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Our world does its best to keep gladness and sadness apart. Illness, dementia, death all have to be hidden so as not to upset us. Culture even finds it hard to speak the word death; it tries to avoid it by phrases like passed-on, passed over, no longer with us. And yet the very heart of our faith proudly proclaims dying you destroyed our death! This is in sharp contrast to the world's vision. Jesus is telling us that hidden in depth of sadness and sorrow real joy resides: unless a grain of wheat does, it cannot bear fruit. Unless the Son of God dies he cannot send the Spirit. Can we yet take in his words to the disciples after the Resurrection: Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory?

AFTER MASS TEAS & COFFEES

There will be no refreshments served after the 10am and 11.30 Masses to accommodate the First Holy Communion celebrations.

15TH WOODFORD GUIDES RANGERS

We have some places for girls aged between the ages of 10 and 15. We meet on Friday nights in the Becket Centre. If you would like more information, please call Janet Morris 07803810666.

1ST COMMUNION

Please remember in your prayers the children who are making their 1st communion this weekend.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Unfortunately, due to lack of demand the proposed Journey of Faith trip will not be going ahead. If anyone is still interested they will need to make their own way to Wintershall. In order to book their tickets they should contact the Wintershall box office directly on 012793 418299 or email box office@biblesociety.org.uk.

HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Lay Associates' Meeting on Monday, 2nd June at the Convent at 7.30pm.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, fruit, cakes, sweets and warm men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office on Wednesday morning or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening. With more and more people struggling to live on their current income we find they are turning to soup runs to help them with food so if you can spare any tins of beans, tuna etc., we would be very grateful.

800 YEARS!

The Friars have donated a book and DVD to celebrate 800 years of the Order of Franciscan Friars and these are available this weekend at the back of the church for you to take a copy. The book celebrates Franciscans with Frontiers since 1209 and the DVD looks at the life and ministry of the Friars in Great Britain since 1224. You are welcome to take a copy of each and any donations would be gratefully received.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Next month our meeting will be back in the usual place in the Becket Centre. It will take place on Thursday, 12th June at 7.30pm. Please ring Angela on 020 8505 0356 if you have any queries about this meeting. Anyone who has been bereaved and feels that they would like to join our small, supportive group is welcome to 'phone for more details.

A date for your diary:

Annual Bereavement afternoon tea will be held on Sunday, 29th June from 3—4.30pm. More details to follow.

PLANT WATERING ROTA

We have volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday but still need volunteers for the rest of the week. If you can spare a few moments of your time once a week, we would be grateful to hear from you. Please contact the parish office.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We urgently need more Sacristans for the 10.00am and 11.30am Sunday Masses. Could you commit to this ministry once a month? Please contact the parish office if you are able to join the rota—full training will be given.

TUESDAY CLUB

Mastermind? Brain of Britain? Egg Heads? Almost!! It's The Tuesday Club Quiz on the 27th May at 2pm in the Becket Centre. No prizes, but refreshments for all.

FIRE STRATEGY

As part of the fire strategy for the Church and Becket Centre one of the fire exit routes is via the Becket Centre entrance. In order to maintain a clear route in the case of emergency, the car park has yellow hatching at the entrance of the Becket Centre and double yellow lines on emergency routes. The parish has been reminded by the London Fire Brigade the importance of maintaining these routes and we would be grateful if all those using the car park keep clear of the yellow hatching and on double yellow lines at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Jack Matthew Arnold, Daniella Rose Rabicano, Jayden & Jenny George and Stephen Joseph Ayomide Martins who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.



GARDEN FETE

14th June 12pm—5pm

Volunteers Required. Please take a flyer from the back of the church if you would like to be involved.

WE NEED

Wine bottles, beer bottles, spirit bottles, mixer bottles, soft drink bottles. Please donate a **BOTTLE** before 14th June for the ever popular Bottle Stall. Please hand bottles in to the Parish Office or contact Laura Beales 020 8505 2311.

ALSO we would appreciate donations of toys, books, DVDs to be left at the back of the church. **PLEASE NO JUMBLE.** We also rely on donations of plants which ideally are to be dropped off on the day. Raffle prizes would also be welcome—these can be left in the office. Many thanks.

BCCS SPONSORED WALK

The parish sponsored walk for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is taking place this year on Saturday, 21st June. The approx 7 mile round trip to High Beach is highly suitable for all ages. Families are especially welcomed. Meet at 10.30am Becket Centre for 11am start, returning at approx 3pm for refreshments provided by the CWL. Last year, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we raised over £3k for the BCCS. Please contact David Underwood on 07905 741033 if you would like to take part or sponsor the walk.

ASSISI LUNCH

There will be an Assisi Lunch on Friday, 30th May in the Becket Centre.

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, 12th July—Coach from St. Mary's S. Woodford at 8.45am cost £12 per adult £6 per child. Contact Peter Webb 020 8531 0511 or oilpaint@hotmail.co.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Irene Bradbury, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Janet Canty, Donald Dourado, Bernie Doyle, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Philomena Freeman, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Ollie Gaynor, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Maureen Howlin, Desmond Kavanagh, Sophie Jordan, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Patrick McGurk, Mary McKay, Gloria McQueen, Roger Machin, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, John Moneghan, Jean Morgan. Trisha Morgan-Smith, Maureen Moss, Miriam Mullally, Maureen Noden, Betty Norton, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Fr. Con O'Connell O.F.M., Paul McDonnell, Mick O'Hara, Una O'Mally, Janet Pinfold, John Potter's sister who is seriously ill, Anneli Prowse, Ram Ramsey, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Richard White, Monica Worsfold.

Anniversaries. John Patrick McGovern, Felix & Norma McMahon, Dora Murphy, Terry Murphy.

Lately Dead. Liah Griggs, Jim McGahren, Geoffrey Mitchell,

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 30th May Maureen Insole, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Lisa Robinson.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office in order for us to keep our records up to date. Grateful thanks.

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?

Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St. Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school orchestra. Could you donate your instrument?

Please contact Fr. Dominic Howarth

01268 281732 or email
frdominic@basildon Catholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up and your instrument will be put to very good use—it could truly transform the life of one of our children as they discover new talents.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL

Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2014—girls born between 1.9.10 and 31.8.11. Please phone 0208 989 4700 or enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk for more information.



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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE A

25TH MAY 2014



The Holy Spirit is God's best gift, enabling us, in the words of today's responsorial psalm, to "cry out with joy to God".

First Reading (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

After Philip the deacon had evangelised the Samaritans, Peter and John laid hands upon the newly baptised so that they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)

Be ready with a courteous response to those who ask the reason for your hope, and if you have to suffer let it be for doing right.

Gospel (John 14:15-21)

Jesus assures the disciples that they will not be left orphans because the Father will send them the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy to God all the earth

There will be an SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend