

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Please remember the following :

† Frank Axson, Vivienne Axson, Maureen Baker, William Bliss, Ada Braithwaite, John Breen, Kathleen Burke, Stella Byrne, Archie Carmichael, Catherine Collins, Michael Cox, Timothy Crowley, Mrs. L. DeViell, Keith Dixey, Bonita Dodd, Simon Dodd, Kathleen Dowling, Anne Downey, Anthony Drozdicki, Bernard Feeney, John Gillies, Samantha Glover, Frank Glyde, Kathleen Gooding, Malcolm Goodwin, Susan Hickey, Ronald Horstead, Maeve Knights, Alice Elizabeth MacKereth, John Maguire, Mary Michell, Elizabeth Murray, Heather Notarianni, Donny O'Rourke, Denis O'Sullivan, Leslie Paterson, Harry Pither, Florence Porter, Jillian Saunders, Katy Smith, Mary Tinson, Walter Watson. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Faith in God can move the mountains; Trust in him can calm the sea. He's my fortress, he's my stronghold, he's the rock who rescues me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home: Jo Williams, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Margaret Yorke-Starkey.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Jane Barker, Kitty Grange, Robert Walliker, Sonia Curtis, Julie Stubbs, Colin Bennett, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kalogerides, Maureen Woodcock, Rosie Stubbs, Mark Whitton, Shirley Essex, Emma Tredgett, Elisa Roffey, Anthony Betts, Gary Perez, Karel O'Rourke, Doug Woulds, Monica McGrath, Michael Tobin, Marion Storey, Alison Gleave, Joan Butcher, Pat Davison, Jackie and Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, James Corr, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Glenda Rhodes, Esmé Kelly, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington.

To arrange visits to the sick and house-bound please contact Sharon in the office.

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr Brett will contact you in due course.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

Touched by love

Each one of us, in one way or another, has felt the pain of rejection and isolation.

This can make us feel worthless, defended and disconnected.

At such times, we may want to retreat into ourselves or, conversely, rebel.

Deep down, we all long to be accepted for who we are; to be loved for who we are.

When someone accepts and affirms us, they give us that feeling that we are worthwhile, that we are somebody.

Acceptance means that we are free to be ourselves, we don't have to cower or hide behind anything. This doesn't mean that there is no need for growth and change, because there is. But feeling accepted and loved empowers us to change because, in part, we become open and undefended.

It is the love and acceptance of others that affirms the uniqueness of who we are; I'm not just another human person, I am ME!

When we recognise our value and uniqueness, we in turn appreciate the value and uniqueness of others; this is the beginnings of authentic communion.

Our value and dignity is rooted in being our true selves, not in what we have or what we do.

Jesus is the key in being our true selves.

As with the leper, he looks at us and reaches out to us in compassion and love. He changed the leper's life...he can change ours too.



10th FEBRUARY – 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - World Day for the Sick/Day for the Unemployed

Saturday 10th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 11th		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8.45am*	Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan
	10.45am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP (Sylvia)
Monday 12th		Feria
	9.15am	Sheila Leahy - Speedy Recovery (Catherine and Ned Harrold)
Tuesday 13th		Feria
	9.15am*	Family and Friends of Mrs Law
Wednesday 14th		Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
	9.30am	Mary McCormack RIP (Catherine and Ned Harrold)
	8.00pm	Sr Elizabeth 25th Anniversary of Profession (Monica Spalding)
Thursday 15th		Feria
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 16th		Feria
	9.15am	Marion Wainwright RIP (Margaret and John Munson)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17th		
	6.00pm	Chris and all Cancer Sufferers (Pat Sach)
Sunday 18th		First Sunday of Lent
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Sharon's Intentions (Chris and Tom McPhillips)
	4.00pm	Vespers (St. Gregory's)

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions at St. George's—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.

Morning Prayer will begin at 9am, followed by Mass at 9.15am, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

KSC NEWS

The Knights of Saint Columba South-end would like to thank the parish and parishioners for the continued support shown to us over the last few years, especially as we have just been awarded the CAFOD Live Simply group status for living sustainably, supporting others in solidarity and living simply. We couldn't have done it without the support of others within the borough with the activities we have carried out to support our local parishes, and we will continue with the work we have done to get this far and we will continue to support our clergy. Thank you

JUMBLE SALE

A huge Jumble Sale will take place at Nazareth House on Saturday 24th February, starting from 10.45am. Clothing for men, ladies and children; bedding, curtains, shoes, handbags, books, plus children's toys and games. All welcome.

400 CLUB

Our lucky winners for January are: - £50 Mrs P. Sach; £20 Mr. N. Folkard; £15 Mrs S. Fitzpatrick and Mr. D. Sullivan. Congratulations!

ADVERTISING NON-PARISH RELATED

FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Can we please remind everyone that if they wish us to advertise a non-parish related fund-raising event in the newsletter they do need to ensure that it meets the policy approved by the PPC. This was introduced following comments from parishioners that we needed to limit the number of times they were asked for cash, especially on those occasions where there are several pleas for financial contributions all at the same time.

If you do wish to advertise an event it is imperative to speak to Sharon as soon as possible, and before you book your event, to ensure the dates when you want us to advertise have not been taken by somebody else. The full policy can be found on our website.

