

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEWSLETTER

The summer break brought something of a quietening down with activities—though the sacramental life continued—baptisms, weddings and celebrating the life and death of well known friends.

Once again congratulations to Trinity for excellent results at A and GCSE level; and our good wishes go to students moving on, both from St. Anthony's and from Trinity.

Repairs and refurbishment meant that the water leak in the passage-way to the side of the Becket Centre has been repaired and a new carpet laid in the Henrietta Suite, with the hope that it will serve as well as its predecessor.

Austin O.F.M.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

This weekend Fr. Eddie Highton is giving the annual appeal for the F.M.U. Please take an envelope as you leave church and bring it back next week with your offering. Mission boxes are also available to take home and returned when full.



WELCOME

We welcome into the parish community Isabella Marku, Daniella Marku, Harry Ronald Frederick Johnson, Elsie Alexandra Hampshire, Joy Emohare, Nyla Ashley Dionysia Dines who were baptised in St. Thomas' during August.

Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after the completion of a baptism course.

CHURCH CLEANING



Saturday 10.30am 7th Sept. Sheila Charles, Rachel Woolf, Siobhan Daly, Rosie O'Connor.

If you are unable to come could you please change with someone from another team. Thank you.

We need a few new people to help with cleaning on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning for one hour in a team once in 7 weeks. This does not take too much of your time and would really help. Men would be very welcome. If we have 5 people in each team the Church is cleaned very quickly. Please 'phone Pat Bell on 8504 4577 for more info. If you are already on a team can you please let me know if you need more people.

Church Cleaning Rotas for Sept—March 2014 are available from the church porch.

LAY ASSOCIATES' MEETING

2nd September at 7.30pm at Holy Family Convent.

NEWSLETTER

Items should be submitted to the parish office by Thursday at the latest to ensure inclusion in the newsletter the weekend.

PILATES

Beginners commencing Wednesday, 4th Sept. in the Clare Room upstairs in the Becket Centre 7.30pm—8.30pm
Intermediate Class Thursday, 5th Sept. 7.30pm—8.30pm.

All welcome. Ideal for strengthening your core muscles and all-round well being. Block of Six Classes. For more information contact David 07572527869.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2014

Applications to join the Confirmation Programme are available at the back of the church. The programme will run from 27th February 2014 until 8th June 2014 and is open to young people registered in our parish who are



currently in school year 10 and above. The closing date for applications is Monday, 1st October 2013.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

HYMN BOOK AMNESTY

We topped up our stock of hymn books with another 200 in the recent past. There are now less than 150 available. Could we have a search for any mislaid copies please?

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Annual Mass for the Sick & Housebound

The Annual Mass for all our sick and housebound parishioners will take place this year Sunday, 29th September at 3.30pm at St. Thomas'. During this Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to anyone wishing to receive it.

1st COMMUNION



Application forms are now at the back of the church. Please complete one and return it if you live in our parish and have a child who will be Year 3 next School Year.

Closing date for applications Friday, 13th September 2013.

CATHOLIC PATIENTS IN WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL

If you, or a relative or friend are in Whipps Cross Hospital, please let the priests at Our Lady and St. George parish know 020 8520 5877. Though the hospital staff are very helpful, the priests at St. George's also rely on being told of people who may welcome a visit.

MISSING

A set of three stainless steel condiment containers (used to hold knives and forks) have gone missing from the Becket Centre. They were left there in June during the communion lunch party. If anyone has borrowed them or taken them by mistake please could they return them to the parish office as they are missed. Many thanks.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 3rd September after 10am Mass in the Francis Room

CWL

Meeting on 4th September at 8pm in the William Scott Room.



Will the person who fills the holy water font please contact Angela Meyler with a view to taking over this duty on a permanent basis.

GRATEFUL THANKS

To all the volunteers who watered the pots outside the church during the summer months.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have moved within the parish, please contact the parish office so that we can keep our records up to date.

P LEASE PRAY FOR

Sick:-

Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Moira Bisset, Walter Blackwell, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Liz Channer, Chris Callow, Claire, David Clancy, Kathie Crowley, Chanelle Conway, Alan Cornish, Noreen Coyle, Kate Crowley, Mary Cullis, Siobhan Davids, Tomoko Dawson, Karen Davies, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Angela Francescotti, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Joan Green, Helena Greene, Pat Greene, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Rowland Hill, Veronica Hutchison, Stephen Jannece, Derek Jones, Michael Kennedy, Lauren, Jack Lee, Dennis McMullen, Patricia McGurk, Ron Mallett, Hannah Martin, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kathleen, Meyler, Pat Meyler, Maureen Noden, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Mary O'Connor, Katie O'Neil, John O'Niones, Lucy Owen, Lily Reding, Mark Pateman, Jacky Rott, Sandra Sifflett, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

And for all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Lately Dead: Mai Doherty, Cliff Hill, Philip Stevens.

Anniv: Kitty Blogg, Tony Judge, Felix Marr.

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

DISCERNMENT EXPERIENCE

14th—15th Sept 2013

With a new religious community, the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at the Marian Shrine in Norfolk. Donations welcome. Friday arrivals and Monday departures are optional. For details call Sr. Theresa on 01277 373848 or 01328 821621 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org.

PILGRIMAGE

To Fatima 7 days by plane with Air Portugal from London Heathrow from 24th November—30th November 2013. Price £599 including all excursions and full board in Fatima. For further information please call Mrs R. Mozzi 020 8472 0843.

CLEANING

2 English/Irish girls—great workers looking for cleaning job. Clean driving licence and car. Contact Ellen/Margaret 07867850257.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Robert Wilbraham and Fiona Whelan, David Onyema and Leanne Vassell, who were married during the month of August in St. Thomas'.

Also to Robert Leahy and Leia Wash who were married at Chigwell Convent recently. We wish them a long and blessed married life together.

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**22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
CYCLE C**

1st SEPTEMBER 2013



To be humble is to know the truth about life—that we are all God's children, and are to share the blessings of life. This is our greatest honour and our true status.

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20 28-29)

There is no cure for foolish pride.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24)

In God's kingdom everyone is a first-born child, and equal citizen

Gospel (Luke 14:1 7-14)

Jesus turns a mirror on those who like to "keep others in their place"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.