

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Please remember the following :

† Marjorie Quinn, Hilda Skingle, Helen Rant, Peggy Townsend, Irene Hayward, Lee Walsh, Albert Carter, Walter Whittam, Alice McAriety, Colin Parrish, Canon Toft, Fr. Roberts, Bernard Fitzgerald, Ellen and Frank Nathaniel Paice, Michael Sullivan, Trenear Michell, Leslie Townsend, Sr. Margaret Mary O.C., Edgar Butcher, Stanley Blotnys, F. Sleznikas, Florence Weller, Winnifred Manning, James Lowe, Millicent Powling, Kathleen Fotherby, Pat Kenna, Mary Tobin, Bernard Clark, Pam Hatch, Marianne Harcourt, Patricia Key, Olive Phillips, Brian Woodcock, Robert Crothers, Julia Carlile, Michael Fallon, Johanna Howlett, Maureen Reeves, Kenneth Shuhan, Mary Hulbert, Mona Reid, Amalia Zamora, Winifred Burke, John McManus, Vasia Brown, Teresa Malone, John Dodd, Jack Hanley, Maria Dicks, John Dodson, Conrad Douglas-Mackenzie †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 6pm and 8.45am

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. 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.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

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, 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, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Third Sunday of Easter - Year B



The apostles talking to us about their Easter experience...

For three years we followed him, and it was a rollercoaster of feelings and experiences. We followed his every move; we took in his every word. We knew neither doubt nor hesitation.

Sometimes we were inspired, other times we were confused and didn't quite understand him. We know he loved us, and we loved him – although, sometimes, we had a funny way of showing it.

We were like sunflowers which, during the day, keep turning their heads so that they are always facing the sun.

But when the sun goes down they close their petals and hang their heads. That's how it was with us.

When the sun went down on the Master's life we wilted. Without him our days lacked meaning and purpose. Our lives became a desert.

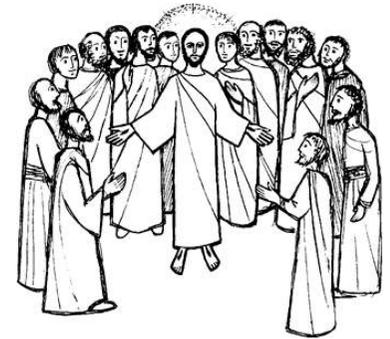
But how can we explain to you the absolute joy that flooded our hearts and our souls when we discovered that the Lord had risen?

We cannot do so; it cannot be put into words.

Only he, by his touch, can do for you what he did for us, the day he broke through the walls behind which we were hiding, lamenting our shattered dreams and unhappiness.

Risen Lord, help us to believe that you are always with us, help us to reach out to you with the same love with which you reach out to us, and help us understand that nothing in life or death can separate us from you.

AMEN.



14th APRIL – 22nd APRIL 2018

Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Special Intentions of Penny and Family (Sylvia)
Sunday 15th		Third Sunday of Easter
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of Shawn Clarke
Monday 16th		Feria
	9.15am	Brian Jones RIP - Anniv. (Grant and Esther)
Tuesday 17th		Feria
	9.15am*	Anne Hussey RIP (John Pegler)
Wednesday 18th		Feria
	11.30am	Clemente Mancino RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Thursday 19th		Feria
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 20th		Feria
	9.15am	Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation RIP (Sam Crawford)
Saturday 21st		
	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 22nd		Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
	8.45am*	Bill Law RIP (Mrs Law)
	10.45am	Remembering Maureen Reader RIP on her Birthday (Peter Reader)

*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.

THY KINGDOM COME

The Vicariate of Evangelisation, supporting our effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 --- a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. Meantime, you can log in to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT HOUSING

St Scholastica's Retreat is an almshouse that provides sheltered housing for practising Catholics, in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm, who are able to care for themselves, who are 60 years or over and who are of limited financial means.

We have some vacant flats which we would like to fill. For more information please contact The Warden: Rev Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk

A FINAL PRAYER...

Gracious God,
Thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me ... invite me ...
to discover Your Presence
in each person that I meet
and every event encountered.
Teach me when to speak and when
to listen;
when to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
attune my heart to the whispering
of Your Wisdom.
As I undertake ordinary
and unnoticed tasks,
gift me with simple joy.
When the day goes well, may I rejoice!
When it grows difficult,
Surprise me with new possibilities.
When life is overwhelming call me
to Sabbath Moments to restore
Your Peace and Harmony.
May my living today reveal your
Goodness.
Amen

VACANCIES

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh - The Governing Body is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated KS1/2 Class Teacher, for our wonderful children, to start in September 2018. This post would suit either an experienced teacher or an NQT. The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Visits to the school are very welcome. Please contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) via the school office (01268-785741). Application forms and further information are available on the school website www.olorcps.net. Closing date : Thursday 26th April, 4pm.

