

The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 12th / 13th June 2021

Dear friends,

In the light of the impending downfall of Jerusalem, the prophet Ezekiel speaks about a new beginning brought about by God which will come about through the agency of a 'chosen one' (namely, the *Messiah*). How this process starts, and unfolds, is compared to the way a great tree – a cedar - begins life as a tiny shoot. As the cedar tree is symbolic of David's kingdom, the prophecy contained in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading indicates that David's kingdom will not only be restored to its former glory but will be fulfilled in the kingdom of the Messiah, the Christ. We are also reminded that this new kingdom can only be brought about through God's direction and power.



The gospel is very much connected with the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Here, Jesus explains through two parables, how the Kingdom of God works. He says, the Kingdom of God is like a man who plants the seed into the ground and goes to sleep. The farmer's job is to sow the seed. He can do nothing to make the plant grow. His staying awake, his worrying about whether the seed will sprout will not help the process; he must be patient and wait in hope. Initially, after having sown the seed, nothing much is happening on the outside, but the miracle of growth is taking place within. This is a good metaphor for the spiritual life!

When we pray or do good works nothing may seem to be happening, but we need to wait patiently for the Lord to do His work in His way.

In the second parable Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to the little mustard seed that grows into the largest shrub so that the birds of the air can shelter and nest in it. It is in humble beginnings that great things are achieved. When we allow it, the kingdom of God silently unfolds within us. Its growth is invisible but certain when God is in charge. Sometimes we find it hard to believe that because we want tangible proof and speedy action. However, God works differently, God power feels like powerlessness to us, it feels mediocre and, sometimes, a non-event.

We are called to be patient and to sow good seeds and leave the rest to God. The contrast between the smallness of the seed with the enormity of the tree indicates that small beginnings can have a large impact!

Have a good week.

Fr Brett

## 12th JUNE - 20th JUNE 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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**Saturday 12th**

6pm **Rina Savo RIP - 10th Anniv.** (Tredgett Family) **and Annie O'Connor RIP - 1st Anniv.** (Sharon)

**Sunday 13th**

11th Sunday of the Year  
9am **For All Parishioners**

10.45am **Lindy Ncube RIP** (Frank and Val McEvoy)

**Monday 14th**

Feria  
9.15am **Anita and Eldo RIP - in a tomb in Italy** (Robert Walliker)

**Tuesday 15th**

Feria  
9.15am **Michael and Joan Harrold RIP**  
(Catherine and Ned Harrold)

**Wednesday 16th**

Feria  
11.30am **Iris Logan RIP** (Jacquie Paterson)

**Thursday 17th**

Feria  
**No Mass**

**Friday 18th**

Feria  
9.15am **John Joseph and Catherine Leahy RIP**  
(Catherine and Ned Harrold)

**Saturday 19th**

6pm **Stanley Smith RIP** (Marjorie and Family)

**Sunday 20th**

12th Sunday of the Year (Day for Life)  
9am **For All Parishioners**  
10.45am **Roy Fitchew RIP - 1st Anniv.** (Pat and Tony Shead)

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## MASS BOOKINGS

Don't forget to book early in the week, particularly if you want to attend the 6pm Mass. We were full by Wednesday! The bookings will be open as soon as the email comes out on Sunday.

For those of you who book by telephone, Sharon will be in on Monday morning, and can take bookings after 9am.

***Please remember to telephone us if you cannot attend Mass so that we can offer your space to someone else.***

## 300 CLUB

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our most recent draw:-

£50 Mr N. Folkard; £20 Miss M. Fitzgerald; £15 Mrs C. Statham

## Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary Motion to stop DIY Abortions

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now.

