

LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill
(Boys aged 3—11)

Open Afternoon Wednesday, 26th February
2014 1.15pm—2.45p.m.

For further information
www.loyola.essex.sch.uk

LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' REUNION

Friday, 13th June 2014. The Headmaster cordially invites former pupils of the School and their families to a reunion barbeque at the School from 7pm in honour of Mrs J. Golaszewska and Mrs A Garnar who have each completed 30 years of service to the School.

Ticket application forms can be downloaded from www.loloyaprepschool.co.uk and returned to the School Secretary. Mass at 6pm followed by a B.B.Q. at 7pm. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

“Loyola Preparatory is an outstanding school with a Catholic ethos which is based on the principles and characteristics of Ignation education.”

Diocese of Brentwood Inspection report
January 2014.

LENTEN TALKS

Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th April at 8pm in the Becket Centre.

Fr. Austin “The Big Question—Why does God allow suffering?”

WALK WITH ME

The Lenten Journey of Prayer Booklet is available from the back of the church. Please leave your donation in the basket provided. Grateful thanks.

HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact the parish office for details.

ADMISSIONS TO ST ANTONY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2010 and 31.8.2011. Application forms are now available at the school office for the Nursery for the school year 2014/2015. Those children born between 1.9.2011 and 31.12.2011 may also apply to start in January 2015 if there are vacancies. Either call into the office or telephone after 1.30pm on 020 8504 4706. The forms are also available on the website www.st-antony.net. Please note, these enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons. Closing date for receipt of forms is mid-day on Monday, 24th February 2014.

CHURCH CLEANING



Thursday, 10.30am 20th Feb.
Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter,
Dianne Molloy, Dorothee
Gabriel, Rowena Li.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Lucy Anne Walden, Bertie James O'Keefe, Maisie Eve Bryan and Hugo Andrew MacGregor Paynter who were baptised in St. Thomas' recently.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP
QUIZ NIGHT

Sat. 1st March 7.30pm for 8pm start at Trinity Catholic High School Upper Site. £10 per person (includes Ploughmans Supper). Bring your own drinks and glasses. Max 8 people per table. Phone Ann Kynndt 020 8989 9032 for tickets.

There will be an SVP collection after all
Masses this weekend.

CHIGWELL SISTERS
Nearly New & Jumble Sale

This is the last week!

Saturday, 22nd February at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch. All proceeds to the Missions in the Philippines.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A family with children would like to rent accommodation (2/3 bedrooms) in the Woodford area. Please contact 07975720279 or 07404511427 a.s.a.p.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

8th April—Fund raising for Ovarian Cancer in the Becket Centre at 7.30pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER

Local services will be held on Friday, 7th March at 2.15pm at Woodford Methodist Church, Derby Road, S. Woodford. And at 6pm at Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead E11 2TL. The theme of the service is “Streams in the Desert”. All are welcome—men, women and young people.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Is recruiting a senior Social Worker to be their new part time (19 hours) Head of Professional Services. Application pack from Steven Webb (Director) on swebb@bccs.org.uk or 01268 784544.

TENNIS CLUB

The Friary Tennis Club is about to run an email auction for 8 hours work from a professional contractor (electrician, plumber, builder etc) kindly gifted by a local company—Just Right Works <http://www.justrightworks.co.uk/> If you would like to take part, please email Bernard.hunter@which.net.

“Conservative” and “liberal” are terms often used in our attempts to understand personal morality: such things as abortion, sex, marriage, homosexuality, and the like. The conservative and the liberal, each in its own way, invite us to a certain narrowness and intolerance.

The conservative does it by canonizing the commandments and the law in such a way that they and they alone, become the criteria of genuine religion. There is not sufficient allowance made, for those who, for whatever reason, find themselves unable to live these precepts.

The liberal oversimplifies things in the other direction. The ability, or lack of it, to keep certain moral precepts by the majority of the people becomes the criterion for whether or not those precepts should be retained or not. Each is narrow, one in the name of orthodoxy, the other in the name of compassion.

Neither, however, approaches things as Jesus did. Jesus was neither a liberal nor a conservative. He refused to bring down an ideal just because the majority of people rejected it. At the same time he refused to condemn those who could not live that ideal. Genuine compassion lies in retaining an ideal while at the same time walking with those who cannot keep it. Nobody could ever accuse Jesus of loving selectively. We pay a heavy price for refusing to open our eyes.

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SPARE ROOM?

Are you an individual or family interested in hosting a student on a short term basis, 1, 2 and 3 weeks. Resolve the tension between earning, spending and the Credit crunch. Do you live in Zone 4? No further than 10 minutes from Central Line Station? Please contact Dee 020 8989 8378.

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Siobhan Davids, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Constantin Ioana, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Phyllis Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Mary McKay, Anne McShea, 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, Mary Taylor, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

Lately Dead:- Dr. Frank Middlemiss,

Anniv: Betty Hunter,

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Mother & Toddler Group are collecting the vouchers. Please bring into the parish office. Grateful thanks.

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

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

4 seats have become available for our pilgrimage and they might now have your name on them. Please join us 21st April (Easter Monday—Friday, 25th April 2014) Amazing 4* Hotel. Prices based on two sharing Twin Room/double. £520 per person. Single supplement applies. Full Board. Ring now to avoid disappointment. Sue 079079 746707.
St. Helen's, Westcliff-on-Sea.

CALLING ALL MUMS, DADS, STAFF & FRIENDS OF ST. ANTONY'S SCHOOL

To help fund raise for the school by running or sponsoring someone who is going to run 13.1 miles on 9th March 2014 at the Roding Valley Half Marathon. Anyone happy to join the St. Antony's running team please contact Aine Wood at ainewood@btinternet.com or sign up at <http://www.rvhm.org.uk/>. If running isn't for you, you can always sponsor those who are at <http://www.justgiving.com/StAntonysSchool>.

DOMESTIC CLEANIN AND IRONING

I am able to assist you with any cleaning or ironing duties. Very reliable. Work in all areas. Please contact Mags on 07944 983825.



St Thomas of Canterbury

557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB

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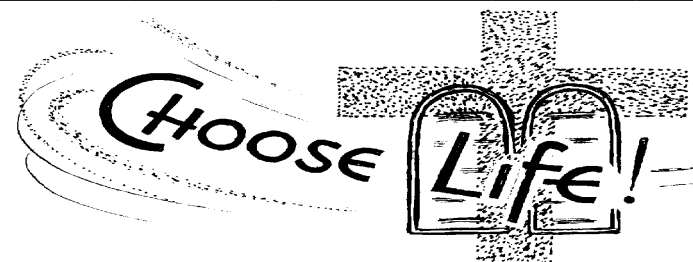
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Email: parishoffice@friar.org Web: www.stthomaswoodford.org

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE A**

16th FEBRUARY 2014



God's word today reveals the way to happiness. By Following God's loving plan for us—God's law—we find life. We gather with thanksgiving in the name of Christ, who brings God's plan to fulfilment, so that we may enter the kingdom of heaven.

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20)

Humanity is faced with a choice: life or death. Choose life.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2: 6-10)

The wisdom of God is revealed to those who love God and it leads them into glory.

Gospel (Matthew 5: 17-37)

The Law and the Prophets come to completion in the person and teaching of Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They are happy who follow God's law!