young man with Autism for some evenings a week. You will need to help him prepare meals at home and take him to activities after college. Please contact Celestina on 07908008191.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

A large number of members from neighbouring parishes came last Wednesday to hear and see a powerful presentation of the work being done by the society in Sudan and South Sudan. The scale and thoroughness of the work being done was amazing.

Today in the **retiring collection after all Masses** we ask you again to provide our SVP members with the money they need to carry out their compassionate work at home and abroad.

They do us proud as the organised spearhead of all the caring work being done by St. Thomas' parish.

### **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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## **27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C**

**2nd OCTOBER 2016**



In today's Mass the priceless importance of faith is set before us.

### **First Reading**

**(Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)**

The prophet raised the complaint that tyranny and violence succeed. In reply the Lord insists that the upright will live by faithfulness.

### **Second Reading:**

**(1 Timothy 6:11-16)**

Timothy is urged to stir up the Spirit's gifts of power, love and self-control, and to continue his mission in reliance upon the power of God.

### **Gospel**

**(Luke 17:5-10)**

The apostles beg for an increase in faith; Jesus assures them that faith can move mountains.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

### **FAMILY FAST DAY**

Falls this coming Friday. Please take an envelope as you leave church. Put into it what you have saved by the self-denial you have chosen to practice on Friday and bring in next Sunday for the CAFOD collection. I devoutly hope we will have a rest soon from second collections. You are very patiently generous.

## **WALSINGHAM**

There is a major project to provide adequate accommodation for pilgrims to Our Lady's shrine at Walsingham. You had insufficient notice of the collection taken up for this purpose last Sunday. Leaflets are available as you leave the church giving more information about the project. You may like to take further interest in what Mgr. Armitage is doing to increase the use of this historic and much frequented focus of our devotion to Mary.

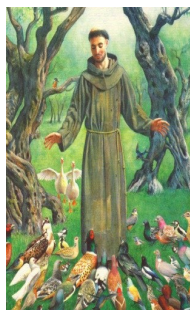
## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

It did not get off to the best of starts last Tuesday. We wondered if the present pattern has a future. But the next day evidence of more interest came to light. So we will meet again on Tuesday at 8pm. The purpose is to provide a friendly welcome and experience the warmth of our church to those of other churches, other faiths or none. But it also serves well for cradle Catholics who feel they know too little of our faith and its practice. Come and join us. Tell anyone you know who could be interested.

## **APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOL PLACES AT TRINITY AND ST. ANTONY'S SCHOOLS**

It was a pleasant experience to meet many of you last week as you came to receive certificates of your catholic practice. I found it less difficult than I imagined for I am now more familiar with your faces. In the coming week I will be available on Wednesday from 3—4pm and Friday evening from 7—8pm. Come to the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre). Please book with the parish office as the limit is 25 per session.

## **FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**



Falls on Tuesday 4th October. The whole spirituality of our parish is shaped and led by this Saint. His Feast Day Mass will be at 10am on **Tuesday**. But the real celebration will be on **Monday** evening at 7.30pm. That is the time at which Francis died. A moving traditional service—called the Transitus meaning death—re-enacting the dramatic events of his dying hours will be presented in church. Do come and join us for the celebration.

## **ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS**

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1.09.12 and 31.08.13 and who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in Sept. 2017. Applications are made on line on the Redbridge website [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk) and then follow the link for Admissions, or if you live in another authority please apply direct to them.

The Supplementary Form can be downloaded from the School's website [www.stantonycatholicps.co.uk](http://www.stantonycatholicps.co.uk).

*The school is holding an Open Afternoon on Wed. 12th Oct. at 1.45pm.*

## **BAPTISMS**

If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in St. Thomas'.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

*Saturday, 26th November.*

Its that time of year again when we desperately need your help to make this year's Fayre as successful as past years. For those of you who are interested in joining the organising team there is a meeting on Wednesday, 5th Oct. at 8pm in the Becket Centre (Francis Room). If you cannot commit to helping at that level then perhaps you can offer one hour of your time in the week before the fayre to help sort donations, make wreaths, hampers etc. It can be any time that suits you e.g. after dropping children off at school or before picking them up or in the evening. Any help on the day is also welcome. So if you can spare an hour to help please call Jackie on 07952077546.

## **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday, 3rd October at 2pm at Chigwell Convent. All new members are welcome.

## **CWL NEARLY NEW AND JUMBLE SALE**

On Sat. 22nd Oct. at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the church porch.

## **SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY**

We would like to say a big thank you to the staff and pupils of Normanhurst School, Chingford for their generous donation of food and money following their recent Harvest Festival. The next Soup Run is on Wed. 12th October.

## **BEAVERS**

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader [paulineelkin616@gmail.com](mailto:paulineelkin616@gmail.com)

## **CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, 4th June 2017**

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. The Programme will commence on Thursday, 9th Feb. and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in school Year 10. The closing date for applications is Monday, 31st October 2016.

*No applications will be accepted after this date.*

## **IN TOUCH**

Parish Magazine is on sale this weekend—price £2. Do support your parish magazine by buying a copy.

## **CWL MEETING**

Wednesday, 5th October in the William Scott Room at 8pm.

## **15TH WOODFORD RAINBOWS (5-7 YEAR OLDS)**

We need an adult volunteer to help support our unit on Tuesday nights from 5.20—6.20pm. They will have to run some of the nights maybe 2 or 3 a term with support. Please contact Janet on 07803810666 and she will answer any questions you have.

## **REPOSITORY**

Autumn has arrived and October is the month of the Holy Rosary. You will find a large selection of rosaries in the repository, all sizes and colours, and for children, a free rosary ring for all visitors.

## **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING**

Monday, 3rd October, Maureen's House.

## **THE ROSARY**

Will be said after the 10am Mass during the month of October.