

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:- Richard Abangwu, Mike Angelo, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Angela Bromfield, Teresa Daly, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Doris Harriss, Camille Malone, Patrick McGurk, Yomi McEwen, Jutta Menzies, David Morgan, Debbie Smythe, Astrid Turner, Roswitha Wagener, Rita Watkins,

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Anniversaries:- Kitty Blogg, Anne Digby, Felix Fox, Catherine Gibson, Margaret Griffin, Grace Kenny, Ann Kenyon, Jack Lee, Oona Lindemann, John Martin, William Titmarsh

Lately Dead: Cath McIntosh

CHURCH CLEANING



Thursday 9am
8th September.
Frances Branch,
Cathie Fitch,
Michael & Rose
Doherty, Rosanna
Baker, Leah
Bettis, Sheila
French.

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

THE KENDAL KITCHEN

Bespoke handmade cakes.
Contact Nicola Gilbert 07792 933953,
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Restarts on 11th September

CWL

Meeting on Wednesday, 7th September
in the Assisi Room at 7.45pm.

ASSISI LUNCH

The next Assisi Lunch will be on 30th
September.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lydia Plews and Banidele Orotayo
who were married in St. Thomas' last
weekend. We wish them a long and
blessed married life together.

WELCOME

We welcome into the parish
community Patrick Louis Keightley
and Gabriela Mila Edgeler who were
baptised on the 21st August in St.
Thomas'.



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**23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C**

4th SEPTEMBER 2016



As Christians baptised into Christ's body, we are all his disciples. As we gather today to learn again what it means to follow Jesus, let us open our hearts to receive his call to us afresh.

First Reading (Wisdom 9:13-18)

We are called to open our minds to God's gift of Wisdom if we want to learn the truth of God's intentions.

Second Reading: (Philemon 9-10. 12-17)

From prison, Paul seeks to restore Onesimus to Philemon, no longer seen as the world sees him as a slave, but as a dear brother.

Gospel (Luke 14:25-33)

People crowd round to learn from Jesus. But he cautions them: to be a real disciple of his is costly.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***O Lord, you have been our refuge from
one generation to the next***

I hope you have all had a good holiday, and return refreshed for the next stage of our parish life. The regular rotas worked only sporadically during August. We missed the choir and music group. It was important that you had a break. Now we can appreciate still more how well we are served by our normal routines. The parish council has been busy: 3 meetings in the first month. We are partly organized, partly building a pattern of task-groups. These aim to support all the good ventures and organisation in place and to carry it forward with new initiatives. We will be looking to draw your talents into the work as plans unfold.

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST COMMUNION

HOLY If you have a child whom you wish to receive Holy Communion next year, it is important to enrol him/her this week. So far we have received 77 names. With such large numbers the organisation of all that has to be done in preparation of children and families is enormous. So, this week, we need to know exactly who will be involved. Please note well. If the name has not been received by Friday, 9th September your child will have to wait till the following year. Please remind your friends if you know of an eligible child not yet registered.



COMMUNION

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Will resume later this month. It is a group that meets weekly to provide a forum where each can search his/her own inner life journey, helped by the stories of the rest. We welcome people of any faith, church, or none. In the past year there were a number of cradle Catholics who felt they had not kept up their knowledge and understanding of our faith. So altogether a most interesting mix. Give it a thought. Perhaps you can benefit from joining in. We have met on a Monday, but the day and timing can be flexible according to the needs of those who come.

PARISH DIARY 2017

We would ask all groups and societies who book the Becket Centre on a regular basis to submit their dates in writing for 2017 to the parish office. Please do not presume that your bookings will be carried over. Grateful thanks.

SOUP RUN FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY

The next Soup Run will be on the 14th September. Due to lack of storage space we cannot accept items of clothing before this date.



Thank your continued support.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays in each month. If you need to attend a baptism course for your first child, please contact the parish office for details.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



A Mass for the sick and household (including those living in Care Homes) with anointing of the sick will be held at St. Thomas' on Sunday, 25th September at 3pm; followed by tea and coffee.

BECKET CENTRE USERS

To ensure we get the best out of our excellent facilities, and maintain them properly, the Parish Council has revised the Becket Centre terms and conditions of use. The new agreement makes users' responsibilities and liabilities much clearer, and you might have noticed that there is more monitoring and feedback and maintenance being done. But this all needs to be explained and short meetings have been booked as follows: Thursday, 15th Sept at 8pm or Sat. 17th Sept. at 3.30pm. It is very important that each group that uses any of the rooms in the Becket Centre is represented at one of these meetings. Contact Bernard.hunter@which.net to book in, or if you have any queries.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP



Meets on Tuesday, 6th September in the Francis Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) after the 10am Mass.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Has vacancies in the following A Level subject courses:- Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English Literature, English Literature & Language, Film Studies, Food Tech, Further Maths, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Music, P.E., Photography, Physics, Product Design, Psychology, R.E., Spanish, Theatre. If you are interested in studying at Trinity Sixth Form, please call 020 8504 3419 ext. 116 and speak to Mrs. Hughes, alternatively, print and complete an application form, by following the link and send to sixthform@fc.tchs.uk.net along with your GCSE results slip.

<http://fc.tchs.uk.net/Admissions/Sixth%20Form%202016.pdf>

CHAPLAINCY

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL

If you, a family member or a friend would like to see a Catholic Chaplain or receive Holy Communion whilst receiving treatment at Whipps Cross Hospital, please contact St. George's 020 8520 5877 or the Chaplaincy Team 020 8535 6988.

ACROSS PILGRIMAGE CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

Small charity specialising in group pilgrimages for the seriously ill to Lourdes is looking for a full time co-ordinator based at their office in Beckton. Good organisation and planning skills required, as well as exceptional customer service. To apply please send CV & covering letter to jobs@across.org.uk by Friday 16th September.