

SAFEGUARDING

Simon Moules, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, spoke to our Parish Council on Monday. We are fortunate to have the services of Andrea Clifford and Teresa McLeary as our Parish Reps for Safeguarding. It was a useful reminder of how we all need to be constantly alert to any way our children or vulnerable people may be at risk. We thought about such exceptional occasions as the Garden Fete and Christmas Bazaar, as requiring special vigilance alongside the normal day-to-day provisions in place.

Quentin

CONGOLESE ORPHANAGE GARDEN PARTY **Sun. 31st May**

The Oblates of the Assumption will hold their annual garden party at the Convent, 20 Higham Station Ave E4 9AZ on the above date. Hot Meals will be served between 12.30pm—3pm. All are welcome.

15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES NEED YOUR HELP?

We are looking for two volunteers to help run Brownies in the Becket Centre on Tuesday evenings.

One to take over the admin for the unit, the other to help run the weekly sessions. They're very varied roles, sadly unpaid but fun to do (and will look good on your cv too). We have a really great group of girls; and leader's children do get automatic entry to the unit too.

Please contact Julie Traynor on
0786 0262 065.

BAPTISMS

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

After the completion of a course, baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month.

PARISH GARDEN FETE

12Noon—5pm

PLEASE DONATE A BOTTLE before
Saturday 13th June 2015

**We need beer BOTTLES , spirit
BOTTLES, mixer BOTTLES, soft
drinks BOTTLES, ANY BOTTLES**
for the **Bottle Stall Tombola**

BOTTLES can be left at the Parish office
or contact

Laura Beales 07947765882

020 8505 2311 to arrange collection

THANK YOU for you support



PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The sponsored walk for BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) is taking place this year on Saturday, 6th June. Our walk from the Becket Centre through lovely Epping Forest is the best supported in the Diocese and is suited for all ages. It's a great family event. If you would like to take part or sponsor the walk, please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please reserve the following Saturdays
in your diary:-

4th July, 11th July

Please see noticeboard in the church
porch for further details.

FRIARY TENNIS CLUB

You may not be aware that there are two good courts and a clubhouse, idyllically situated in the friary gardens.

If you would like to play tennis there, do please contact the club chair, Bernard Hunter, on 07968 173110 for details. We charge a small subscription fee to cover maintenance and other costs. Membership is open to anybody.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE SUNDAY, 7TH JUNE

Through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route.

£6 entry per person
pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk or
brentwood@cafod.org.uk. 020 8502 9722.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 14-24s

Calling parents and young people of the parish who are interested in gaining valuable work experience. The City & Guild Group—a leader in global skills development has committed to offer up to 100 one or two week placements from May and throughout the Summer. The placements are across a range of roles including Business Administration, IT, Customer Services, Finance and Marketing and will take place at their head offices near St. Paul's Tube Station. They will also be holding Taster Days for schools and individuals to find out more. If you are interested, please contact the organisation's Youth Engagement Office, Tiana Locker 0207 294 2494/07841 343298 or workexperience@cityandguilds.com.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 22nd May Maureen Insole,
Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons,
Lisa Robinson.

1ST COMMUNION MASSES

Sat 23rd May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

Sun 24th May 11.30am Fr. Antoine

Sat 30th May 11.30am Fr. Michael

Sunday 31st May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

We ask you to remember in your prayers the 1st Communion children who will be receiving Communion for the first time this weekend.

GRATEFUL THANKS

The Music Group would like to thank all who donated musical instruments. 50 instruments were handed in. Well done.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING PENTECOST SUNDAY

At Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May 7.30pm—9pm. Come and celebrate Pentecost with us. Everyone welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal Thursday, 21st May at 7.30pm in St. Thomas'.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 29th May in the Becket Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS

To William Wilkinson and Laura Spencer who were married in St. Thomas' last weekend. We wish them a long and blessed married life together.

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Two tickets for sale. All day entry 8am—8pm Thursday, 21st May £100 each. Please 'phone or text, Elizabeth 0788906267321.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Baby Oliver Barker, Sheila Abrams-Batley, Angela Barrett, Teresa Bonaventhor, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Claire and Lauren, Paddy Callanan, Bernadette Clancy, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Pat Cully, Don Dourado, Ana-Maria Erkasap, Ray Finney, Trish Gardener, Cynthia Gregory, Pat Greene, Lily Hanna, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Desmond Kavanagh, Phyllis Kelly, Paul McDonnell, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Betty Norton, David O'Connor, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Ben Perez, Sally Picton, Margaret Picton, Anne Power, Power, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Kate Sequeira, Gary Sinclair, Debbie Smythe, Grace Taylor, Mary Testro, Pollica Thayarajan, Barry & Beryl Vaughan, Lorenzo Vaughan, Teresa Warnock, and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead.: Brendan Power, Alan Holliday, Raffaelina Lechmere, Robert Power, Juliet Woodleigh

Anniv: Catherine Holland, Mr & Mrs Loftus, Kathleen Meyler & Murtagh Meyler, Laura Pert,

FOUND

Child's pink polka-dot rucksack. Please collect from parish office.

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED**

To succeed Mgr George Stokes. Based at Cathedral House, Brentwood. Information about the post and an application pack may be obtained from the Education Commission 01277 265284 janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications 4th June 2015.

**LADIES' ASCOT DAY
LUNCHEON**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and HCPT are hosting a Ladies' Ascot Day Luncheon on Friday, 19th June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot week. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter the spirit of a "Day at the Races". Tickets cost £20 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea and coffee, served in our own private dining room overlooking the golf course at this exclusive club. Places are limited so in order to avoid disappointment we would encourage you to book early. Please contact Libby on 01268 784544.lphillips@bccs.org.uk

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

St Thomas of Canterbury
557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RB
Served by the Franciscans



A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
CYCLE B**

17TH MAY 2015

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY



We come together by invitation. Jesus, risen and ascended, asks us to hear his word and be inspired by it, to receive the sacrament of his body and blood and be nourished by it.

**First Reading
(Acts 1:1-11)**

Jesus ascends into heaven and returns to his Father.

**Second Reading
(Ephesians 1:17-23)**

Christ is enthroned in heaven with universal authority, and this can fill us with hope.

**Gospel
(Mark 16:15-20)**

Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissions his apostles to continue his mission on earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.