

### **AUSTIN O.F.M.**

A young refugee girl was being interviewed about her homeless situation, and was asked it must be awful not to have a home? She looked puzzled and said - oh, we have a home - we just don't have anywhere to put it! What a profound statement! All Saints is the feast of all sorts, the ordinary saints of the church, the huge number, impossible to count of every nation, race, tribe and language, who don't have St prefixing their names.

It is the feast of the mums and dads who have been gentle and merciful. It is the feast of the grandparents and neighbours who have been there and supportive. It is the feast of children and young people who have been peacemakers and thirsted for what is right. It is the feast of those who have been persecuted in the cause of right. We remember the ordinary folk who have done ordinary things extraordinarily well... we can all name names. One of the greatest affirmations possible is waiting for mums and dads, when God will say when I came to you hungry you fed me... clothed me... looked after me... You loved me when I came to you as your baby. You never gave up on me when I rebelled, you didn't judge me...

### **FRIARY TENNIS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT**

Sat. 15th Nov. starting at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre. Entrance £6 (plus cost of optional hot supper if you wish). Licensed Bar. Please contact Bernard on 07968 173110.

### **IN TOUCH**

The deadline for articles and letters to the editor for the Christmas Issue of In Touch is the 15th November. If you intend writing, please do so as soon as possible.

### **HOST FAMILY**

Have room to let. Near station. Foreign students welcome. Call 07841 863702.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sat. 29th November 1pm**

We are looking for any businesses which might have appropriate surplus stock we can sell. Also interested stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell—it is secure) or the parish office.

### **BEREAVEMENT SERVICE**

The annual Bereavement Service will be held in St. Thomas' on Sunday 9th November at 4pm. Names of family and friends who have died will be read and candles lit in their memory. The list will be initially compiled from the deaths notified to the office in the last year. If you have other names you would like to have read out please submit them to the office. The Bereavement Group would like to welcome everyone in the Becket Centre for a cup of tea and a scone afterwards.

### **CWL**

Meeting on Wed. 12th November in the Assisi Room at 8pm.

*Please note the change of date.*

### **SACRED HEART COMPANIONS**

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

### **GENDER SELECTIVE ABORTIONS**

Visit [www.stopgenocide.org](http://www.stopgenocide.org) website which highlights the campaign to end Gender selective abortions, by proposing an amendment to the present Abortion Act.

### **CONFIRMATION 2015**

The programme will commence on 12th Feb 2015 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are currently in school Year 10. **The closing date for applications is Wed. 5th November 2014.**

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th November**

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Church Parade at 10am Mass with a cake sale after Mass in the Becket Centre.

### **SOUP RUN**

Please note there is **NO** Soup Run next week. The next trip will be on Wed. 12th November. We would like to say a big thank you for the generous donation that was made this week to the soup run.

### **WALK WITH ME**

A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2014. Copies available from the back of the church—price £1.

### **REPORT ON FUNDRAISING**

We are grateful to all those who supported our Quiz Night in the Becket Centre. We raised a fantastic £530 for our charities. £200 will be given to Breast Cancer Care, £300 to the Catholic Church, St. Ithllaha in Dohuk, North Iraq. This Church is now housing 95 displaced Catholic families who had to leave their home and are now living on the floor of the church. The balance of £30 will go to the "Bench Appeal". The "Bench Appeal" is now the only charity left and we are short of £525. We are hoping to raise that at our last fundraising effort in the B.C. on Sat. 22nd November between 2 and 5pm. Keep that date free if you can. It's an International Afternoon. Tasters for donations with foods from around the world.

**Thank you**

**Mothers of St. Thomas' (MOST)**

### **HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES**

Monday, 3rd November at the Convent 7.30pm.

### **MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP**

Francis Room after 10am Mass Tues. 11th November.

### **THE PILGRIMS**

A group of ladies from the parish are walking on Thursday from St. Thomas' Woodford to Canterbury Cathedral along the pilgrims way in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to sponsor us then go to: [Justgiving.com/dollyanderson](http://Justgiving.com/dollyanderson). Grateful thanks.

### **TELCO**

### **BOROUGH ASSEMBLY**

On Tuesday, 11th November at 7pm at Trinity High School (Upper Site) Mornington Road. This is where each member organisation will list 4 or 5 local issues that they would like to see addressed. They will then be voted on and the top 5 will become our focus for the coming year. Why not come along and see democracy in action!

### **MARY O'BOYLE'S 80TH BIRTHDAY**

Sheila, at Homesdale, invites you to join her to celebrate Mary's birthday on Sat. 8th Nov. 4pm—7pm. Please 'phone 0208 989 0847 or email [Ircharldfson.homesdale@gmail.com](mailto:Ircharldfson.homesdale@gmail.com) for catering purposes.

### **BI-ANNUAL REQUIEM MASSES**

St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green Mon. 10th Nov. 2014 at 11.30am.

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, Mon. 17th Nov. 2014 at 11.30am.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfiled, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Fr. Tommy Flynn, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, David Shepherd, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr, Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

*And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Lately Dead.:** Louise Coomber, Ken Hobbs, Bert Mirams, Vincent Smyth

### **AVON HOUSE SCHOOL**

High Road, Woodford Green, require for immediate start Midday Supervisor 11.30am—1.15pm. Contact Mrs Porter 020 8504 1749 or registrar@ahsprep.co.uk.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 10.30am 7th November Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

### **RACE FOR JUSTICE**

With Chicago the fourth of his six major marathons recently completed, thank you to parishioners who so far have donated over £700 to Alan's "Race for Justice" programme in support jointly of BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and CAFOD. Today 2nd Nov. Alan is running the 5th major, New York. To sponsor Alan please go to his donation site: [hhttps://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/alanmair63](https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/alanmair63).

### **QUARTET**

**By Ronald Harwood**

Highams Players are performing the play Quartet in 13th, 14th, 15th November at Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, E11 2NT. Box Office 020 8924 6987.

### **ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER HEALING MASS**

Celebrated by Fr. Eamonn Power on 12th November at 2.30pm. You are welcome to arrive for the rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass and Adoration. For further information please call 01277 373959 or [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org).

#### **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

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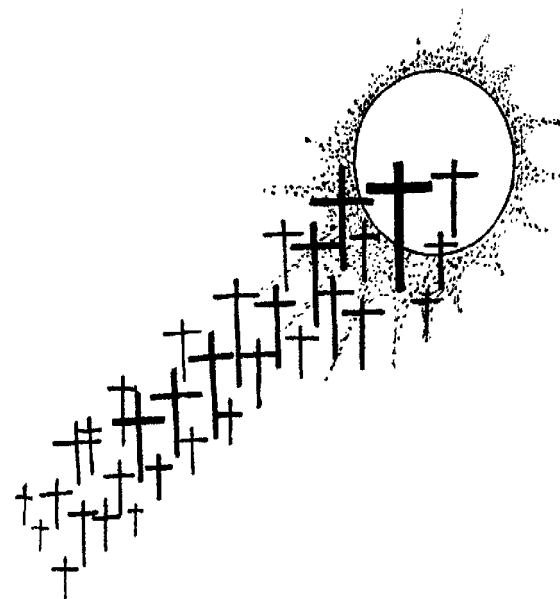
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## **ALL SAINTS**

**2ND NOVEMBER 2014**



We belong to the communion of saints, that long tradition of faithful men and women who have lived the Gospel with joy and hope. We pray today for the grace to continue this tradition of faith and love.

**First Reading**  
**(Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14)**

**Second Reading**  
**(St. John 3:1-3)**

**Gospel**  
**(Matthew 5:1-12)**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

### **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

**Monday, 3rd November,**