

ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Please remember the following :

† Caterina Gravestock, Margaret Stacey, Earnest Stacey, Trenette Betts, John Brown, Marie Cogan, Anna Goral, Mary Hudson, Danny Burr, Thomas Enstone, Ellen Griffiths, Robert Plantin, Jeanne Lawton, Samuel John O'Rourke, Christine Rigg, Bernard and Jack Collins, Rose Hatch, Peter Bannon, Arthur McLoughlin, Evelyn O'Connell, Marjorie Dixon, Harry Quinn, Albert Mayer, Joan Katnic, Mrs Nena Spalding, Sheila Baker, Fr. Ignatius St. Lawrence, Danielle Key, Martin Browne, John Barker, Olive Harvey, Elena Newland, Donald Seaman, Alice Wheatcroft, Maria Edwards, Patricia Fazakerley, Michael Burke, Harry Adamson, Agnes Harman, Yvonne Shepherd, Alex Jordan, Maureen Reader, Rose Murphy, Mary Parkins, Ernest Standing, Tinka McKelvie, Michael O'Flaherty, Betty Wallen, Dorothy Kells †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

And you, O Lord, have made me glad; for all your works I'll be singing; the righteous flourish like the grass which from the earth keeps springing.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. 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, 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:** 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, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Lucille Parker, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Margaret Everett, Christine Leaver,.

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.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Mon 2-4pm; Tues 8am -

12noon; Weds 8.30am - 5.30pm; Thurs

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

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear friends,

In the light of the impending downfall of Jerusalem, the prophet Ezekiel speaks about a new beginning brought about by God which will come through the agency of a 'chosen one' (namely, the *Messiah*). How this process starts, and unfolds, is compared to the way a great tree – a cedar - begins life as a tiny shoot. As the cedar tree is symbolic of David's kingdom, the prophecy contained in the 1st Reading indicates that David's kingdom will not only be restored to its former glory but will be fulfilled in the kingdom of the Messiah, the Christ. We are also reminded that this new kingdom can only be brought about through God's direction and power.

The gospel is very much connected with 1st Reading. Here, Jesus explains through two parables, how the Kingdom of God works. He says, the Kingdom of God is like a man who plants the seed into the ground and goes to sleep. The farmer's job is to sow the seed. He can do nothing to make the plant grow. His staying awake, his worrying about whether the seed will sprout will not help the process; he has to be patient and to wait in hope. Initially, after having sown the seed, nothing much is happening on the outside, but the miracle of growth is taking place within.

Similarly, when we pray or do good works nothing may seem to be happening, but we need to wait patiently for the Lord to do his work in His way. In the second parable Jesus compares the Kingdom to the little mustard seed that grows into the largest shrub so that the birds of the air can shelter and nest in it. It is in humble beginnings that great things are achieved. The kingdom of God is within us and grows silently. Its growth is invisible but certain because God is in charge. Sometimes we find it hard to believe because we want tangible proof and speedy action. God works differently! We are called to be patient and to sow good seeds and leave the rest to God. The contrast between the smallness of the seed with the enormity of the tree indicates that small beginnings can have a large impact!

This weekend we give thanks and pray for all Fathers, asking God to bless them in this most important vocation. We remember too the Fathers who are have died and pray that they may be held in God's love.

Next weekend we welcome Bishop Alan to our parish for his visitation. It will be a weekend of special celebration as he Confirms 12 of our young people.

Have a good week.



16th JUNE – 24th JUNE 2018

Saturday 16th	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP (Marjorie and Family) <i>and Intentions of Nigel Mack on his 60th Birthday</i> (Joan and Tony McD)
Sunday 17th	8.45am*	11th Sunday of the Year For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marion Wainwright RIP (Lorna)
Monday 18th	9.15am	Feria Journey Mercy (Justine Nwankwo)
Tuesday 19th	9.15am*	Feria Kitty Grange RIP (Pat Sach)
Wednesday 20th	11.30am	Feria Rina Savo RIP (Fabiola Tredgett)
Thursday 21st	9.15am	St Aloysius Gonzaga Eucharistic Service
Friday 22nd	9.15am	SS John Fisher, Bp and Thomas More, Mm For the Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 23rd	6.00pm	Mr and Mrs Mimpres, and their Son Peter, RIP (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 24th	8.45am*	Nativity of St. John the Baptist / Confirmation Douglas Woulds Senior RIP (D. Woulds)
	10.45am	For All Parishioners

*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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

VACANCIES

St. George's Catholic Primary School

are seeking to appoint a supportive and caring Learning Support Assistant to work in Reception as part of the EYFS team. Experience or a background study in Early Years is essential. The post is for 30 contracted hours per week. This position is permanent. Full details on our website www.sgcps.co.uk

Closing date is the 27th June 2018.

St. Ursula's Catholic Federation, Romford are looking for a Deputy Head Teacher (KS2).

Application closing date: Friday 29th June; Interviews: Monday 11th July. Job start: September 2018/ October Half Term.

To arrange a visit to our school or request details and an application form please contact: Miss Sophia Morrison, School Business Manager on 01708 343170.

New Hall School require a Teacher of Mathematics to start in either September 2018 or January 2019. Closing Date 18th June. Interview Date 22 June.

