

## **1st COMMUNION 2015**



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

**The closing date for applications is Friday 19th September 2014.** No applications will be accepted after this date.

## **WELCOME**

Welcome back to Fr. Quentin who joined us after the closure of Nottingham Friary—where he served as Parish Priest for a time, and where he had a long and fruitful ministry as local Prison Chaplain. Many of you will remember when Quentin was Guardian and Parish Priest here in the 1970's. The parish has much to thank Quentin for, he inaugurated the major changes and re-designing of the Sanctuary and Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Marc Thurlow and Vanessa Gardezi who were married in St. Thomas' last week. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

## **TELCO**

30 leaders in TELCO said thank you to the Council for banning street drinking in Ilford.

On 8th October, we have a Catholic Social Teaching Conference at Trinity High School with leaders from all over London. At the end of the Conference, we are having an action with a local synagogue to encourage the Council to resettle refugee families in Redbridge as we aim to increase the number of refugees resettled in the UK to 1,500 per year.

## **AUSTIN O.F.M.**

“God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever would believe in him might be saved”.

Jesus, the Son of God, is the “sacrament” of the Father’s love for the world. What do we actually see when we look at a crucifix? We see an effigy of Jesus as the sign of human helplessness nailed there as a consequence of human fear and hatred. But there is another way of looking at the crucifix. It can also become a symbol of humankind, and then we can see ourselves strung up, tortured and broken, and then the realization that Jesus crucified totally identifies with the human condition. That is what makes the cross the emblem of love and the sign of our salvation. Jesus did not die as a kind of victim of his Father’s anger with the world. He died because he loved and loved too much.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The Journey of Faith sessions will commence again at 8pm in the William Scott Room (upstairs in the Becket Centre) on Monday, 22nd September. These sessions are for those adults who wish to be received into the church as well as for those who simply wish to know what the church teaches whether they are already Catholic or not. There is no need to register in advance, simply turn up on the night.

## **PARISH DIARY**

Will all those groups and societies who use the Becket Centre on a regular basis, please submit their dates in writing for 2015 to the parish office. Please do not presume that your booking will be carried forward.

## **UNMARKED MONIES**

When you put monies in the letterbox please make sure that it is clearly marked so that it is allocated correctly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## **CAKE SALE**

There will be a Cake Sale in the Becket Centre after all Masses today, Sunday, 14th September in support of 5 charities:-

- Building of a secondary school in the Philippines
- Towards the renovation of a Catholic church in the Philippines
- Towards the “Bench Appeal”
- For displaced Christians in North Iraq
- For Breast Cancer.

## **MONKHAMS NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

Would like your assistance to provide you with crime trends/prevention advice. Please leave your details on the board at the back of the church.

*Grateful thanks.*

## **OPEN EVENING**

Open Evening for prospective entrants to Trinity Catholic High School will be held on wed. 24th Sept. at the Lower Site, Sydney Road. Parents are invited to look around the School between 6pm and 7.30pm. This will be followed by a presentation from Dr. Doherty at 7.30p. We anticipate that there will be a high level of interest and we therefore ask parents to stagger their arrival between the above times so that they can be escorted around the School in small groups. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2014. Applicants will need to complete a common application form which will be provided by their own local authority. This application then needs to be returned to the applicants own local authority.

The Parish Office requires Forms A & B and a non-returnable photograph. Anyone not baptised in St. Thomas' please submit a copy of the baptism certificate.

## **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Joel Edward Forder, George Sherrin, Grace Caren Rose Glass, Elin Grace Catherine O'Connor and Hugo Alexander Kent who were baptised in St. Thomas' last weekend.

## **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Restarts on Saturday 20th September 10am—11am upstairs in the Becket Centre. This is for primary school children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

## **BADMINTON CLUBS**

Badminton has re-started on Thursday night between 8m and 10pm in Trinity School, Mornington Road. New players welcome. For details please 'phone Liz on 07759410304.

ALSO

Monday evening 7.30pm—9.30pm. All welcome, mixed group and mixed ability. Contact Michael 07941479485.

## **60th JUBILEE!**

Fr. Brian McGrath celebrates 60 years of priesthood on Saturday, 20th September. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am in St. Thomas' followed by a reception in the Becket Centre. All are warmly invited.

## **PARISH AGM**

The parish Annual General Meeting is being held this year on Sunday 19th October 2014 at 12.30pm in the Beckett Centre. The AGM is open to everyone and is an opportunity to understand what has been happening in the parish over the last year and look forward to the coming year. The meeting will also present the Presidents report, the parish finances and some of the parish groups will talk about their activities. The AGM is open to everyone and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

### **P LEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, John Burton, Julia Croft, Thomas Cruz, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Judy Gilmartin, Pat Greene, Doris Harriss, Jutta Menzies, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Gary Peile, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Gwen Sims, Debbie Smythe, Bert Suffield

**Lately Dead.** Frances Cooper, Peter Croft, Monica Fleming, Maisie Grant, Tom Stokes

**Anniv:** Seamus Hanley, William Macpherson,

### **FREE MINI TENNIS TASTER SESSION**

#### **At Woodford Wells LTC**

Given by Natasha Argent for children from 4 upwards. Courses running during the week after school starting at 4pm. To book your free place please contact Natasha on 07904022966.

Email [tashaxargent@hotmail.com](mailto:tashaxargent@hotmail.com).

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

On Sunday, 15th Feb. 2015 at Brentwood Cathedral at 3pm, Bishop Alan will celebrate a special Mass for the Diocese. The Mass is open to all and will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Those who have been on pilgrimage to Lourdes or who are intending to travel during 2015 are especially welcomed and invited.

#### **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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Friday 10.30am 19th September Rachel Varney, Lisa McDonnell, Carole Burns, Sheila Charles, Janet Walker.

### **MOBILE HAIRDRESSER**

Harrods Trained. Please contact Tina on 07957977380.

### **NANNY POSITION REQUIRED**

Liliett Custodio (RBS, First Aid Cert. and references) Speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese. Please contact to discuss. 07455704240 [lillycustodio@gmail.com](mailto:lillycustodio@gmail.com).

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### **SPANISH 4U**

Tutoring GCSE, A Level Aqa, Edexcel (Exam Board). Adults start next week. Pease call 020 8505 3069

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

We are looking for people with floristry/flower arranging skills to join a rota for arranging the church flowers. If you would like to become involved, please contact Barbara in the parish office.

#### **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



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## **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**14TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross this year coincides with the centenary of the start of trench warfare in the First World War. True heroism blossomed amidst the horrors of the trenches. The cross shows us that self-sacrifice is life-giving.

### **First Reading (Numbers 21:4-9)**

God was prepared to save the lives of those Israelites who rebelled against Moses and the hardships of the desert.

### **Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)**

In Jesus, God chose to become one of us. Through the pain and humiliation of the cross, Jesus raised our humanity from degradation to glory.

### **Gospel (John 3:13-17)**

Just as Moses lifted up a bronze serpent in order to heal those who would otherwise have died, so Jesus, through the cross, gives life to those who search for him.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM Never forget the deeds of the Lord**