

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Please remember the following :

† Xenia Sullivan, Steve Rose, Doris Woodman, Mary Carson, Stanley Woollard, Robert Wheatcroft, Irene Brown, Richard Worthington, Melita Hartley, Madge Fisher, Honora Smith, Walter Williams, Elizabeth Wildish, Elizabeth Ryan, Edward George Bines, Frances Breen, Innes Perkins, Rev. Fred Wall, Larry Brown, Charles Avery, Rosemary Gravestock, Mary Land, Lilian Fenwick, Mary Boland, Daren Stagg, Thomas Tobin, Peter Wallen, George Singleton, Eileen Needham, Mary Watts, Michael Kelly, John Hamblin, Emily Franklin. †

MASS RESPONSES 11/12 August

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Glorify the Lord, glorify the Lord, glorify the Lord with me!

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

MASS RESPONSES 18/19 August

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Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, Blessed be the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Closed this week.

Open on Mon 20th - 8am - 12.30pm;

Weds 22nd 8am - 11.30am;

Thurs 23rd 8am - 6pm

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ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In the 1st Reading today from the Book of Kings we encounter a broken and very dispirited Elijah. He had placed his trust in God and been faithful to what God had asked him to do, but he finds that it has got him into a whole heap of trouble and has to flee for his life. He ends up in the “wilderness” (a metaphor for his emotional and psychological state) and tired and exhausted says to God, “I have had enough. Take my life...”. But an “angel of the Lord” appears, offering sustenance to help Elijah back onto his feet in order that he can continue his mission. This simple, but powerful story, echoes my own homily reflections of late where I have underscored the fact that, in order to live out our Christian vocation, we are very much dependent on ‘divine’ sustenance and inspiration.

In the 2nd Reading, it sounds as though the Christians of Ephesus have not been living up to their vocation; hot tempers, bickering and spitefulness have been the order of the day! Paul seeks to correct them by exhorting forgiveness and friendship – ‘try to imitate God’. As we know, easier said than done! For Paul, when a Christian fails in his/her duty of discipleship this is a cause of sadness to the Spirit – “do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God”.

In the gospel this week we continue with the image of Jesus as the *Bread of Life*. Declaring Himself as such has caused great alarm among some of the people; “I am the bread that came down from heaven” is getting very close to blasphemy!

Additionally, this ‘bread from heaven’ is also the boy from up the street! A lot for some people to take on board.

Indeed, I think that, if we’re going to take it seriously, faith in Christ is something which is both difficult and challenging to take onboard; so challenging, that we’re tempted to reduce it to a deal, a duty or a habit. In essence, it is a relationship, and like any relationship, something you have to invest in and work at.

Have a good week.

Fr Brett



11th AUGUST – 17th AUGUST 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 11th	6.00pm	May and Percy Castle RIP (Tony, Liz and Family)
Sunday 12th		<i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	Special Intentions of Ted and Anne Brown
	10.45am	Sean McGrady RIP - 1st Anniv. (Mum, Dad, Chris, Roisin, Siobhan) and For All Parishioners
Monday 13th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Intentions of Graham Selley (Sharon and Family)
Tuesday 14th		<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>
	9.15am*	Michael McDonald RIP - Anniv. (J and T McDonald)
Wednesday 15th		<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
	9.30am	For Pat Sach on her Birthday (Sharon and Family)
	8.00pm	John Wilks RIP (P and B Corcoran)
Thursday 16th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 17th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	For All the Souls in Purgatory

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions—No Confessions on Saturday 18th August as Fr Brett will not be around.

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.

Date for your diary: Friday 7th September 2018



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

More people than ever before are fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. In autumn this year world leaders will sign two new agreements at the United Nations.

The global agreements are a united response to the current refugee and migration crisis. In their presentations at each of the weekend masses recently the Youth J&P group reminded us that Pope Francis has urged all Christians to pray that the agreements:

- respect human dignity
- protect the vulnerable
- support host countries
- keeps families together
- tackles the reasons why people migrate.

On Friday 7th September, to coincide with the publication of the refugee agreement the Senior J&P group will be hosting an hour of reflection and prayer on the continuing crisis. Note the date and check the newsletter for further details.



MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



A FINAL THOUGHT...

We can do no great things; only small things with great love.

St. Teresa of Avila

MICHAEL SMITH RIP

The Requiem Mass for Mike Smith from Sacred Heart parish will take place on Thursday 16th August at 10am at Sacred Heart. All welcome to attend who knew him.

OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £700.02 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks.

FLOOR POLISHING PART 2!

Again we are looking for some help to move the church furniture at St. George's on the 20th, 21st and 22nd August. It should only take around half an hour, and we are asking people to turn up at around 10 o'clock on both the Monday and Tuesday, and then around 9.30am on the Wednesday.

