

## ***GRAFFITI?***

It is great that comments have been added to the board at the back of the church displaying our response to the Synod. Keep them coming. Perhaps we need some post-its for you to add your views. I am delighted that the thinking and discussion continues. It is exactly what the Pope asked for: not just yes-people, but the freedom to be honest and say what we think and believe. The discussion continues as we help each other to discover all the richness God is putting into our families and marriages.

*Quentin*

## ***BAPTISMS***

We welcome into the parish community Sienna Barone, Lucas John Richards, Isla Sophia Mills, Ruby Beatrice Page, William Philpotts, Chloe Oliveira who were baptised last weekend.

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.

## ***HOLY FAMILY LAY ASSOCIATES***

Meeting on Monday, 1st June at 7.30pm at the Convent. Please bring your 'Joy of the Gospel' booklet.

## ***MUSIC OF THE SPHERES***

Music from the 16th century England, Spain and Portugal as the light of the Renaissance emerged from the medieval age. Sat. 20th June 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Hermon Hill.

Book online [www.meljon.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.meljon.ticketsource.co.uk). Box Office 0789 293 9126.

## ***COUNCIL FOR LIFE***

Counselling for individuals and couples. [www.cfl.uk.com](http://www.cfl.uk.com) 0208 491 0222. 10 The Broadway, Woodford Green IG8 OHL Newsletter with more info at back of church.

## ***PARISH GARDEN FETE***

***12Noon—5pm***

**PLEASE DONATE A BOTTLE** before  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 your support



## ***DONATIONS PLEASE***

We also require donations of toys, books & DVDs (Good condition).

Please leave at back of church. Thank you. Santina Carver 07761147077.

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!***

We are always in great need for volunteers to help with the running of the Fete. If you could spare even just an hour, that would make such a difference. We are especially looking for help with running the stalls, and much of the lifting and carrying involved in setting up and clearing away on the day. Please contact Lisa-mchugh@live.com or 07944464757 or 02036657750 if you can help. Thankyou!

## ***PARISH MUSIC FESTIVAL***

Please reserve the following Saturdays in your diary: **4th July and 11th July.**

Please see noticeboard in the church porch for further details.

## ***TUESDAY CLUB***

We're having a QUIZ this week, and picking our brains at 2pm on the 26th. Where? In the Becket Centre! No prizes, but refreshments for all.

## ***CHURCH CLEANING***

28th May Thursday 10.30am Liz O'Toole, Mary Charter, Dianne Molloy, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu.

## ***SOUP RUN***

We are up London again on Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, sweets, fruit and clean men's clothing. Items can be left in the parish office during 9.30am—1.30pm or in the Becket Centre between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. We would like to say a big thank you for the donation of £50 towards our costs.

## ***BIBLE ALIVE***

There are copies at the back of the church—price £2.25.

## ***ASSISI LUNCH***

Friday, 29th May in the Becket Centre.

## ***CAFOD LENT FAST DAY***

Grateful thanks to all parishioners £1,216.71 was raised.

## ***MASS AND ROSARY PROCESSION***

There will be a Helpers of God's Precious Infants Rosary Procession, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, on Saturday, 13th June 2015 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 9am after which we start our Rosary Procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes Essex Centre, Buckhurst Hill, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approx 12noon we return to St. Thomas' for refreshments in the Clare Room. See poster on church noticeboard.

## ***1ST COMMUNION MASSES***

Sat 30th May 11.30am Fr. Michael

Sunday 31st May 11.30am Fr. Quentin

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

## ***REPOSITORY GIFT SHOP***

Confirmation invites, cards, and photo albums now available in the Repository. Confirmations are on 7th June this year.

## ***IN TOUCH***

Articles and letters for publication in the summer issue, due out at the end of June, must be with the editor at the very latest by June 7th. Please don't leave it to the last minute to be sure of inclusion.

## ***15TH WOODFORD BROWNIES***

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 call Julie Traynor on 0786 0262 065.

## ***SVP 'OPEN EVENING'***

If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP and the work we do, please come along for a chat and a glass of wine on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Assisi Room. All welcome.

## ***NEPAL EARTHQUAKE FUN FILLED FAMILY EVENT***

This afternoon, 24th May 2.30pm—6.30pm in the Becket Centre. Try authentic Nepalese Food plus other International ~Food and drinks. Also home baked cakes, Nail Bar, Toy Shop, Sweet Shop and many other attractions.

### 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, 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.:** Sr. Asia, Juliet Woodleigh We extend the sympathy of the parish to Robin Woodleigh and family. Juliet's Requiem will take place on Thursday, 28th May at 10.00am in St. Thomas. Fr. John Harvey will celebrate.

**Anniv:** Elizabeth Blanchfield, William Kirk, Michael Reilly, Michelle Samaraweera.

#### 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

### CONGOLESE ORPHANAGE

**Sun. 31st May**

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

### PARISH 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.

### MEDIA TECHNICIAN TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Required as soon as possible 30-35hours per week. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. Details and an application form are available from sam.gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net.

### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DAGENHAM

Vocational, happy and energetic KS2 teachers, experienced or NQT, needed for September start. Please call the school and speak to Headteacher Mr Dan Craft if interested: 0208 2706524 if interested.

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

24TH MAY 2015



Today the Holy Spirit gathers us to be Church, to praise the Lord's love for us in calling us to be the Pilgrim people of God. We give thanks that the same Holy Spirit who first came to the apostles is present here among us today.

### First Reading (Acts 2:1-11)

On the day of Pentecost the Gospel is preached to all nations.

### Second Reading (Galatians 5:16-25)

The Spirit is our guide and our life.

### Gospel

(Mark John 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

The Spirit continues to lead us into the fullness of truth.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
And renew the face of the earth