More details available from: - www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

ST THOMAS MORE ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS & SOCIAL

The annual St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass & Social will take place at 8pm on Thursday 21st June in the school at Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff. All past pupils, governors and members of staff are invited to attend to remember those deceased members of the school community and, after the Mass, enjoy a few drinks and a sumptuous buffet whilst renewing acquaintances.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to

add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete,

And so, he called it Dad.

ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science

Open Evening for Year 5 Students

Wednesday 4 July 2018

6pm to 9pm

We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2019.



We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, on Tuesday 9 October, Wednesday 10 October and Thursday 11 October between 9.30am and 11.00am. No appointments are necessary: guided tours will be available from Reception between these times.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING

Taking place on Thursday 12th July, from 6pm to 9pm, for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019. Come and see the school, and meet the staff and pupils. The Head



Teacher's talk will begin at 7pm. For more information, please visit www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

SUMMER AFTERNOON CONCERT

in aid of Havens Hospices

Sunday 1st July at 2pm

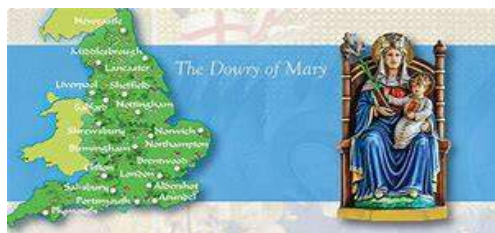
The Two Elizabeth's - Elizabeth Dunlop and Elizabeth Upsher, Pupils and Guests present a Summer Afternoon Concert.

Tickets cost £10.00 (including cake and tea) and it takes place in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff SS0 7JP

Please ring Elizabeth 01702 347369 to book your seats. (Please do book in advance for catering purposes). All profits go to Havens Hospices. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

PREPARING FOR THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every English Catholic Cathedral between 2018 and 2020. It will be coming to Brentwood Cathedral between the 19th and 21st July and there is a whole programme of events, as well as an Exhibition. Further details from www.dowrytour.org.uk



COFFEE MORNING

This weekend Group 669 will be raising money for Parish Infrastructure. Please come along after the 10.45am Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and catch up with your friends.



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

24th June - Confirmation Group

1st July - ACROSS

8th July - Family Group

SHARE THE JOURNEY

On September 27, 2017, Pope Francis launched the worldwide, two-year "Share the Journey" campaign calling on Catholics and the faithful to 'encounter' migrants and refugees in an effort to break down barriers of fear and suspicion and build bridges of understanding and hospitality. In support of this campaign, members from our Youth Justice and Peace group will be making a short presentation at all the Masses this weekend.

For more information, please see www.sharejourney.org/

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Just a reminder to all Confirmandi that your rehearsal is in Church this Friday, 22nd June, at 7pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Day for Life

This year the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as a practical and emotional support can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life.

As Pope Francis has said, "The trade in human beings violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity." Jesus also tells us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10 NJB) Many people do not live life to the full because they are traded as objects and not recognised as persons. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity.

Further information is available on www.dayforlife.org
Please give what you can today.
Thank you.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Long-Life Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Cartons of Fruit Juice (large and small) and small packets of crisps.

We are always on the look out for donations of new or freshly laundered Boxer Shorts in Small or X-Small.

Thanks to all of you for your donations, as well as the cash received in the past week.

SSAFA THANKS

SSAFA would like to thank everyone who donated books, and bought books from their stand at the Fayre. A magnificent £90 was made, and this money will go towards helping a veteran in the town.

A big thank you.

Ray Law.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £780.70 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 30th June

2pm-5pm

Lewis Dye invites you to join him for Afternoon Tea in St. George's Church Hall.

There will be a selection of sandwiches, cream scones and cakes, along with tea, coffee or soft drinks for £10. Include a glass of Prosecco for



£3 extra per glass. This is all in aid of his trip to Ecuador in Summer 2019 with Outlook Expeditions, supported by St. Thomas More High School. During the trip he will be helping with local projects out there.

For more information and tickets, please contact 07598 249494.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The parish has handed out some invitations to this Mass which Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th July (4pm). If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to receive an invitation, please speak to Fr Brett or Sharon.

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

GROUP

We meet in the Committee Room of St. George's Church on Tuesday 19th June, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY SPONSORED WALK

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported us in the recent above walk. A total of £565 was raised which has now been forwarded to the Charity. A most enjoyable walk with 20 in total!

Margaret and John Munson

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to everyone who supported or helped at our Coffee Morning last Sunday. £118 was raised for Parish funds.

GARDEN SEED SPREADER

We have a Garden Seed Spreader left over from the Summer Fayre Plant Stall. It has hardly been used. Nearly new - anyone want it for around £15 ono??

Please contact Sharon in the office if you are interested.

SUMMER FAYRE THANKS!

Wow! What a super afternoon we all had at the Fayre last weekend. The sun shone, and there was a great sense of community over at St. Gregory's. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. You are all truly wonderful!

CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Does your child attend a non-Catholic Primary School? If so, would you be interested in your child having some kind of Catechesis through the church? At present we are trying to get an idea of numbers before we look at putting something in place. Can you please email or telephone the office with your details if this is something that you are keen on. It would also be helpful to know what days of the week your child would be available.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Lily Belle Ringrose into our faith community as her family celebrate her Baptism this weekend. Congratulations to all.

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

