

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Avery Alfred Braithwaite, Joyce Brown, Mary Bushell, Conner Campbell, Kathleen Coleman, Gladys Coombes, Samuel Cottham, Ella Crawford, Anne Cusack, Mary Denney, Marcelle Duncan, Lorraine Ellis, Freya Falconer, Adrian Gallagher, Mary Gargan, Anne Goldsworthy, Harry Manfred Gravestock, Bernard Humphrey, Mark Keenan, Violet Linker, Christina McFadden, Kate Mclaughlin, Rosemary O'Brien, Eileen O'Connor, Anna Smith, Stanley Smith, Minnie Standing, Brian Sullivan, John Trainor, Tanya Walton, Fred Wicker, John Corr, Pamela Partington, Simon Zialor †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

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!

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, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collins, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Eddie Kells.

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.

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ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



The first reading today, from the prophet Isaiah, is a reading which we might hear or have heard at a funeral.

The reference to a banquet – which God is providing – has various meanings. In the context of a funeral it is a metaphor for eternal life with God. Imagine a lavish banquet, good food, good wine, and above all good company. That last element is an important one, for what would be the point of having good food and wine with nobody to share it with?

I have many happy memories of family meals where we certainly had good food and wine, but the overriding joy came from the relationships that we shared; so, the food and wine were a vehicle by which we simply celebrated our relationships. The 'funeral' link becomes clear: heaven is the place where we celebrate, for eternity, our relationship with God and with our loved ones who have gone before us.

Another element which strikes me is that a banquet is a lavish affair; we're not just talking about a McDonald's Happy Meal here! Once again, it reflects the idea that when God is around there is always abundance; God never 'short changes' us. **"I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance."** (John 10:10).

Also, you may have noticed that, in the context of the first reading, this abundance and oneness with God follows on from darker times; "mourning veils...tears...shame...death".

Hence, another feature of this reading is one which invites hope; the call of the Christian is the call to hope in the Lord. We can hope for many things, but Christian hope is founded in the John 10:10 quote previously mentioned. For this hope to mean anything, there has to be a faith conviction. So, hope is very much linked to faith, the belief it can be like that. In turn, faith is linked to love, which reveals itself in the commitment to live in such a way that directs our hearts and minds towards the hope. Thus, hope is like the rudder of a boat, it points us in a particular direction, and faith and love moves us forward in that direction.

Happy navigating and try and not to veer off course!

Fr Brett



14th OCTOBER – 22nd OCTOBER 2017

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP - Anniv. (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 15th		28th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Maureen Reader RIP - Wedding Anniv. (Peter Reader)
Monday 16th		Feria
	9.15am	Nora Duffy RIP (Ted Brown)
Tuesday 17th		St Ignatius of Antioch
	9.15am*	Mrs Sara Dinand (Mrs N. Haynes)
Wednesday 18th		St Luke
	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Joan Dowie RIP
Thursday 19th		Feria
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 20th		Feria
	9.15am	Adrian 'Tony' Gallagher RIP - 10th Anniv. (Theresa Gallagher)
Saturday 21st		
	6.00pm	Elshwa and Suhaila Manna RIP (Mana Family)
Sunday 22nd		29th Sunday of the Year (World Mission Day)
	8.45am*	Joyce and John Brown RIP (Denise, Jim and Family)
	10.45am	For All Parishioners

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions—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.

ABBOTSWICK MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th November, in our "building works chapel" in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HEALING MASS

Fr Eamonn Power's Healing Mass has now been relocated, and will continue every first Friday of the month at St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels in Kelvedon. First Mass will take place on November 3rd at 3pm, beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information please contact Angie Hart on 07719-577923 or email ma-hart66@outlook.com. All welcome!

LONDON MARATHON 2018

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the Virgin Money LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 22nd April 2018. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 17th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

OUR LADY OF CANVEY PILGRIMAGE

We are running a Pilgrimage from Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018 to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ and the Holy Family. Cost will be £1,370. This includes 4* Hotels on a half board basis, Return Flights & excursions. If you are interested or for further information **please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342.**

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Centenary Choral and Orchestral Concert on Saturday, 28th October, at 7.00 pm. Everyone most welcome! If you are free do come to the cathedral for a concert. The programme will include Mass in G – Schubert; Sospiri – Elgar; Double Trumpet Concerto – Vivaldi; Gloria – Vivaldi; Serenade to Music – Vaughan Williams. Soloists: Julia Wilson-James (soprano); Chloe Treharne (alto); Michael Bradley (tenor); Joshua Chapman (bass). Sam Lewis & Darren Moore (Trumpets); Conducted by Andrew Wright. Tickets: £12 all unreserved obtainable from Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT or at the door. (Please include sae if writing) or email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org Cheques made payable to Brentwood Cathedral Music. We look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral for this concert.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

VACANCY

Project Manager Required for Southend Food Bank. This is your opportunity to help Southend Foodbank lead the way out of food poverty.