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

## RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Day for Life.

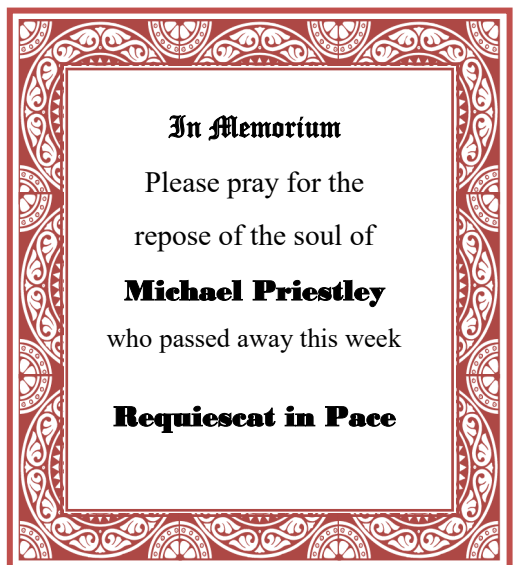
Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

More details from

[www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)



## SVP NEWS

Please keep the usual donations coming in. They are always grateful for the following:-

***Tinned Curry, Chilli, Spaghetti Bolognaise, Beans and Sausages; Tinned Potatoes; Packet Mash; Tinned Fray Bentos Pies; Tinned Hot Dogs; Coffee; Sugar; UHT Milk; Packet Pasta and Sauce; Microwaveable Rice; Nappies Size 4, 4+, 5, 5+ and 6; Deodorant (male and female); Shampoo/Conditioner; Wet Wipes; Sweetie Treats.*** Either bring goods to the Presbytery, take them to Short Street or make a donation via Just Giving (please indicate what the donation is for)

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpwestcliff>

Also, don't forget Vinnie's Pick and Mix! Their low cost food market, which takes place outside of their Short Street Centre every Friday between 11.30am and 1pm; also starting on Saturday 29th May, then every last Saturday of the month, again between 11.30am and 1pm. Yearly membership costs just £1, and that entitles you to up to 15 items of food for just £3.50 per shop.

## “LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL”

### TALENT SHOW!

Do you think you could be worthy of Simon Cowell's golden buzzer?! We are looking for acts to share as part of our “Lourdes at your Local” Talent Show this Summer, which will be streamed online on Friday 30th July. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic, comedy or anything in-between, if you have a talent to share with the diocese please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) and be prepared to send a video recording no later than 2nd July.

For more information on “Lourdes at Your Local” this Summer, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**Lourdes on the lawn – 31st July.** We are also welcoming our young leaders aged 18+ (School Year 13 and above) to gather together at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan and followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of our retreat centre (12pm – 4pm).

**Monthly Youth Mass – 7th July.** This will hopefully be our last virtual Youth Mass and will be preparation for our Lourdes at your Local week.

## MY SPONSORED MARATHON WALK

On Friday 9th July, I am taking part in a marathon walk (26.2 miles.) The route goes due North-East and then West in mid-Essex, from Little Waltham (near Chelmsford), via Braintree, to Start Hill (near Stansted.) It follows parts of the Essex Way footpath and all of the Flitch Way. It is estimated that this will take me 11 hours to complete, on a 'hopefully' warm day. By taking part in this walk, I will overcome considerable personal challenge and maybe some hardship along the way, and it will be the longest distance that I have ever walked, and my greatest physical and mental achievement yet.

I decided that I wanted to support a charitable cause, to give my walk even more of a purpose. I recently heard that the son of my Reception Teacher, who taught me at St. George's, is very seriously ill and they need to raise £60,000 to have Proton Beam Therapy in Germany. Her little boy, Henry, is only 3 years old, and it made me want to help him and his family, so I decided that any small amount of money that I could raise, should be donated to this cause.

If anyone is able to make a donation, or wants to read Henry's story, the link to read and donate is:

<https://gofund.me/25a20dcc>

Or, alternatively, search for 'Holding Henry's Hand – Proton Beam Therapy' on GoFundMe. Thank you.

***Joseph McGurk (Year 7)***

## THRESHOLDS OF HOPE WEBSITE

The above website has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Please have a look at the website and watch it develop over time. Do let us know what you think of it. The website address is [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk) There is also a Thresholds of Hope Facebook page. In particular, please check out Fr. Paschal Uche's YouTube video on the page.

