

PLEASE 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 Sydic, Helen Taylor, Astrid Turner, Luciana Vaughan & Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Margaret O'Sullivan, Patricia Koenan, David Houghton, Margaret Wilson, Joan Noblett & Mary Barrett

Latelty Dead: Frank Byrne, Mary Delaney, James Wall, Vera Sherlock, Margaret Gorhan, Patrick Brolly, Patricia Jean Hart, Gabriel Murphy, Annie Hill, Susan Faulkner (Angela Keating's mum) & Frances (Fran) Phyllis Piller

Susan's Requiem is on Mon 5th February at 11.30am in St Thomas'.

Ann Hill's Requiem is on Fri 9th February 2018 at 10am in St Thomas'.

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

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The following posts are currently available:-
Exam Invigilators - seasonal, £9.94 per hour, to join our busy team supporting the public examinations process, at GCSE & GCE

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 school website www.stantonyscatholicps.co.uk/admissions/

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

A drop in session for any parents/carers wanting to look around our Nursery will be held on Monday 5th February (10-11am & 2-3pm).

Fr Quentin will arrange further opportunities for issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice before the closing date for applications - dates to be advised.

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

Woodford Green

A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Cycle B

4th February 2018

He heals the
broken hearted

Our world is marked by so much suffering. Christ comes to give us hope through the power of his healing touch.

First Reading

Job 7:1-4 6-7

Job gives free rein to express the suffering in his life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Paul sees it as his duty to preach the Gospel and to offer it free of charge.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus continues to bring God's rule among us by giving healing to the many sick people who seek him out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION

When he came to us last Wednesday Bishop Alan had done his homework and pronounced himself well pleased with our parish and its range of activities. Together with Bishop John Wilson he led a magnificent celebration confirming 97 of our parish in their faith. It was an exceptional mass. For that I am most grateful to choir, catechists and everyone involved. The preparation has been thorough, imaginative, fun. I know you put much love care and energy into it. Thank you.

WILL THEY CONTINUE?

Many are cynical about the likely perseverance of newly-confirmed in today's church. In our case I am more optimistic. In your families, with support of Trinity and St Antony schools, with the example goodwill and practical caring coming in so many ways from our parish – you have grown gradually for 15 or so years. The same support is there as your growing continues. You are abundantly “accompanied” in seeing how your faith colours, enlivens, gives vitality and joy to your continuing growth. Ahead you have career choices, choice of your personal commitment to married partner and future family-building, and all that follows from that. We on our part guarantee to continue to accompany you with all the help, example and prayer you need through many years to come. That is what it means to “be a parish”.

A Fantasy!

“The Catholic Church has been obliterated. The Vatican is the now the world's greatest Casino, the Piazza grassed for major football. SToC is now just a health club and beauty salon”. Such is the scenario. During Lent we are going to meet to plan out specifications for the new world-wide church-family. Major architect Francis Bergoglio. He needs our specs. Will you come and join in this exercise? You know Pope Francis has asked the young people to do it, and we will

welcome their lead. No suggestion is too outrageous. We will start on Wednesday 21st February in Becket at 8 pm. Come and join in, making fun with a purpose.

SOUP RUN NEWS

To all well wishers and donors to the Soup Run: many thanks for your continued support.

We are now overwhelmed by your generosity and would be very grateful if you would bear in mind that our homeless clients have very little access to cooking facilities and wear almost exclusively, very casual clothing. Clothing needs are weather dependant:- warm & waterproof in the winter with cooler & lighter layers in the summer! Toiletries welcome in all seasons! Small bottles please.

Our van cannot take the 20 or more bags you leave for us every 2 weeks, in addition to the food so we would be grateful if you would be more selective in what you give! Seasonal clothing and food which is ready to eat or easy to prepare with limited cooking facilities is most welcome. We are always thanked by the clients at the end of every soup run, so be assured your input is valued.

Your Soup Runners

TELCO

The next TELCO meeting in the parish will be Monday 5th Feb at 7.45pm in the Assisi Room. Our parishioners are supporting the work of TELCO in Redbridge on affordable housing, living wage & helping refugees. Students of Trinity are specially concerned with Youth Provision.

We are building momentum for the Accountability Assembly on 24th April 2018 where 50 parishioners should represent St Thomas' in asking the candidates to commit to our requests in these areas.

Please join us on Monday evening, we welcome new supporters.

Cardiac Risk in the Young

We would like to thank the community for helping #FORISSY raise money for our heart screening weekends that we have organised with CRY since we lost Isabelle in 2015. We are holding the next screening weekend on the 3rd & 4th of March at St Antony's School. There will only be 200 places available so if you have anyone between the ages of 14-35 years and would like to have this simple ECG done, please contact me on forissyscreening@gmail.com Places are allocated on a first come basis.

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

FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 9am
Margaret Chung, Jennifer Sorrell, Christabel Wijeweera, Francesca Cushion & Liz Atkinson

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

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

You are invited to the Scripture Sharing Group on Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre: ALL WELCOME.



43rd St Thomas' Cub Pack

Our cub pack started 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.**

Sacred Heart Companions

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday 5th Feb at 2pm in Chigwell Convent.

Holy Family Lay Associates

Will have their next meeting at the Convent, on The Green on Monday evening

SVP COLLECTION

Thank you for the very generous donations made to last week's collection.

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.

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