For a full job description, please contact:

admin@southend.foodbank.org.uk
Closing date: Mon. 30th October and
Interview date: Tues. 7th November

COMMUNITY FAYRE

The Knights of St Columba have organised their 2nd Community Fayre at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP, on Saturday 21st October with 20 stands showcasing local charities, local help groups, and local businesses that have something to offer our community. The Mayor of Southend will open the Fayre at 10.30am and we will have a Fairtrade raffle, Fairtrade light refreshments, a 2nd hand book sale, and recycling points for your unwanted spectacles for VisionAid Overseas, unwanted currency, used stamps, and old mobile phones; all for charities. Come and get some help and ideas whilst having a decent cuppa. Entrance is free.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669 will be raising money for the Christmas Fayre and Parish projects. All welcome to join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes, along with free company!



Next weekend, in conjunction with World Mission Day, we will be raising money for APF - Missio.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholic all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday 17th October, 1.45pm for 2pm. We have a lot of interesting things going on. All welcome.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 20th October, from 7.30pm to 9pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

CONFIRMATION 2018

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. Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish on Sunday 24th June 2018 and he will be confirming our young people. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website. Thanks to all who have put their name down. We are just in the process of finalising the programme and retreat, and letters/forms should be sent out within the next week or so.

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY - 4th November 2017

All Confirmation and First Holy Communion Catechists are warmly invited to attend a Catechist Training Day on Saturday 4th November 2017 at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster, running from 10:30am until approx 3:30pm. We are delighted to welcome input from CAFOD, Million Minutes, Field of Dreams, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Alpha, as well as music from Edwin Fawcett. For more information please visit www.bcys.net/ events. To book your place please speak with Sharon in the office.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will be handing out covered shoeboxes at the end of each Mass over the weekend of October 28th/29th. Our grateful thanks go to Roy & Thelma Raven who have so generously covered and donated them. We hope that we can have all the shoeboxes filled and returned and that we will exceed last year's total of 213.

Thank you all for your generosity. Please return your shoebox to St. George's School if possible.

Anne & John

KEYS TO THE PRESBYTERY

A new alarm system has been installed in the Presbytery which could be activated if anybody enters the Presbytery through either the front door, or the office door from the church, before Fr. Brett or a key holder has switched it off.

If you hold a key to either of these doors please speak to Sharon as soon as possible.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at 8pm in the Sacristy of St George's Church or occasionally in a private house. All are welcome. The next session will be on the 25th October. For details, contact either Christine or Don DeViell on 01702 296544.

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

JOAN DOWIE RIP

The Requiem Mass for Joan takes place in St. George's this coming Wednesday, the 18th October, at 11am. Please continue to remember Joan, and her loving family in your prayers.

THANK YOU!

If you regularly attend Mass at St. George's you may have noticed that the Tabernacle is positively gleaming! A very generous parishioner donated the money to have it re-gilded and restored to its original condition. For this we thank you very much.

If anyone else wishes to contribute to any other restoration projects, or indeed anything around the church, please speak with Fr Brett.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Cereal, Sugar and Long-Life Milk. Again, if anyone has any new or well-laundered pairs of Men's Boxers in an Extra Small or Small that they would be willing to donate, HARP would be very grateful to receive them. Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TIME

- Your Parish needs you!

We are approaching that time of year again.

Since the 6th June 2009 (just in case you wondered!) the 669 team has been running our Parish Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre. Both of these events are large fundraisers for the Parish. Now after 8 very successful and fruitful years 669 would like to take a step back.

So, here's where you come in, we are looking for some new blood to help with this and other social events. If you are interested in helping with, or organising, one or both of these events, in any way, please speak to us. We will be very glad to assist and offer advice. We, 669, will of course continue to fundraise for the Parish and be very happy to work with new group/teams of people. ***The 669 team (Suzanne, Denise, Grace, Jim, & Brian)***

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £1042.52 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Thanks to all who contributed.