

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Reginald Chambers, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, Peter Dowie, Christopher Fagan, Tom Gallimore, Sheila Gaunt, Marie Hanley, Cathy Heffernan, Adelaide Hodges, Diane Hogan, Christopher Holden, Bernard Humphrey, Peggy Kateley, Patrick McFadden, Constance Miller, Mick Montague, Mark Murray, Rachel Neale, B.J. O'Connell, Winifred Paterson, Stanley Platt, Jessie Rae, William Ryan, Mark Schneiderhan, Leslie Smith, Ruby Statham, Kurt Stocker, Lily Sutton, Joan Taylor, Phyllis Wallhead, Michael Wilks, Tom Woodman, Martha Zuelchaur, Anthony Maurice Henry Maintenance, David Webber Colman Connolly. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

To arrange visits to the sick and housebound 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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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home:

Jo Williams, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collins, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock.

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.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Dear friends,

The 1st Reading this weekend is taken from 'The Book of Wisdom' (it is also known as 'The Wisdom of Solomon'). It was written in the last half of the 1st century BC, so it is the last of the Old Testament books.

Although the author remains anonymous, scholars think that he was a learned Greek-speaking Jew, probably a teacher. The book was most likely written in Alexandria, the great intellectual and scientific centre of the Mediterranean world and one of the largest Jewish centres outside the Holy Land. The author found himself in a very fluid and progressive society. Discoveries in science were beginning to open up new horizons and challenge the old ways of viewing the world. A variety of religions and philosophical systems offered new wisdom or salvation or a view on the meaning of life: it really was 'take your pick'. This 'bubbling pot' spawned an individualistic mentality and along with that came scepticism and dissatisfaction with traditional ideas; not unlike our current society.

In writing the book, the author wanted to strengthen the faith of his fellow Jews, some of whom were abandoning their religion and either turning to pagan religions or secular philosophy.

At the heart of the author's writings lies the invitation to pursue 'wisdom', which is personified as a beautiful woman and seen as intrinsically related to God as his gift. This 'supernatural' understanding of wisdom conflicts with the popular understanding which sees it simply as a human quality or a rational prowess.

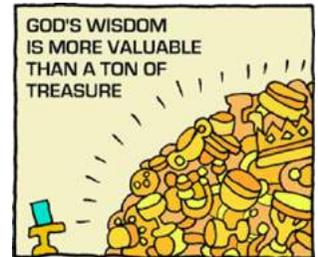
This divine gift of wisdom is within reach of all, provided the person is willing to seek 'her' out! If one does make the choice to search for her, then she takes the initiative and "makes herself known".

The book concludes that such wisdom surpasses everything we could ever know.

If I were you, I'd get searching!

Have a good week.

Fr Brett



11th NOVEMBER – 19th NOVEMBER 2017

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Remembrance Day

Saturday 11th	6.00pm	Robin Muckley RIP (Doug Woulds)
Sunday 12th	32nd Sunday of the Year 8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Antonio Tullio RIP (Tullio Family)
Monday 13th	Feria 9.15am	Clemente Mancino RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Tuesday 14th	Feria 9.15am*	For the Holy Souls
Wednesday 15th	Feria 10.00am	Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
Mass at Nazareth House		
Thursday 16th	St Edmund of Abingdon 9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 17th	Feria 9.15am	Eileen Shotton RIP (Doug Woulds)
Saturday 18th	6.00pm	Hanna Manna RIP (Manna Family)
Sunday 19th	33rd Sunday of the Year 8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Teresa Occhiuto RIP - Anniv. (Schofield Family)

*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.

ONLINE SHOPPING

Do you shop online? Many retailers now offer to pay a percentage of monies paid to recognised charities. www.easyfundraising.org.uk has links to many of your favourite retailers. All that is required is you register with them and declare your preferred charity to be St Georges RC Church, Shoeburyness. Each time you shop login to Easyfundraising and select the retailer you want. Your session will then be linked and the benefit paid directly. This a really worthwhile way to raise funds for the parish at no cost or effort to yourselves.

Any questions, please contact the parish office or Jim Filmer on 585839.

We hate to mention the 'C' word, but it is only **six weeks away**...eek! If you are like me and do much of your shopping for the festive season online, this really is a good way of raising money for the Church with-

out leaving your armchair! Many thanks to everyone who does this already.

Sharon



BCCS THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who supported the retiring collection and coffee morning for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The total of the two came to a magnificent £570.96, which was banked this week.

HCPT 192 THANKS!

Ollie and our HCPT Group want to say another thank you to all of you who supported their fundraising lunch a few weeks ago. The final net total amounted to £409.27.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

POPPIES

Poppies in the field,
Up and up they grow,
Feel their brightness in
your heart,
Watch and watch them start and
start,
As they grow watch them blaze,
In that patch a soldier lays.
We don't realise it these days,
The soldiers that gave their lives.
Because we weren't there,
But we do really care.
Poppies in the field.



