

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

† Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wicker, Kathleen Fallon, Audrey McAuliffe, Dorothy Locker, Anna Cohen. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. 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, 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, Margaret Everett.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

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, 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, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Lucille Parker.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B

WINNING THE LOTTERY

Dr Richard Tunney of the University of Nottingham carried out a study in 1999 to measure the happiness of National Lottery winners. He compared their level of happiness with non-winners. Interestingly, he found that both groups were, in general, satisfied with their lives, but that lottery winners were slightly happier in certain areas of life.

'Most of them.' he said, 'made changes to their occupation and housing, but most also stayed in the same area, holidaying in the same places and kept the same group of friends. Many of the big life changes people expect to make are actually a myth!'

St Matthias, whose Feast Day we celebrate on Monday, was the disciple chosen to take Judas' place among the twelve. As we hear in the first reading today, he was chosen by casting lots, after prayer for God's guidance.

We don't know much more about him after this, but he would have taken part with the other disciples in the great mission of building up the early church. Like all the other disciples, his life will have changed immensely by being with Jesus.

Maybe some of us spend time dreaming about all the changes we would make if we won the lottery, or inherited vast amounts of money, but as the Nottingham research revealed, these big changes that people expect to make are actually a myth. What are the real life changes that we can make, right here and now, to witness to the change that Christ brings into our lives?

12th MAY – 20th MAY 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B - World Communications Day

Saturday 12th	6.00pm	For the Intentions of Sara (Pat, Susan and Family)
Sunday 13th		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Antonio Tullio RIP (Tullio Family)
Monday 14th		St. Matthias
	9.15am	Joseph Redmond Gibbons RIP - Anniv.
Tuesday 15th		Feria
	9.15am*	Beryl Powell RIP - Anniv. (Mrs Law)
Wednesday 16th		Feria
	11.30am	Severino d'Andrea RIP (Simon and Ann Smalley)
Thursday 17th		Feria
	9.15am	Intentions of Maureen Johnson and Family (Anne and Bernard Chalk)
Friday 18th		Feria
	9.15am	Special Intentions of Lorna Smith (Sylvia)
Saturday 19th		
	6.00pm	Terry Alexander RIP (Dianne)
Sunday 20th		Pentecost Sunday (Day of Prayer for the Church)
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Special Intentions of Joan Butcher (Sylvia)

*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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Parish to Parish Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) takes place on Saturday 2nd June. We will gather at St Helen's for 10am Mass, and set off afterwards, around 10.45am, with Father Joseph for an approximate five and a half miles walk along the seafront to Shoeburyness where we will finish the walk with refreshments in the parish hall at St George's after midday. All participants will receive a certificate at the end from Julie of the BCCS. To take part, to receive registration and sponsor forms, and for more information, please contact Damian of the Knights of St Columba (07887 678741 / damian.dillon@btinternet.com). Registration is free, and any sponsorship raised will go direct to the BCCS. This year we will be combining the walk with the CAFOD Share the Journey campaign to show solidarity with refugees to count the miles we walk collectively, and to sign a card to go to the Prime Minister calling for agreements to be made at the United Nations for refugees and migration. Visit cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey for more information. We hope you can join us to support these two causes this year.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

is hosting a **Ladies' Day Luncheon** on Thursday 21st June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot Ladies' Day. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

is the UK's most famous choir and will be performing at Brentwood Cathedral live in concert with The BIG Sing Essex Gospel Choir and featuring the children from St Peter's Catholic Primary School on Saturday 9th June at 7pm. The concert will include lively Gospel favourites to get you clapping and dancing as well as mellow soulful tracks to enjoy. Tickets cost £17 per person (£12 under 16's and over 65's) and are available from www.billetto.com or from the Cathedral Music Office on 01277 265 288 (cheques payable to The BIG Sing UK Ltd). www.big-sing.com

ARE YOU OVER 50, AND WANT TO EXERCISE??

A Total Body Exercise Class for age 50+, a fun way to keep fit using balls and bands, exercising to some feel good tunes. Come along to St. George's Hall and give it a try on Wednesdays, 10am to 10.50am. £4 per session.

ARE YOU GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

VACANCY

St Thomas More High School have vacancies for two cleaners:-

Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 6.30pm or 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Please visit their website for further details or telephone the school for details to be posted to you. 01702 344933 / www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

BAPTISM COURSE

It is a requirement of the Catholic Church that you attend a course if you are planning on having your child baptised. Ours is a one-off session with the next one taking place on Wednesday 6th June, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office. To have your child Baptised at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic and needs to be practising. All Godparents must also be Baptised, and at least one must be a regular attender at Mass .

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.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we are raising money for the Friends of St. George's School. All welcome after the 10.45am Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and we don't charge for the good company!



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

20th May - Cancer Research

27th May - 669

3rd June - Senior Justice and Peace Group.

THANK YOU!

Thanks go to the lovely Fr Martin Joyce, who has been supplying for us in the last couple of weeks. He leaves the parish on Thursday morning after Mass.

The almost as nice (!) Fr Brett will be back in the parish ready for action on Friday morning. Another few days of freedom.....:) **Sharon**

PARISH SUMMER FAYRE PLANT STALL

As per last year, we will be having a Garden Stall. We would appreciate any unwanted plants/shrubs etc.

If you wish to donate any, please contact Margaret Munson or Sharon in the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish Facebook Page.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This weekend there will be a retiring collection, which enables the Church to continue the very important work of communication. Pope Francis, in his message for World Communications Day 2018, speaks of journalists as "the protectors of news." That their task is "not just a job; it is a mission." He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others; "That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace." On this World Communications Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world. For more information please go to www.catholicnews.org.uk

ST. GEORGE'S GARDEN UPDATE

We are very badly in need of Volunteers to help with the three gardens (front, back and side) at St George's Church. We are a small group and not getting any younger! We meet on Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am.



We would appreciate any help with general gardening maintenance / watering. If you can help please call the office or speak to Margaret.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £576.40 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all.

A COUPLE OF THANK YOU'S

John Smith wishes to thank all those who supported his participation in the Swimathon 2018 for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. The total raised including internet and paper sponsorship was £481. **Parish Coffee Morning** - Thanks go to all who supported the Coffee Morning last weekend. We made £136.06 for parish funds.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 18th May, at 7.30pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

MATILDA

St. George's School have some spare tickets to see Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre, London, on Thursday 14th June. Coach leaves St George's school at 3.40 pm for a 7.30pm performance. Places are £45 each, which are secured with a £30 deposit. Please contact the school for an order form.

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Kitty Grange

who passed away recently

Funeral service at Southend Crematorium on Friday 1st June at 12.30pm

Requiescat in Pace

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Long-Life Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Cooking Oil, and small jars of various herbs and spices (to spice up their meals!).

We also have an urgent appeal for some more new or freshly laundered boxers please - in either Small or X-Small. Many thanks.

SEVERINO D'ANDREA RIP

Advance notice that Severino's Requiem Mass will take place at St. George's on Tuesday 29th May at 12noon. Please remember Severino, and his family, in your prayers.



PARISH SUMMER FAYRE Saturday 9th June 2018

We are now looking for donations of Bottles, Prizes, Gifts, Chocolate and food items for the famous Hampers. Please either put in the box provided in the porch, or bring to the office. (please see the back of the newsletter for details of when the office is open).

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George's Church at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.



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