

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



NEWSLETTER

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Confessions: Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

Mass Intentions 6 December – 14 December 2008

Sat	06	9.30am	Donor's int
		6.30pm	Bridget Drennan get well
Sun	07	9.00am	Mary Power ANN
		10.30am	Ian Twokig RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Kathleen & Michael Kennan's int
Mon	08	9.30am	Fred Parker RIP
Tue	09	9.30am	Daryl Murphy RIP
Wed	10	9.30am	Antoinette Vella RIP
Thur	11	9.30am	Maureen McGarvey RIP
			Katie & Edward O'Sullivan ANN
Fri	12	9.30am	Betty McGarry RIP
Sat	13	9.30am	Annie Coffey RIP
		6.30pm	Tommy Collins ANN
Sun	14	9.00am	Michael Scanlon ANN
		10.30am	Nashmin Supersad sick
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	James Hawkins 2 nd ANN

Advent Service of Reconciliation

This Advent rather than each Parish of the Deanery having their own service of reconciliation, it has been agreed to try having one large service to be held on Sunday 7 December, the second Sunday of Advent at St. Thomas More in East Dulwich at 3.00pm. There will be a short service of reconciliation with readings and music and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with one of the Priests of the Deanery.

The Advent Wreath

Made of a circle of evergreens, reminding of God's everlasting love, His eternity, His endless mercy which has no beginning and no end. The green also speaks of the hope Christians have in God, the hope of new beginnings, or renewal and eternal life. The candles, one lit on each Sunday of advent so that in the last week before Christmas all four candles are lit, the last central white candle representing Christ, being lit at the Midnight Mass of Christmas these candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus. The four traditional themes for the four Sundays of Advent are: 1. Gods people - the Candle of Hope. Hope is like a light shining in the dark. As we light this first candle let us be reminded of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. 2. The Old Testament prophets. The candle of Peace: Peace is like a light that shining in the dark. As we light this candle we are reminded of the peace we find in Jesus Christ and pray of peace between all peoples. 3. John the Baptist. The candle of love: Love is like a light shining in the dark. As we look at the light of this candle we are reminded of the love we have in Jesus Christ his love of us and our love for one another. 4. Mary the mother of God. The Candle of Joy: Joy is like a light shining in the dark. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy in find in Jesus Christ. The fifth candle represents Christ, the light from this candle reminds us that he is the light of the world and if we follow him we need never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

RCIA 'Rite of Christian Initiation'

The RCIA group met on Wednesday night last week, and will be meeting again this Wednesday at 7.00pm sharp. If you have signed up to join in the group please do come along to next weeks meeting. The group is open to anyone who is

interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and who may be thinking about becoming a catholic.

St. Thomas the Apostle Christmas Carol Service

The boys and staff of the College are working very hard in preparing the Christmas Carol Service, which will take place on Wednesday 17 December. The whole Parish is invited to this Carol Service which is a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Churches together Carol Service

This year it is our turn to host the Annual Churches together Carol service we are delighted to welcome the good people of St. Catherines to the Parish for this prayerful occasion. The Carol service will take place on Sunday 21 December at 4.00pm. Please do come along, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Christmas Dinner at St. Thomas the Apostle College

The staff and boys of the college are inviting any OAPs to a Christmas dinner party to be held at the school on 10 December at 2.00pm. If you would like to go please give your name and address to Frs. Fergal and Eddie and we can arrange transport. We need to give in the names to the school as soon as possible so please let us know ASAP.

Don't be Home Alone on Christmas Day

Christmas dinner at 1.00pm on Christmas day at Bacon's College Timber Pond Rd. Rotherhithe, open to all residents of the London Borough of Southwark. To book, call John on: 020 7703 2163. Volunteer helpers and drivers also needed.

Advent Group

You are all invited to prepare inwardly for Christmas – a little time out to reflect and pray. 7.30pm – 8.15pm in the small hall on Tuesdays: 2, 9 and 16 December.

Please Pray For

Please remember to pray for those people who have been bereaved and all who have died recently, including: Sr. Teresa's brother John, Joan Green, Frank Fancett, Peggy Simpson, Bailey Thomas Loader, Julie Shelton, (Breda's Niece), John Irmiger, Mary Horsnell, Anne (Nan) King, Margaret Dillon, Kit Murphy, Emma Reidy, Bartley Dean, Hudson Green, Frank Hayes.

Sick

Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our Parish, including: Betty McClain, George Kirby, Alma Fernandez, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Mary Rellis, Caroline Knight, Carline Onyekwere, Sarah Kayaga.

Anniversaries

Ann Dunne, Enid Johnson, Francis Cannon, Margaret Crook, Christopher O'Sullivan, Anthony Wearne, Ann Barnes, Violet Lewis, Michael Wright, William Sanders, Kate Robson, Elizabeth Hayes, Sybil Penn.

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