Written by Michael Chambers, aged 8, on 11-11-2009

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL

6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23 November, 6pm - 9pm

For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

ABBOTSWICK - MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred and those who are remembered with plaques and memorials at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th November, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

‘OFF THE RAILS’

– Wednesday 22nd November at 7.15pm

Christmas shopping comes to Sacred Heart Church Hall (418 Southchurch Road, Southend SS1 2QB). Evie Bleau (formerly Occasions Boutique) brings Oxford Street to Southend. Come and enjoy a cheese and wine party and secure your loved ones Christmas pressies! Entry £2.50 which includes a raffle ticket (for a £10 voucher). Tickets from Liam on 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

PILGRIMAGE

Rome: Monte Cassino: San Giovanni: Assisi

From June 25th - July 3rd 2018. Half Board. Cost approx. £1200. If you are interested, or for further information, please contact Fr Paul Fox, Our Lady of Ransom, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP. Tel: 01268 742 229.

Email: rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org
The more that come, the cost may well go down.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George’s Church at 8pm. Please come and join us.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our coffee morning will be run by the Senior Justice and Peace Group, who will be raising money to cover the postage on the cards to the Prisoners of Conscience. All welcome to join us for refreshments as detailed below. We look forward to seeing you there. Next weekend the First Holy Communion Catechists will be our hosts.



PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

This weekend there will be an appeal, and an opportunity after each of the masses this weekend, to sign a card or write a message of encouragement to a prisoner of conscience or a victim of persecution overseas. Cards and addressed envelopes will be available. There will also be an opportunity to contribute towards the postage.

(currently £1.17 minimum)
In addition to the card signing, the Senior Justice & Peace Group will be serving teas, coffees, cakes



and bacon sandwiches in the parish hall after the 10.45 Mass. Please join us.

RACE NIGHT

Taking place in our Church Hall next Saturday, the 18th November at 7.30pm.

£10 per person including a Fish and Chip Supper.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, and be warned, there will be a raffle! For tickets please speak to Dianne or Charlotte Alexander on 01702 535751.



MASS CHANGE

There will not be a Mass here on Wednesday of this week. Instead, all are invited to Mass at Nazareth House at 10am, celebrated by the Priests of our Deanery, to remember the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Maya Whetton



into our faith community as her family celebrate her baptism this weekend. Congratulations to all.

‘one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism’

Ephesians 4:5

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

We have a small number of covered shoeboxes still available if anybody would like one. Please take your filled boxes to St. George's School, if possible. Otherwise please leave them in either of the Church porches. Please return shoeboxes by **November 18th**.

Thank you for your generosity.

Anne and John Tel. 586036

THE GEORGIAN

Don't forget to pick up your copy of our parish magazine, The Georgian, priced at a very reasonable £1. Stocks are limited so please get yours whilst you can.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel and Long-Life or Powdered Milk.

Thank you so much for all of your past donations of Duvets and Pillows. At present we have received so many that we have run out of storage space for them! Please do not send any more for the time being. Thank you so much to you all for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION 2018

A reminder to all those wishing to be confirmed that you and a parent need to attend the Introductory Meeting, taking place this Sunday at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. If you haven't done so already, please bring along all forms and money.

PPC AGM

You are all warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6pm on Sunday 19th November in the hall. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 17th November, from 7.30pm to 9pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £789.94 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for BCCS raised £419.81 excluding Gift Aid. Thanks to all who contributed.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL AND PARISH JOINT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 25th November 2017

From 12 noon

This is a wonderful social occasion for the Parish and School to come together, and we look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

We are now looking for Donations of Bottles, Gifts & Prizes. Also any type of Chocolate for a Chocolate Tombola. Any of these items can be left in the boxes provided at the back of St George's & St Gregory's Church and to the School

Please let us know if you can help on the day or before in any way. We thank you for all your donations and support for this event.

There will be lots of Games, Children's Craft Room, Face Painting and lots more for you all to enjoy on the day, plus: -

**Bottle Tombola
Mrs Fitchew's Sweet Stall
Grand Draw
Bacon Rolls /Hot Dogs
Cakes and Refreshments
Santa in his grotto**

p.s. Raffle tickets will be left in a box in the Church porch. Please help yourself and return the counterfoils and money into the Church Office or the School as soon as possible.



CALLING MASS FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Next weekend, at the 10.45am Mass, we will welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families for their Calling Mass. This will be a lively, child-friendly Mass, with music provided by our Family Mass Music Group. All are very welcome to support them as they start their journey towards Holy Communion next year. If you cannot be at the Mass, please support them with your prayers.