Earls Hall Baptist Church Pre-School are looking for a Pre-School Bank Assistant. The position will be to cover staff absence or training which may be at short notice, term time only, between the hours of 8.30am and 12.30pm. For more details please email: - preschool@earlshall.com. Closing date 22nd April 2018

ROYAL WEDDING REQUEST

Are there any couples that you know of that are getting married on Saturday 19th May - the same day as THE Royal couple? BBC Radio 5live in Suffolk want to find couples who are getting married on that day and follow some of them in their preparations. It would involve a reporter meeting them for an hour or so in the run up to their wedding day and really just having a chat about how they're getting ready for it. It would probably be pre recorded rather than a live interview, but there may also be scope for them to do short, live phone or skype interviews with some of the couples. Anyone interested please contact Maria La Rocca on 01613356507.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS Monday 7th May , 11am, Southwark Cathedral.

For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan, and many priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire, this Mass is full of joy. All are welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669, our Parish Fayre Fundraising Team, will be raising money towards fayre and infrastructure expenses. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass.



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

22nd April - Guides (coinciding with Church Parade to celebrate St. George's Day)

29th April - Family Group

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a collection made on the weekend of the 21st/22nd April for the Promotion of Vocations. This will also coincide with our special day of Adoration - details below.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS

On Saturday 21st April at 10am there will be a special Mass taking place at St. George's Church, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will then finish with Benediction at 4pm. We will be offering up our prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. All welcome to come in and stay for as long as you want.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Theo John Bone into our faith community as his family celebrated his baptism last weekend.

We also welcome Margaret Nazir Buta and Lucy Daniella Johnston, both of whom will be Baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to all.



'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'
Ephesians 4:5

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We meet in the Committee Room of St. George's Church on Tuesday 24th April, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

END OF WORLD WAR I EVENING

Sat 21st April
7.30pm At George's Hall
3 course meal
Music, Bingo, raffle
Bring your own drinks
£15 per ticket
In Aid of Across
Contact Dianne /Charlotte
01702 535751

CALLING MARRIED COUPLE VOLUNTEERS

After a fantastic response to Anna McCormick's appeal a few months ago we are holding a get together for couples keen to learn more about the Explore project in our secondary schools. If you spoke to Anna you will get a direct e-mail invitation. If for any reason you didn't leave your contact details but would like to come along, any married couples are most welcome. We will be meeting in the St George's Parish Hall on Saturday 12th May from 2.30pm. There will be a very brief presentation, and an opportunity to ask questions over tea and cake, as well as to talk about some of our local school events for the forthcoming academic year. Looking forward to seeing many of you again!

anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BCCS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported the BCCS Coffee Morning on Sunday. A great total of £140.78 was made!

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

Dear Saint George and the English Martyrs Church,

I'm sorry for the delayed message, but I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the support you and your church showed when supporting me and my granny (Maureen Woodcock) when I was fundraising for my upcoming mission to Mexico. Thank you so much, Father Brett Adams for the support of you and your church, and Sharon for advertising my bid for help in your newsletter. The immense support I have received from you all is so heartwarming and I am so grateful for your donations. With your fantastic help, I have reached my goal and will be going to Mexico in the summer. I will send photos of what we have achieved either via this email or my granny.

Thank you so much again for your help, I cannot put into words how grateful I am for this opportunity and the support given to me.

Thank you, *Caitlin Woodcock*

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £731.71 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. On Good Friday the Retiring Collection for the Holy Land amounted to £354.97 excluding Gift Aid.

SIGNED SOUTHEND UNITED SHIRT

LAST CHANCE

A very kind parishioner has given us a Southend United football shirt signed by the current team for fund raising purposes. The shirt is a small size but given it is signed is more likely to be framed and displayed in a fan's bedroom. We feel the best way of raising monies from it is to offer it for sale by sealed bids. The starting bid is £15 and any bid should be handed into the office in a sealed envelope marked "Shirt" **no later than Friday 20th April.**

CHURCH PEW FOR SALE

As part of our gradual tidy up policy we are offering for sale a pew which has been kept in the sacristy at St Gregory's for many years. It is in good condition, around 7 foot wide, but sadly cannot be used anywhere else in either church.

If a parishioner would like this for use in their home / garden please put your offer, along with your details, in a sealed envelope marked "Pew" and hand it into the office by Friday 20th April. The envelopes will then be opened on Monday 23rd April and the person making the highest bid advised.

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.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Sandwich fillers – Jam, Marmalade, Chocolate Spread, Marmite, Peanut Butter, Paste. Also, as mentioned previously, Long-Life Milk is always appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone who donates, either through food stuffs or cash. It all gets put to good use.

REPOSITORY NEWS

Serena has lots of lovely items on her stall if you are looking for something special.

Also, from next weekend, she will have her full stock of items for children making their First Holy Communion. Please drop by and have a look.