



### **TUESDAY CLUB**

On the 11th February we are having a BOOK EXCHANGE. Hope you can all bring at least one book to the Becket Centre at 2pm. Refreshments for all!

### **10.00AM TEA ROTAS**

Are available from the back of the church.

### **LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill  
(Boys aged 3—11)**

Open Afternoon Wednesday, 26th February 2014 1.15pm—2.45p.m.

For further information  
www.loyola.essex.sch.uk

### **LOYOLA PREP SCHOOL OLD BOYS' REUNION**

Friday, 13th June 2014. The Headmaster cordially invites former pupils of the School and their families to a reunion barbeque at the School from 7pm in honour of Mrs J. Golaszewska and Mrs A Garnar who have each completed 30 years of service to the School.

Ticket application forms can be downloaded from www.loloyaprepschool.co.uk and returned to the School Secretary. Mass at 6pm followed by a B.B.Q. at 7pm. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

### **DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED**

Tuesday and Thursday 9am—12noon for general cleaning. This will include changing beds and some ironing. High standards of cleaning are essential, as are a good level of English and timekeeping. Please call Kirsten on 07768872797 for more information. Please be prepared to provide references.

### **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to the parish please register with the parish office. Many thanks.

### **ADMISSIONS TO ST ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY**

Children whose date of birth is between 1.9.2010 and 31.8.2011. Application forms are now available at the school office for the Nursery for the school year 2014/2015. Those children born between 1.9.2011 and 31.12.2011 may also apply to start in January 2015 if there are vacancies. Either call into the office or telephone after 1.30pm on 020 8504 4706. The forms are also available on the website www.st-antony.net. Please note, these enquiries will only be dealt with in the afternoons. Closing date for receipt of forms is mid-day on Monday, 24th February 2014.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**



Friday 9am 14th Feb. Maureen Insloe, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Christine Acons, Sheila French.

### **PILGRIMAGE**

Spend a week in Medjugorje this Easter, 16th—23rd April only £499. Price includes return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick, coach transfers to Medjugorje, half board accommodation and experienced guide. For more information please contact Jonathan on 01423 546175.

### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

The BCCS charity shop in Highams Park would like a few more volunteers to help keep the work load down. If you could spare a few hours please call Irene Newell on 0208 550 2620.

**There will be a Diocesan Collection for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund after all Masses this weekend.**

### **15th UNIT WOODFORD BROWNIES**

Are looking for a 3rd adult Leader and an additional young leader. Meetings are every Tuesday 6.30pm—8pm in the Becket Centre. Please contact Rachael on 07949 739549 or Fiona on 07834 731324 if you are interested.

### **HOUSE BLESSING**

If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact the parish office for details.

### **CHIGWELL SISTERS**

#### **Nearly New & Jumble Sale**

Saturday, 22nd February at 2pm in the Becket Centre. Please leave your donations in the porch.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you have a relative or friend living alone or in a nursing home who would like a visit please call us on 07754 100149 or contact us via the parish office.

### **NANNY REQUIRED**

Afternoon and evening work 4 days a week. For further information please 'phone 07769328745

### **HISTORY MYSTERY LECTURE**

“Our Murderous Royal Family Murder, mystery and mayhem in the shadow of the Crown from the murder of Rufus in 1100 to the mysterious death of Princess Diana” Do come for a most entertaining night out. Refreshments provided including wine. Admission fee £2. All proceeds go to the school fund. Thursday 13th February 7.30pm in the Ratcliffe Hall, Upper Site.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

8th April—Fund raising for Ovarian Cancer in the Becket Centre at 7.30pm.

Today's readings tell us that every human being is created with an unrepeatable, deep, inner reality. Rather than fighting to do my own will no matter what, I am actually built to allow the Spirit of God to find a home deep within me. This is the Spirit who is love, respect, forgiveness. The Holy Spirit is God enjoying being God; and we are invited to be at one with this presence. Becoming myself means becoming what I was made to be: a home for the Spirit of Jesus and of God. When you see the difference a person makes you are seeing the reason why God made them.

God's love will become us. It will help us find ourselves as what we really are deep down: givers of food, helpers to the frail and homeless, forgiving and loving members of society. In other words, we will become truly ourselves.

