

## ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Please remember the following :

† Fr. Pat Taylor, Trevor York-Starkey, Nancy Cuffe, Thomas James Hatch, George Ranger, Frederick Bradley, Robert Wicks, Stella Yuille, Catherine Woods, Bridget Du Boisson, Terry Murphy, Adalmair Gabrielli De Amorim, Tony Brown, Joan Clarke, Peter Grant, Joan Skipper, Leslie Skingle, Hannah Hance, Vicky Cutter, Frank Miller, Mary Regan, Mary Cole, Joan Baron, Paul Duddy, Tom Finigan, Lilian Fenwick, Vera Sheehan, Jean Jagelman, Norman Reid, Angelina Vidler, Curtis Sweet, William Raycraft, Alex Jarno, Mary Browne, Robert Wheatley, Michael Kelly, Catherine Doherty, Kathleen Wallen, Cornelius Kelliher, Julia Kalogerides, Bridget Tobin, Bill Cooke, Frank Smith, Suhaila Mana, Philomena O'Sullivan, Bridie Priestley, Rob Duggan †

## MASS RESPONSES

**Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am**

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

**Responsorial Psalm 10.45am**

Come to the waters, all you who thirst, come, now and eat my bread.

**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, 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, Edith Kemp, 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.

**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.**

**Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**

**Office Open:** Mon 8.30am - 3pm; Tues

8.30am - 5pm; Thurs 8.30am - 3pm; Fri

8.30am - 3pm

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**Hall Bookings:** 292726 in office hours

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

This weekend we here one of the well-known gospels, the *Parable of the Sower*. Unusually, this is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. In Jesus' time, sowing seed was done manually, not mechanically like it is today. A farmer would suspend a large bag of seed from his neck and, walking up and down the field, threw the seeds out with both hands as far as he could. Inevitably not all the seed he threw would fall onto a good place where it could grow and flourish. However, the focus of the gospel is not the sowing technique of the sower! It is a parable, and the seed is the *word of God*. The issue is how the *word of God* is received. Like many gospel parables/stories, this could be multi-layered with meaning. As Jesus is *the Word of God*, the gospel could be referencing how both Jesus and his teaching were received. We know from the scriptures that Jesus received a mixed response; some people believed and their lives were transformed and some weren't. Ultimately, of course, Jesus was rejected by both the civil and religious authorities.

The other dimension to this gospel is the question of how Jesus' word is received today: does it bear fruit in the lives of believers or not? Is it bearing fruit in your life?

The 'bearing fruit' issue as described in the gospel is an interesting one. Palestinian farmers of that period would have thought they had done well if their seeds yielded seven-fold, let alone thirty, sixty or hundred-fold that Jesus talks about. Of course, Jesus is expressing the amazing results one can experience if you allow the *word of God* to root and grow in your life.

Mary is a good example of a 'hundredfold' response and result. She heard the word of God and kept it – "Let it be to me according to your word". A statement that she stuck to in fidelity and love.

May we follow her example so that Jesus, the Word of God, will find a home in our hearts and an abundant harvest of grace may find expression through how we live and love.

Wishing you well for the week.

Fr Brett



## 15th JULY – 23rd JULY 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

<b>Saturday 15th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Suhaila Manna RIP - Anniv.</b> (Manna Family)
<b>Sunday 16th</b>		<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Thanksgiving after Ewalefo's Wedding</b> (Sylvia)
<b>Monday 17th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Francis Brosnan RIP</b> (Brosnan Family)
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Fr Brett's Intentions</b> (Teresa)
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	<b>John Crowley RIP</b> (Pat and Betty O'Sullivan)
<b>Thursday 20th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 21st</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Gerald Sullivan RIP</b> (Fotherby Family)
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>James Mann RIP and Jean Woulds RIP</b> (Doug Woulds)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>		<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Kathleen Wallen RIP - Anniv.</b> (Wallen Family) <b>and</b> <b>Bridie Priestley RIP - 1st Anniv.</b> (Sam and Family)

\*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.

## HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

In honour of the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood the Vocations Team are hosting a holy hour in every Deanery of the Diocese in 2017 to pray for Priestly Vocations.

The next one is on: -

**Wednesday 19th July at 7.30pm - Brentwood Cathedral;** vocations story from Michael Barwick.

## THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 29 July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, a venerable and important organisation, under the patronage of St Thomas More, which is charged with keeping the Church's concerns before government and politicians at the national level.

## NATIONAL ALTAR SERVER'S MASS

**Saturday 21 October at 2.30pm**

**Westminster Cathedral**

More details from Shawn Clarke or from the Office.

## YOUTH NEWS

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on YouTube. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a "virtual pilgrimage" for those in their homes. You will find the clips via [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) from the evening of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

## MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER MARY STEPHEN RIP

Advance notice. There is to be a Mass to celebrate the life and contribution to St Bernard's school of Sister Mary Stephen who passed away in January 2017. It will be held at St Bernard's, Westcliff on Saturday 7th October at 11.30am, followed by re-

## A FINAL THOUGHT...

God promises to guide our lives with his word. Do we make it our concern to study the word of God? Is it central to our lives? Or is it just something we hear for a few moments each week in church?



## VACANCIES

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is looking for Qualified Counsellors or Social Workers to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow and Southend area from September 2017.

The main role will be to provide individual/group counselling services to school-aged children.

This will be a part-time job and you need to be qualified up to Diploma level. You also need 1 years experience working as a Counsellor, or 2 years experience as a Social Worker. It is essential you have experience of working with children and families and that you have a full UK driving licence. It is also desirable you have experience of working in a school setting. For further information please contact the Head of Professional Services: - [dsealy@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dsealy@bccs.org.uk)

**St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay**, is looking for an Office Manager with Finance. Information can be found on the Essex Schools Jobs site (see below). Deadline for applications is noon on Monday 17th July.

