P LEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Mary Cooney, Irene de Freitas, Tony Daws, Conor Dempsey, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Robert Fernandez, Trish Gardner, Cynthia Gregory, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Bernie Hauser, Pat Harold, Lisa Hettiaracachi, Kathy Howes, Annie Keenan, Jane Kirk, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Audrey McDonnell, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Dympna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Lily Reding, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan, Rita Watkins & David Woodward. Anniv: Luigi Brigoli, Vincent Gilrov, Patrick Brolly, Vincent Gilroy, Thomas Grey, Stephen Garrett, Mario Zeppa, Teresa Glock, Fred Khan, Richard Borg, Birdie Godfrey,

Lately Dead: Frances (Fran) Phyllis Piller, Elsie Whalley, Kevin O'Shea, Patrick Carrigan, Matthew Sprenger, Pauline Stebbings & Michael McHale

Annie Delaney & Patsy Devlin

Fran's funeral service is on Mon 12th February at 10.45am in St Thomas'.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord And let perpetual light shine upon them

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available:-Science Technician 36 Hours per week

Temporary SEN Teaching Assistant (29 hours per week)

Head of Psychology & Sociology with TLR Sept 2018

Teacher of Mathematics with Computing Full details on the school website http:// fc.tchs.uk.net

St Antony's Nursery Applications

Children whose date of birth is between 01.09.2014 & 31.08.2015 can now apply for the school year 2018/2019. Those children born between 01.09.2015 & 31.12.2016 may also apply to start January 2019 if there are vacancies. Application forms from the s c h o o l website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/

Closing date for receipt of applications is Midday on Monday 26th March 2018

Fr Ouentin will be available to issue Certificates of Catholic Practice on Tuesday 20th February between 6.30pm—7.30pm in the parlour. Other opportunities to meet with **Ouentin** will be scheduled

SUNDAY MASSES WEEKDAY 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)

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



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

Parish Office: 020 8504 1686 Friary: 020 8504 1688



Email: parishoffice@stthomaswoodford.org

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Cycle B**

11th February 2018



It's one thing to bring healing to someone who is ill. It is even more to change places with the sufferer. In Jesus, we have God's complete act of solidarity with humanity. In the Eucharist, we celebrate this solidarity.

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

Laws are imposed on Israel regarding leprosy. We can understand the fear in a community when a skin complaint which looks like decomposition is found in the camp: dire measures are enforced.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul insists that whatever is done should be done in the name of the Lord, and that nothing offensive should be done to anyone.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus does the unthinkable. He not only cures a leper, he touches him. Thereby incurring the life of a leper: exclusion and isolation from people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You are my hiding place, O Lord; You surround me with cries of deliverance.

ASH WEDNESDAY

is not one of the "holydays of obligation". But every year it draws us to Mass: to make a good start to Lent. It is a day of fasting and refraining from meat. Ashes will be distributed at 10am mass and at 8pm mass. Each Friday there will be Stations of the



Cross after the 10 am Mass and at 8 pm. Also exposition each Saturday for an hour after the morning Mass.

> Any old palms to the sacristy by Wednesday please.

LENT DISCUSSIONS

We know there are things wrong with our church. We know there are many and much greater things wrong with our world. Do we give up on our belief that the church is there to change the world and lessen its evils? Come and join our discussion starting on Wednesday week. Pope Francis – particularly in his letters on the environment, the Gospel and the Joy of love - invites us to a frank analysis of where we are going wrong in making our church – our parish – and how to get onto the right track. We need some young minds to stir us up. Wednesday 21st at 8pm in the Becket Centre.

SUMMER FAYRE?

Will there be a Summer Fayre this year? The former committee has served for many years and can do it no longer. They are ready to share their experience and expertise. All we need are some enthusiastic volunteers to pick up where they left off. Is anyone there? The Favre makes a substantial part of our annual income. More important is the social occasion that brings us together to play.

PARISH OFFICE

In the immediate future the Parish Office will not be open on Mondays. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope normal service will quickly be restored.

SOUP RUN NEWS Next Soup Run Wednesday 14th February

All donations of food and clothing to le left at the parish office between 9.30am and 1.30, or at the Becket Centre from 7pm until 7.45pm. After this time is too late the van will have left.

MEMORIAL CONCERT To celebrate the life of Shelia Ferrari, former head of Avon House School

On Thursday 8th March, 7pm at All Saints Church, Woodford. Past and present students of Avon House will be participating in memory of a wonderful lady - ALL WELCOME



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Raphael parish Mauricio Edmead who was baptised in St Thomas' last week.

LENTEN LUNCHES

This year's Lenten lunches begin again on Tuesday 20th February and continue weekly until 27th March, 12.15 to 1.30pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup and French bread and meet with other parishioners and friends from other Churches in the area still only £3! This will be the ninth year we have run these lunches and over that time we have raised over £12,000 for Mary's Meals, a charity which ensures that children in dire circumstances in various parts of the world, have one good meal a

Sewing Machine - free to good **home.** Contact Kathy on 07734 308925

HANDYMAN

George Gorak will undertake decorating. home repairs and gardening. Contact him on 07405 787338 or jerzygorak@gmail.com

IN TOUCH

Please send your contributions for the Easter edition by the end of February. This year is the 80th year of the 'kinder transport' if you have any friends or relatives with a story to contribute, please contact the editor by email editor@myintouch.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY Kathleen Mahoney, Jack Edwards, Emily Hannon, Kathy Howes & Iwona Moreno New rotas available at the back of church

Woman's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March 2018

Service at 2.15pm at Salvation Army, 26 Daisy Road, Sth Woodford, E18 1EA Service at 6pm at Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead, E11 2TL

FITNESS CLASS

Mondays at 8pm in the Becket Centre. Suitable for all levels of fitness - bring a mat or towel for floor exercises. Only £3 per session - pay as u go All profits are donated to charity.

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 13th Feb, Bill will be remembering 'PEOPLE I HAVE MET'. Hope he is not talking about us! Everyone is welcome to the Becket Centre at 2pm

YOGA at the Becket Centre

Meditation walk/run followed by yoga stretching - Weds 7.30pm - 9pm All levels Hatha Yoga class 1 - 2 pm All levels Gentle/chair yoga 2-3pm—small donation to the church Contact Claudia 07973 122 322



43rd St Thomas' Cub Pack

in 1939 and has had only 4 leaders in that

time. Rob Rose has been the leader for the past 33 years and is retiring in July. We therefore have 6 months to find and train a new leader. The group is strong and has many experienced assistants and parent helpers. Please give Rob a call on 07966 361347 or come to a pack meeting - Fridays 6.15 - 7.45pm.

We must not let our pack close. NO RESPONSE YET TO ROB'S REQUEST PLEASE CONSIDER **HELPING IF YOU CAN.**

THE SECONDARY SCIENCE LEARNING CENTRE

Are now running GCSE & A level science classes in the Becket Centre. Sessions cost £15 starting 19th February. Contact SSLC for more information and to book your child a place on 07940 056928 or email secondaryscience@outlook.com

PARISH NEWS - Keep in Touch

Find all the parish news on our website http://www.stthomaswoodford.org/ The newsletter is uploaded weekly and you can also sign up to receive it by email. You can find news on parish activities, parish rotas and some special items such as the text of two recent homilies. Check it out and stay in the loop.

We have a Facebook page - @STOC Woodford and we are also trialling a Twitter account - @STOC Woodford. So wherever you are - at home or on the move - keep in touch!

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MASS

There will be a mass at 3pm on Sunday 18th February in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead for the families and friends of the fellowship, followed by tea.