*Austin O.F.M.*

### **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 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening.

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Local services will be held on Friday, 7th March at 2.15pm at Woodford Methodist Church, Derby Road, S. Woodford. The speaker will be Mrs Mmsape Zihle. And at 6pm at Hunter Court Lounge, Homesdale Close, New Wanstead E11 2TL. The speaker will be Mr. Matt Savage. The theme of the service is “Streams in the Desert”. All are welcome—men, women and young people.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:-** Phil Archer, Ellen Armstrong, Mary Barnes, Alice Binder, Moira Bisset, Teresa Bonaventure, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Siobhan Davids, Donald Dourado, Mary Duffy, Michael Durcan, Harold Elston, Alan Farmer, Ray Finney, Fr. Jim Fitzpatrick, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Nora Gaiger, Martin Garnar, Judy & John Gilmartin, Kathleen Gissane, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Lyndsy Greck, Amelia Halfyard, Doris Harriss, Constantin Ioana, Phyllis & Geraldine Kelly, Phyllis Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella O.F.M., Claire Lauren, Nora Lucey, Mary McKay, Anne McShea, Hannah Martin, Paul Mason, Sadie Meade, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Jean Morgan. Maureen Noden, Betty Norton, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary O'Boyle, Joanne O'Boyle, Janet Pinfold, Anneli Prowse, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Karen Spencer, Carmel Sweeney, Mary Sullivan, Mary Taylor, Christine Thurston, Teresa Warnock, Terry Wauer, Monica Worsefold.

**Lately Dead:-** Gwen Barton, Peter Chaston, David Cleminson, Yvonne Doherty, Francoise Duprey, John Paul Loughlin, Francie McLoughlin, Pat Meyler, (Brother of Angela who died in Florida) John O'Hanlon.

Francoise Duprey died peacefully in the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on Sun. 2nd Feb. Parishioners who knew the family remain in contact with Roger Duprey for whom we pray in addition to Francoise.

### 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

**Anniv:** Mary Forsyth

## CALLING ALL MUMS & DADS

Staff and Friends of St. Antony's School to help fundraise for the school by running or sponsoring someone who is going to run 13.1 miles on 9th March 2014 at Roding Valley Half Marathon. Anyone happy to join the St. Antony's running team please contact:-

Aine Wood at [ainewood@btinternet](mailto:ainewood@btinternet) or sign up at <http://www.rvhm.org.uk/>.

If running isn't for you, you can always sponsor those who are at <http://www.justgiving.com/StAntonysSchool>.

## CAKE STAND

Left after Craig Lobo's funeral reception. Please collect from the parish office.

## ST. THOMAS' BADMINTON CLUB

Come and get fit in 2014 and join us between 8pm and 10pm Thursday evenings in Trinity School. For details please phone Liz 07759 410304.

## LENTEN RETREAT

Please join us for a residential Lenten Retreat led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood from 7th—9th March 2014. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for further details.

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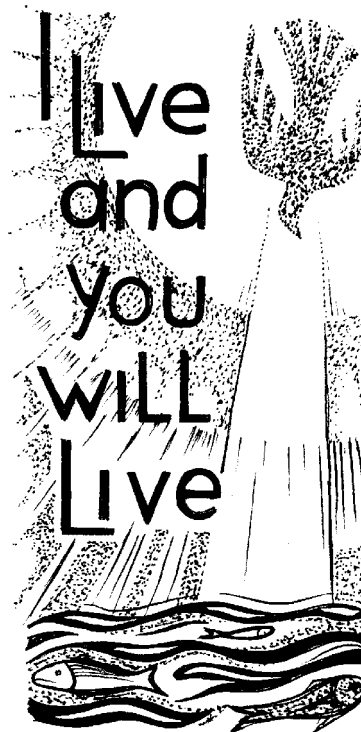


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## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

9th FEBRUARY 2014



We disciples of Jesus are called not to be just passive. We are to come to the aid of our neighbours by what we say and what we do, opening the way for the Holy Spirit to grant them faith and conversion.

### First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10)

God speaks to our heart, urging us to live lives of solidarity and mercy.

### Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

How Paul explained the Gospel: very simply, and relying on the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

Jesus encourages us to let our light shine in the sight of the world.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright*