

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Please remember the following :

† Carmela Avery, John Stacey, Jamie Turner, John Keller, Jessie Morris, William Coleman, Victor Wyatt, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, Mary Janda, Gordon Simmonds, Mary Parisio, John Downey, Annette Griffin, Kathleen Barrett, Eleanor Robinson, Kathleen Gunther, Rene Montague, Gerhard Zuelchaur, Frank Edward Paine, Maria Camp, Arthur Shailer, Luciano Giardino, Hubertine Burton, Dorothy West, Hugh Mac Gregor, Eddy Linssen, Valentine Collins, Mary Boulton, George Carey, Marion Horne, Bernard Murray, Christopher Willis, Jean and Tony Tonking, Godfrey Wade, Gary Follett, James O'Donovan, Norman Sach, Cathleen Lawrie, Michael O'Donovan.
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MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. 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. **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, Jack Pollock, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks.

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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8.30am - 3pm; Thurs 8.30am - 3pm; Fri

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B - Peace Day



A Message for Peace Sunday

'What do you want?' The answer to that one hundred years ago would have been the single word 'hope'. At the beginning of 1918 an exhausted nation with a run down wartime economy and the scars left by 700,000 dead desperately needed reconstruction. The Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, promised to build 'a land fit for heroes' – though, for many, what followed the Armistice fell far short of those heroic hopes. Not prosperity but the Slump was the 'Peace Dividend' that followed the Great War.

'What do you want?' is still a valid question after the passage of another century. And what would our answer be today? Perhaps we'd have lots of very different answers. Certainly, no simple slogan like 'a land fit for heroes' could sum up such diverse aspirations as have been expressed since the Brexit referendum (to name but one issue facing us as a nation as we enter 2018). Our attitudes today to other challenges facing us – be that migration and the status of refugees (the issues Pope Francis has raised for us as a focus for this Peace Sunday), or the NHS, the housing crisis, war and peace, the future of senior care, education funding – are also splintered, competing, even irreconcilable. Perhaps we need to step back from the individual issues and re-engage with the original question.

'What do you want?' That is always (I suggest) Christ's first enquiry of us. It's the same question which he asked those two of John's disciples as they followed him along the road; the same question which he asks in every generation. To meet Jesus and to hear his Gospel is to find our whole values system and way of life called into question: What do we want? What are we looking for? Where do we invest our energies in the hope of finding meaning, a reason for living?

On this Peace Sunday the need to answer Christ's question 'What do you want?' is vividly underlined once more. Today we ask ourselves again: What is our vision for our world? What hope have we to offer to the brokenness around? And what does the hidden Christ – the one who 'just about gets by' on the margins of our world – the migrant, the displaced person, the refugee, - want, too?



13th JANUARY – 21st JANUARY 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - Peace Day

Saturday 13th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 14th		Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day)
	8.45am*	Suhaila Manna RIP (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Maria Tullio RIP (Tullio Family)
Monday 15th		Feria
	9.15am	Special Intentions of Pat and Tony Shead and Family
Tuesday 16th		Feria
	9.15am*	Mario Rodriguez De Lizana RIP (Teresa and Higinio)
Wednesday 17th		St. Anthony
	11.30am	Charlotte and John Creed RIP (Pat Sach)
Thursday 18th		Feria
	9.15am	Fr Michael Lynch and Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
Friday 19th		Feria
	9.15am	Intentions of Ted and Anne Brown (Margaret and John Munson)
Saturday 20th		
	6.00pm	Norman Sach RIP - 2nd Anniv. (Pat Sach and Family)
Sunday 21st		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marek Kanafa RIP (Kamilla and Julia)

*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.

YOUTH EVENTS - NEWS FROM THE BCYS**Youth Mass****First Wednesday of the Month,
Brentwood Cathedral**

Please join us for Youth Mass each month at the Cathedral - everyone is very welcome to attend and stay for refreshments in the conference rooms after!

We are very pleased to welcome the Mizens to speak before the Youth Mass in February—Jimmy Mizen was a 16-year-old schoolboy from Lewisham who lost his life in an unprovoked attack in a bakery in 2008. Barry and his wife, Margaret Mizen spoke of compassion rather than revenge and since then have worked tirelessly with young people across the country sharing Jimmy's story and delivering programmes in schools across south-east London. The talk will take place in the conference room at Brentwood Cathedral from 6:30, with pizza and refreshments available. To find out more about the Mizens please visit www.forjimmy.org

Summer Lourdes**22nd - 29th July 2018, Lourdes**

Our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. Applications are open for those in year 10 and above from now until January, but these are filling up fast! These places will then be considered and allocated together, so as to be fair to young people from across the diocese and there are just 4 weeks left to get your applications completed!

World Youth Day**18th - 27th January 2019, Panama & Costa Rica**

The BCYS trip is open to anyone aged from school year 12 to age 27 *at the time we travel* and our likely travel dates are **18th-27th January 2019**. amazing opportunity. Applications are now open—please do also email with any questions, from you or your family, if you need more information before making an initial commitment.

