

## ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Anne Cadman, Brenda Patterson, Agnes Mullins, Tracey Baker, Terence Peter O'Brien, Charles James, Alice 'Maudi' Keenan, James Avery, John Patrick Quinn, Cecil Maurice Fielding, Nicholas Simmonds, Mary Funnell, Anthony Docherty, John Twitchett, Paddy and Eileen Burke, Patricia Worsley, Terry Alexander, Rene Askew, Michael O'Sullivan, Dr Colin Adey, Kathleen Sharland, Paddy Tobin, Vic Duggan, Joan Dowie. †

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

### Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

On the day I called you answered me, Lord; You heard the cry of my heart.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

**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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Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, SS3 9RN

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home:

Jo Williams, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock. Margaret Yorke-Starkey, Teresa Gleave.

**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 & Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Esmé Kelly, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Paolo Angeletti, Charlotte Alexander.

### Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

**Office Hours** - Mon 8.30am-5pm; Tues 8.30am - 3pm; Thurs 8am - 4pm; Fri 8.30am - 3.30pm

**Office Closed** - Wednesday

**Hall Bookings:** 292726 in office hours

**Gift Aid:** Jim Filmer.

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In paragraph 2 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, we have the anchor point for looking at the history of the Mass since Jesus celebrated Passover with His Apostles and Disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem in or about 29 A.D. *'At the Last Supper, Our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood, by which the Sacrifice of his Cross is perpetuated until he comes again; and till then he entrusts the memorial of his Death and Resurrection to his beloved spouse, the Church'*....So how did the Sacred Mystery that we celebrate each Sunday evolve from the life changing words of Jesus - "Take it and eat, for this is My Body"?

In the early Church of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, worship followed a pattern that was probably very familiar to Jewish worshippers in the Synagogues but with one very important addition. On Saturday, the Sabbath Day, after attending the Synagogue, (we were "good" Jews until we were slung out about 70 A.D.) they would often gather, possibly with some degree of secrecy, in the house of a follower of Christ (the name given to us by Roman writers and historians). The Elders or a Disciple, if one was present, would recall the words of Yeshua (Jesus in Aramaic Hebrew) and perhaps offer some guidance based on those words. There was general fellowship, joy filled praise and Psalms would be sung. Then, in accordance with the Apostles doctrine, there followed the breaking of bread and prayers.

By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century this pattern had evolved into a distinctly Christian practice, particularly in Churches founded by St. Paul. Christianity was becoming a more global movement modelled on Paul's teaching. Our day of meeting changed to Sunday, the Lord's Day, and in the 30+ years from 70 until about 100 A.D. the central theme became that of Jesus the Messiah. The community would gather in the morning and in the evening with The Lord's Supper only celebrated in the evening. Typically the latter meeting now consisted of:

- i) Agape (Greek for a shared meal) followed by the Lord's Supper. See 1 Cor 11: 17 - 27 St. Paul's definitive account of The Lord's Supper that we read every Maundy Thursday.
- ii) a homily (don't worry Fr. Brett there's no mention of how long!)
- iii) letters from leading Christians would be read and probably sections from the Old Testament.
- iv) a collection for charity would be taken.
- v) a kiss of peace, or symbol of solidarity, would be exchanged.
- vi) prayers and petitions would be offered "in childlike confidence" to a loving Father.
- vii) songs and Psalms would be sung; including songs rejoicing in the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- viii) a confession of faith probably based on that of Peter. There are already marked similarities with the structure that we know and love.

Next time we'll look at early non Biblical records of the Mass and worship in Rome in the time of persecution.



## 15th SEPTEMBER - 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B (Home Mission Day)

<b>Saturday 15th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Vic Duggan and Rob Duggan RIP</b> (Karren Burton and Family)
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	8.45am*	24th Sunday of the Year <b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Mairaid McPhillips RIP - 6th Anniv.</b> (Chris and Tom)
<b>Monday 17th</b>	9.15am	Feria <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	9.15am*	Feria <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	11.30am	Feria <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	9.15am	St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Comps. <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 21st</b>	9.15am	St. Matthew <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	6.00pm	<b>Intentions of Paolo Angeletti</b> (Pat and Jacquie)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	8.45am*	25th Sunday of the Year <b>Barbara, Marjorie and Harry Quinn RIP</b> (Ernie Quinn)
	10.45am	<b>For All Parishioners</b>

\*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions at St. George's—No Confessions whilst Fr Brett is away.

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.

## LET IT BE – DONE UNTO ME –

### ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the World, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God"

Join the Deanery Stewards of the Gospel Group at Nazareth House for an inspiring TV quality exploration of Mary, past and present. Filmed on location in Walsingham, the Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Montserrat, Lourdes and Knock. 6 sessions starting on Monday 8th October at Nazareth House – 7:30pm start in the main hall. Session 1 – Chosen By God; Session 2 – The First Disciple; Session 3 – Mother Of All; Session 4 – Queen of Heaven; Session 5 – Help of Christians. Our final session will concentrate on Miracles. Each film is 25 minutes approximately long to be followed by a Q&A discussion. Input from experts such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Mgr John Armitage, Dr Sarah Boss, Fr Jim McManus, Sr Catherine Droste and others... Entrance is free but a small donation towards the running costs of Nazareth House would be most welcome.

## SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Father Brett is now taking bookings to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic Senior School place for your child.

He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic.

A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery. If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate. If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

### GENTLE REMINDER...

Please make sure that any electronic device is either switched off or on silent. It is very distracting when mobile phones go off during Mass. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## AN INTELLIGENT PERSON'S GUIDE TO CATHOLICISM

Are you aged from 18 - 35? Are you intellectually curious about who God is and what the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection means? If so, please come along to Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre on Wednesday 19th September from 7.30pm to 9pm for an eight week course. More details on [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org)

## FOUNDATION GOVERNORS FOR ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

St. Bernard's are looking for Foundation Governors for a four-year term. You must be a practising Catholic supported by your Priest. More details from Mr Sue Clancey on 01702 608005 or [sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk).

## ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society):

The next meeting will take place at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 29 September at 2.30pm, when Mrs Patricia Paxon will speak on 'Connections between Recusant Families in Essex and Lancashire.' All are welcome.

## NEWS FROM THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

Moves are afoot to bring in anti-Christian censorship zones around abortion centres in the U.K. On Friday the 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 5th to 7th October 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex.

For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email:- [johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

## PETER'S PENCE

Bishop Alan has received a letter of thanks from the Secretariat of State at the Vatican for the diocese's contribution of £24,144.77 for the support of the Holy See in 2018 in service to the universal Church.

## COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this weekend is being run by the Youth Justice and Peace Group, who will be sending the monies raised to CAFOD for the Refugee Emergency Appeal. Come and join us after the 10.45am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of great company. Look forward to seeing you there!



Our hosts for the next few weeks are as follows: -

**23rd September** - HCPT 192

**30th September** - Knights of St. Columba

## HOME MISSION SUNDAY

In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. Thank you for your generosity.

## FRONT OF NEWSLETTER

### A 'short' history of the Holy Mass in several parts

Hi everyone. A couple of months back Fr. Brett asked me if I would write a short history of the Mass – phew!

For those who may not know my background in the Parish; I have served here since the autumn of 1960 and have had the privilege of being Parish M.C. for over 30 years. I also assist Fr. Brett in leading our Parish RCIA Catechists which I find very rewarding and has enabled me to learn more about the rich treasures of our faith.

God bless,

*Shawn Clarke*

## MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

## FR. JOSEPH FARRELL

We welcome Fr. Joseph Farrell into our parish both this weekend and next. Fr. Joseph will be supplying for Fr. Brett whilst he is enjoying a well-earned rest from Sharon for a couple of weeks.



## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - small cartons of juice (for night packs); meals in tins e.g. curries, hotpots, chilli, casseroles; plus coffee and sugar please. Thanks very much for your kind donations of food and money.

## LOOKING FOR GOOD HOME

A parishioner has a large set of wardrobes that they are looking to pass on. The wardrobes come in three parts : 83cm (w) each wardrobe; and 76cm (w) for the dressing table/drawers middle section. So 242cm width altogether. With a height of 178cm and depth of 53cm. They are cream with a gold trim. All they are asking is a donation to the church. Please speak with Sharon if you are interested.

## OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £728.33 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service was £308.79, excluding Gift Aid. Many thanks.

## ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

We will be having a fitting session for new albs this coming Wednesday, 19th September, between 4pm and 5.45pm (please drop in at any time during that period) in the Sacristy of St. George's Church. We will also be checking that your current albs fit, so if you have them at home, please bring them with you. If you cannot make that time, please speak with Olwen to arrange an alternative date.

## WANTED!

Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian.' Please send me any summer holiday stories, articles, jokes, etc. Deadline: 16th September  
Send to: mcevoy@ymail.com

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

The Application Packs to apply for First Holy Communion are now available in the porches of both churches. A few useful dates for your diary -

**Monday 15th October** at 7pm - Parents Meeting and Registration.

**Monday 5th November**, 4pm to 5pm, Children's Sessions start.

**Saturday 22nd June** at 10.30am - First Holy Communion.

## JUSTICE AND PEACE

### (Senior Group):

A thought for today:  
*If you were arrested and charged with being a Christian, would your prosecutors find enough evidence to convict you?* Do you read the newspapers and watch television and find yourself moved by injustice, persecution of minorities, causes of hunger etc. and wish you had the power to change things? Why not join us in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday 25th September. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Brian Fitzgerald on: - 07817842604.

## CONFIRMATION 2019

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. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019. All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.

## BUT YOU, HE SAID -

### WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you already a Catholic, and have thought about being Confirmed? Are you interested in learning about the beliefs and Traditions of the Catholic Church?

Our annual programme, for which the posh name is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will start on Monday 1st October in the Committee Room at the back of St. George's Church at 7.30pm. It is designed to help you consider these questions in the context of a caring and supportive group of fellow travellers. We are all on a journey of faith; feel free to come and see if you would like to share yours with us!

If you think you might want to come along please speak with Fr Brett or Sharon to register your interest, or to ask any questions that you might have. It is a weekly course, with breaks for the school holidays.