This will enable our cleaning team to polish the remaining half of the church floor.

Thanks in advance to anyone who is willing to help out.

CHURCH GARDENS

Our team of volunteers take great pride in making the gardens look lovely. Can we ask that everyone does their bit and if you see rubbish in the garden please pick it up, or report it. Also, please do not leave any rubbish or waste materials in the flower beds outside of the Committee Room. Thank you.

BUT YOU, HE SAID -

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you already a Catholic, and have thought about being Confirmed? Are you interested in learning about the beliefs and Traditions of the Catholic Church?

Our annual programme, for which the posh name is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will start on Monday 1st October in the Committee Room at the back of St. George's Church at 7.30pm. It is designed to help you consider these questions in the context of a caring and supportive group of fellow travellers. We are all on a journey of faith; feel free to come and see if you would like to share yours with us! If you think you might want to come along please speak with Fr Brett or Sharon to register your interest, or to ask any questions that you might have. It is a weekly course, with breaks for the school holidays.

18th AUGUST – 26th AUGUST 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 18th	6.00pm	Pat Sach - Birthday Intentions (Jacquie and Bernard Paterson)
Sunday 19th		<i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Peter Wallen RIP - Anniv. (Wallen Family)
Monday 20th		<i>St. Bernard</i>
	9.15am	Fr. Brian McWilliams - In Celebration of 60 years of Priesthood (Monica Spalding)
Tuesday 21st		<i>St Pius X</i>
	9.15am*	Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah
Wednesday 22nd		<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	11.30am	Intentions of Joan Butcher (Pat Sach)
Thursday 23rd		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 24th		<i>St. Bartholomew</i>
	9.15am	Canon Vincent Cameron RIP - Anniv.
Saturday 25th		
	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 26th		<i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	Deceased Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan
	10.45am	Michael Kelly RIP - 7th Anniv. (Christine Kelly)

CONFIRMATION 2019

Will you be in Year 9 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019.

All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow.

Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - peanut butter, chocolate spread, sandwich pickle, pepper (small pot) and squash etc. (gallons are being drunk at present due to the hot weather!)

Thank you so much to all of you for your ongoing generosity.

IRISH VINCENTIAN MISSIONARY

TRADITION

St. Vincent de Paul the founder of The Vincentians – is rightly remembered as the heroic figure who transformed Seventeenth Century French society, through Christian charity. He also had concern for foreign missions, and sent missionaries far and wide: Poland, Algeria, Italy, Tunisia, Madagascar, also Scotland and Ireland. St. Vincent de Paul is also the head of the Worldwide Vincentian Family which consists of a great many groups given to works of Charity – most notable the Daughters of Charity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the AIC.

The Irish Vincentians have a long foreign mission tradition. In our time missionaries went to Nigeria, and there began the Vincentian Congregation which is now larger than that of Ireland. They have also been engaged in Ethiopia, Kenya and also in the former Soviet Union.

Fr. Paul Roche who visits us over the weekend of the 18/19 August has worked as a missionary in both Nigeria and the Former USSR.

We look forward to welcoming him into our Parish.

COFFEE MORNING

There is no Coffee Morning this weekend.

Next weekend, the 19th August, we look forward to seeing you after the 10.45am

Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits on the Parish!

Don't forget, if you think you want a Coffee Morning in 2019, please email the office.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Please note that Wednesday the 15th August is a Holyday of Obligation, so the Masses will be at 9.30am and 8pm, instead of the usual 11.30am

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Jason Aderotimi Tijani into our faith community as his family celebrate his baptism this weekend.

Congratulations to all.



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you need a low gluten host please speak with an usher on arrival in Church, and they will arrange this.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Please note that the office will be closed all of next week (13th to 17th August). It will then re-open for the morning only on Monday 20th August at 8am.

I need a time out!

Send me to the beach and don't let me come back till my attitude changes



There will not be a newsletter produced next weekend, so please keep this one to hand.

Fr. Brett will still be around offering spiritual guidance and support. (well, at least until next weekend!)

ST. JOHN BOSCO CAMP COFFEE MORNING

Just to let you know that I gave the £81.48 raised at the Coffee Morning a couple of weeks ago to the camp organisers on the 4th August as we dropped our daughter, Faith, off for camp and they were deeply touched. Coffee mornings are not only a wonderful community event, it has also made the organisers of St. John Bosco feel that their work is valued and supported by the wider church community. This is also a beautiful gift. Many thanks to the parish community (also, on the 21 July, we dropped Xavier off for camp and handed over the previous coffee morning donation of £130 with a similar reaction). ***Lucy Fensom***