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=36820>

**St. Bonaventure's Forest Gate**, are seeking to employ a member of staff to lead the boys in the development of their singing.

This includes assisting the Chaplain with hymns in our daily Year group and Termly whole school Assembly, Liturgies, Whole School Masses, Christmas Carol Service. We also have a compulsory Year 7 Choir and require a person that is capable to lead in this.

Full-time and part-time will be considered, as long as you are prepared to be flexible with your hours, to suit the needs of the school.

It is not expected that this post will be filled by a qualified Teacher. Salary will depend upon experience and expertise.

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced Musician seeking to supplement their income or find a pathway to teacher qualification. To arrange an informal discussion please email the Headteacher on [p.halliwell@stbons.org](mailto:p.halliwell@stbons.org) St Bonaventure's is an Outstanding Catholic Boys' School. We are a designated Teaching School by NCTL

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

**New Hall School, Chelmsford**, have a vacancy for an Admissions Assistant. Details from:

[www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities)

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Senior Justice and Peace Group are raising money towards the Mission in Mpuluzi (our twinned area in South Africa). Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes and plenty of good company. Next weekend we will be raising money for the Parish.



## WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE GEORGIAN!

Our next publication of **The Georgian** is coming soon (in the Autumn). But NOW is the time for you to start thinking of writing an article for us! The deadline for articles is the 15th September. It may seem a long way off but the summer will go quickly, make a note in your diary.

Email your hard work (please include photos) to,

## CONFIRMATION 2018

Will you be in Year 10 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. At present we are only trying to get an idea of numbers; details of the programme will follow when we know the date of Bishop Alan's visit in 2018. Please telephone or email the office to register your interest. If you have any questions please speak directly with Fr Brett.

## BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Siena Aubrey Shannon Griffith-Grosvenor, Amiya Ariana Griffith-Grosvenor and Isabella Grace Priddle into our faith community as their families celebrate their baptisms this weekend.



## WALSINGHAM TRIP

Our Pilgrimage is now *next Saturday!* There are places available if you want to sign up. We are offering a free child place with every paying adult while spaces allow. Speak with Fr Brett, Sharon or Graham Alcock. All those who are going can you please make sure that we have received payment, and come and pick up your Pilgrim Pack from the office. The packs contain information about the day and what you will need to bring.



## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tins or Packets of Hot Dogs; Tins of Meatballs, Chilli con Carne, Minced Beef or Chicken in Sauce.

Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

## SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, the 25th July, at 1.45pm for 2pm in St. George's Church Hall.

**Please Note the Change in Venue.**

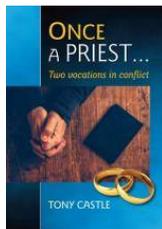
All welcome to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support.

## MEMOIR 'ONCE A PRIEST'

Bowing to public opinion, Tony Castle has now brought out his memoirs. If you have read any of his earlier books then you will know it will be an interesting read.

If anyone is interested in having a copy they are priced at £12.50 and available from Tony himself, or via his website: -

[www.tonycastlebooks.com](http://www.tonycastlebooks.com)



## TO ALL OF OUR OUR DBS/CRB - CHECKED VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese are now running online courses for all volunteers in parishes who are dealing with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

We ask that all our volunteers who are CRB/DBS-checked take part in these online courses. Could you please forward your email address to me and I will pass onto the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and they will contact you directly about the course.

Also, I will starting a programme of rechecking during the Summer. Please do not be surprised if I contact you asking you to pick up a DBS pack from me.

Regards,

*Sharon*

## MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



## 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 MORNINGS

The new Coffee Morning rota will run for a year from the 1st November. If any group would like to be included please email or telephone the office. The rota will be prepared in September.

Also, someone booked a coffee morning for Save the Children on the 20th August. Can that person please contact Sharon.

## SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILD

Despite previous requests children are still being allowed to play unsupervised in the front garden during coffee mornings. As a Parish Council we would be failing in our Safeguarding duties if we allowed this to continue. As such we would ask all parents to ensure that their children are either supervised if playing outside or are kept with them in the hall.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

## OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £787.81 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. We also collected £378.26 for Peter's Pence.

Many thanks to you all.

## SAVE THE DATE!

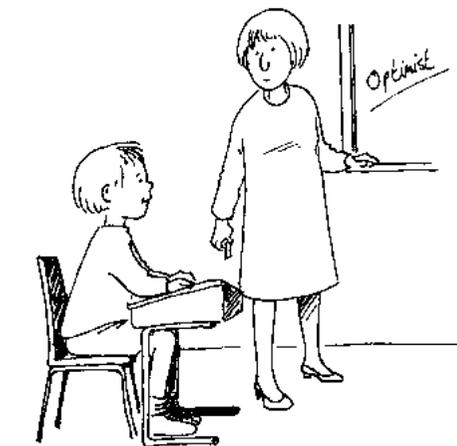
**Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm**  
**'Defying Poverty' - a free concert!**

Taking place in St. George's, it will feature the St. George's Youth Choir, and is being hosted by our Youth Justice and Peace Group.

The concert is free but donations will be very welcome. Please come and support our youth in their endeavours to raise awareness and money for the projects they are keen to support.

## REPOSITORY NEWS

The Repository Stall is open this weekend, and Serena will look forward to meeting you. If there is anything you particularly want, please speak with her.



"Tommy, what's an optimist?"  
"Someone without much experience, Miss."