MAGIC EVENING

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy a little bit of magic on Saturday evening. With your support we raised £313.00 for parish funds. Thanks go also to those who helped organise it. We couldn't run these events without you all.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish - Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

£665.00 per person sharing (excellent value in superb 4 Star Hotel!)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes following the Brentwood Diocese led by Bishop Alan Williams.

Monday 23 - Saturday 28 July 2018

Led by Monsignor Canon Kevin Hale VG

5-night pilgrimage including return flights with British Airways from Heathrow,

group transfers in France, full-board in a 4 Star Hotel (*closest hotel to the Shrine*)

& full religious itinerary following the Brentwood Diocese

LIMITED PLACES REMAINING - PLEASE CONTACT OLOL PARISH

OFFICE ON 01702 478078.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

On Wednesday 7th March from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr David Manson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Preparing for Holy Week'. This 'Gidea Park Faith Evening' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £745.85 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all.

MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND CARERS

Bishop Alan is celebrating Holy Mass on Saturday 17th February 2018 in Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00pm. All are welcome, especially, those with Special Needs.

WESTCLIFF PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING

There will be a meeting regarding the pilgrimage taking place on Saturday 17th February at 2pm in St. Helen's small hall. For more details please contact Sue Baillie on 01268 750752.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669, our parish group supporting the infrastructure of the Church, will be our hosts. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and a special treat of Bacon Rolls!



The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -

18 Feb - ACROSS

25 Feb - Parish

4 March - 669

11 March - CAFOD

18 March - BCCS

RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend we will be having a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Pilgrimage Helpers Fund. Please give what you can. If you are a visitor to this Parish, and can Gift Aid, please use one of our special envelopes in the porch.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is now upon us, with Ash Wednesday coming up this week. Please remember that our Mass times will be at 9.30am and 8pm in St. George's. See the Lent Diary for the rest of our Lent programme.

" I never knew that about London"



Join the J&P group at 7.30 pm. on Saturday 24th February for fantastic food, facts and fun in a London themed "Cockney Quiz Night". Test your knowledge of people, places, music and history (and the Cockney vernacular) which has contributed to the world's most dynamic metropolis.

£10 each Fish & Chip supper included Bring your own drinks

All proceeds to our project at Mpuluzi, our twinned parish in South Africa.

Reserve your ticket by email at bfitzg6306@sky.com or mobile:

07817842604

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHARITY

CURRY NIGHT

Maureen Woodcock is holding a Charity Curry Evening at the Polash on Wednesday 14th March. More details to follow nearer the time, or see Maureen for more information.

NEW JOINERS WELCOME

We have reached that time of year again when the years Gift Aid envelopes will shortly be distributed.

It would seem a suitable time to invite any parishioners not already signed up to join those already using the envelopes.

All that is required is for the donor to be a UK tax payer - Gift aiding raises a further 25% of your donation for the parish.

Please use the declaration on the parish website (Click the Gift Aid button on the homepage) or see Sharon in the parish office. I will record your declaration and issue you a set of envelopes for your personal use.

If you have any questions please speak or call me.

Jim Filmer

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FUNERALS

Kate Bobbin RIP

Kate's Requiem Mass will take place this coming Monday, 12th February, at 1pm here in St. George's, and then her committal will take place at Southend Crematorium. All welcome to come to the church and crematorium, and to come into the hall afterwards for refreshments.

Brian Whelan RIP

Brian will be brought into St. George's at 4pm on Tuesday 20th February, and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10.15am on Wednesday 21st February. Please remember both Kate and Brian, and their families in your prayers.

ROSINA HAMMOND RIP

Please remember in your prayers Mrs Rosina Hammond formerly of Marcus Avenue, Thorpe Bay, who died on Tuesday 6th February. Her Funeral Service will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh on Monday 26th February at 3pm, followed by Cremation at Southend Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

GARDENING GROUP THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Parish Gardening Group last weekend, also to our wonderful voluntary helpers. The total raised was £170. It would be great to have some new faces join our small team, every little helps! If you are interested please call the Parish office or speak to Margaret.



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Meals - curries, stews, hot dogs, meat balls, and pepper and salt please. Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed.

Also, you will be pleased to know that on Tuesday of this week, with the odd amounts of money donated in lieu of food, a 'full English' Breakfast was provided as a treat for the Homeless. Not only were they very pleased, but the cooks at HARP were delighted to prepare it, particularly on such a cold day. God bless all of you who donate, whether it be food or money. It all goes to good use.

HELP NEEDED

Our Family Group that meets on a Tuesday morning is in desperate need of some extra hands to set up and pack away, and possibly to do some reading or singing to the children.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday morning, between 9am and 11.30am, please telephone the office and leave your details.

REPOSITORY NEWS

There are a few short Lenten preparation booklets, and further booklets relating to Pope Francis' teaching for sale this weekend on the repository stall.

Also, we now have the 'Walk with Me' daily prayer books for Lent. Priced at £1 they are a great way to start the day.

LAST CHANCE FOR YOUR WOODEN HEART

If you wrote on a wooden heart and hung it on the Christmas tree please remember to remove yours from the basket in St. George's. Any left by the end of this week will be disposed of.