## ORDINATIONS FOR ORDERS/ MOVEMENTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:-

**Rev Callum Young** will be Ordained a priest for the Neo-Catechumenate at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on 29th June 2021. Callum is from St Michael's, East Ham. Callum travelled with the BCYS to Lourdes and World Youth Day.

**Rev Joseph (Shaun) Bailham, OP** will be Ordained a priest for the Dominicans at St Dominic's Church (Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary), London, on 4th July 2021. Joseph (Shaun) was part of the Team at Walsingham House in 2007/8 and served as a BCYS leader in Lourdes for several years, as well as travelling to World Youth Day in Sydney and in Madrid. He was part of the parish of St Joseph the Worker in Hutton, and Our Lady and St Joseph in Stock.

## ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 8th July 4pm - 7pm**

For families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2022. Come and see the school, and meet staff and pupils. The Headteachers talk will begin at 6.00pm. Parents who wish to apply to the school for a place in September 2022 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening. If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site:-

[www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

## VACANCIES

**Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay - Co-Ordinator of Music.**

5 hours per week, beginning July. Closing date 21st June, For details contact [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk)

**St. Benedicts College, Colchester - Chaplaincy Worker**

37 hours per week/39 weeks per year. Closing date 9th July. For details go to [stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk)

## RELAY 100

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their 'Relay 100' summer community event. This initiative is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our work following the pandemic, to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals (or families within bubbles) to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

### BCCS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Lots of interesting articles about the work going on by the Brentwood



Catholic Children's Society.  
You can read it through  
this [link](#).

## NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

23-25 July 2021

Entitled Action for Life on Earth 2021: moment of truth we will be talking about the climate, Covid-19 and the decisions that need to be made at COP-26. If you have any interest in J & P matters please go to the [NJPN website](#) for information.



### MARRIAGE MATTERS

([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk))

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

**(Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians**

**5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34)**

**The seed that grows to become  
a shelter**

Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Please remember the following :

† John Hanley, Ellen Corr, Caterina Gravestock, Margaret Stacey, Earnest Stacey, Treenette Betts, John Brown, Marie Cogan, Anna Goral, Mary Hudson, Danny Burr, Thomas Enstone, Ellen Griffiths, Robert Plantin, Jeanne Lawton, Samuel John O'Rourke, Christine Rigg, Bernard and Jack Collins, Rose Hatch, Peter Bannon, Arthur McLoughlin, Evelyn O'Connell, Marjorie Dixon, Harry Quinn, Albert Mayer, Joan Katnic, Mrs Nena Spalding, Sheila Baker, Fr. Ignatius St. Lawrence, Danielle Key, Martin Browne, John Barker, Olive Harvey, Elena Newland, Donald Seaman, Alice Wheatcroft, Maria Edwards, Patricia Fazakerley, Michael Burke, Harry Adamson, Kathleen Bliss, Agnes Harman, Yvonne Shepherd, Alex Jordan, Maureen Reader, Rose Murphy, Mary Parkins, Ernest Standing, Tinka McKelvie, Michael O'Flaherty, Betty Wallen, Dorothy Kells, Ronald Silk, Maureen Sier, Arthur Browne, Christine Leaver, John Wilks. †

### DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

On Wednesday 23rd June, the Vigil of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. We are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home.

#### **Parish Priest: Fr. Brett Adams**

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**Facebook:** @stgeorgeandtheenglishmartyrs

**Instagram:** saintgeorgeschurch

**School: St. George's Catholic Primary**

**Headteacher:** Mrs A. Delgado

**Telephone:** 01702 293522

## 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.

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

#### **Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**

**Office Hours** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Office Closed - Wednesday

**Hall Bookings:** 292726 in office hours

**Gift Aid:** Jim Filmer. Tel. 07775 898409

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**[stgeorgesrcchurch@outlook.com](mailto:stgeorgesrcchurch@outlook.com)**