For more details on any of the above events, please either go to www.bcys.net, or email

GabriellaFusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org



THE CATHOLIC VISION OF MARRIAGE

The next study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, will be led by Dr Clare Watkins, Catholic theologian and Reader at the University of Roehampton. The topic will be 'The Catholic Vision of Marriage' and particular attention will be given to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia. The study day will take place on Saturday 17th March, with coffee available from 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. Please make your booking in the usual way by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com There is no charge for the day. You are invited to bring a packed lunch.

MASS FOR THE SICK

Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our Diocese and the sick. At 3pm on Sunday 4th February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

RACE NIGHT AND SOCIAL IN AID OF B.E.E.F.

The KSC have organised a Race Night and Social with all profits being donated to the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the training of new priests in our diocese.

This takes place on Saturday 27th January at the Mazenod Hall at the parish of St Peter Eastwood. 6.30pm for 7pm start with a professional race night promoter.

Entry is £1 and places can be booked through Damian Dillon on 07887 678741 / damian.dillon@btinternet.com. Light refreshments will be available.

MASS FOR DECEASED ALTAR SERVERS _St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree

on Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am). Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb/cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please reply by 28th February ***if you wish to attend*** .

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend Lucy and Helena will be raising money for those attending the St. John Bosco Camp in the summer that cannot afford their own treats. Come in after the 10.45am Mass and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments, along with a good natter with parish friends.



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

21 Jan - HCPT 192

28 Jan - Homeless

4 Feb - 669

RETIRING COLLECTION

A retiring collection for the Homeless will be taken over the weekend of 27/28 January. If you Gift Aid you will not have a specially printed envelope in your box so please ensure you pick up a "special Gift Aid" envelope on the day so that on behalf of HARP we can claim and pass to them the tax relief.

QUIZ EVENING

Advance notice that our Senior J & P Group will be holding a Quiz Evening on Saturday 24th February in aid of Mpuluzi, our twinned parish. ***PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!***

MAGIC NIGHT

On Saturday 3rd February we are holding a Magic Night in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm, in aid of Parish funds. Tickets are now on sale from the office at a cost of £10 for adults and £6 for children, including a Fish and Chip Supper.



There will be an alternative of Sausage and Chips but this will have

to be booked with Sharon in the office when purchasing the tickets. All monies will need to be paid in advance of the event.

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

As previously mentioned we are having our annual get together for all of our lovely volunteers on Saturday 10th February, straight after the 6pm Mass in the Church Hall. We ask that you let Sharon know that you are coming for catering purposes please.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday 16th January, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

REQUEST FROM MATT WALLEN

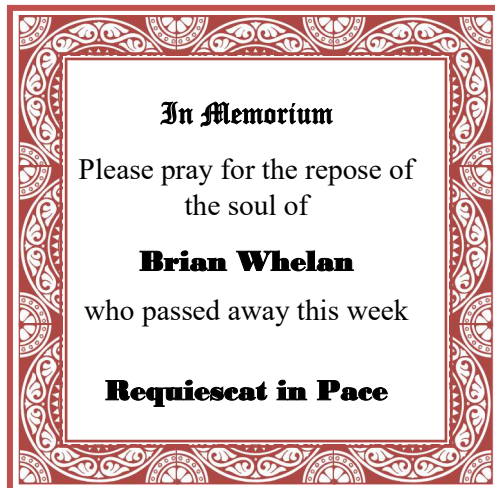
At the end of the month the Humanities Club at Shoeburyness High School will be running a raffle for charity. Does anyone have any unwanted Christmas presents (adult or year 7-13 appropriate) please that they would be willing to donate. See Matt after the 10.45am Mass or telephone Sharon in the office if you can help in any way.

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 7th February, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



KATE BOBBIN AND BRIAN WHELAN RIP

We have been saddened to hear of the sudden deaths of two of our parishioners this week. Please remember Kate, and her sons, Jack and Charlie; and Brian, and his wife Eliza, in your prayers. Funeral details to be arranged.

HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Laura Frazer from Hope for Justice will talk to our Youth Justice and Peace group about human trafficking and modern slavery on Friday the 19th of January at 7.45pm in the Church Hall.

The Youth J & P Group would like to extend the invitation to all parishioners who are interested.

300 (OR IS IT GOING TO BE 400?) CLUB

Forms are available from the Ushers for those looking to join/rejoin our 300 Club. Cost is £6 per number, buy 5 numbers for £30 and get the sixth one free!

There is a draw every month, with the prizes being £50, £20 and £15. If we sell over 400 numbers, then we have a 4th prize of £15 too!

At present we have not even sold 300 tickets. Remember, you have to be in it to win it! Please get your forms in as soon as possible ready for the January Draw!

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £915.64 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all for your ongoing generosity.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Sugar, Sauce Mixes, *plus* Cartons of Fruit Juices...either large or small multi-packs.

We are also looking for new or laundered Boxer Shorts again - only X-Small, Small or Medium, please. Again, many thanks to everyone for their generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Led by Fr Eamonn Power

The Parish of Our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs (Canvey Island)

invites you to join their parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family. (Travel dates: Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018). This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel. Cost is £1,370. This includes 4* Hotels on a half board basis, flights, gratuities and all excursions. If you are interested or require further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342 – by 31st March 2018.

LAST PLACES REMAINING