

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Anne Cadman, Brenda Patterson, Agnes Mullins, Tracey Baker, Terence Peter O'Brien, Charles James, Alice 'Maudie' 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. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. 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, Edith Kemp, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kallogerides, 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.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



SOMETIMES A PARENT CAN SURPRISE YOU

From today's Gospel: That is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you forgive your brother from your heart!

Soon after passing her driving test, after much pleading, her Dad agreed to insure her on the new family car. Then, again after much persuasion, he allowed her to take her friends for a trip to Southend.

She was very careful. She kept to the speed limit, and was careful to park in a safe spot.

But, on the way home, crunch! She never saw the other car. In an instant, the front bumper, headlight and part of the door became a crumbled mass of metal.

She wanted to die. Dad would kill her. 'I'll be grounded for life.'

As she turned into the driveway, her parents were waiting. When they saw her drive up, they ran outside. She knew that they didn't look very happy. Dad ran ahead of Mum - and right past the damage. He took his daughter's hand and helped her out of the car. 'Dad, I'm so sorry...' she stammered. But he wouldn't let her finish. 'Are you alright? Were you hurt? Was anybody hurt?' he wanted to know, hugging her tighter and tighter.

She began to cry - a little surprised that her Dad was so understanding, and a little ashamed that she had expected so little from him.

We've all had similar experiences. Just when we expected to pay the price for hurting and letting someone down, they responded with understanding, compassion and immediate forgiveness. So it is with God, who always welcomes us back to him without condition or limit.

The great mystery of faith is that God continues to love us, continues to call us back to him, continues to help us repair the damage we cause. All God asks of us is that we forgive one another as he forgives us, that we lift up those who stumble as God lifts us up when we stumble. What do we find to be the biggest obstacle to forgiving someone who hurts us?

Prayer: Loving Father, help us to let go of our angers or resentments, our embarrassments and disappointments, in order to begin repairing our brokenness with others and with you.

16th SEPTEMBER – 24th SEPTEMBER 2017

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Home Mission Day

Saturday 16th	6.00pm	Deceased Members of the Bygrave Family (Sue Turner and Family)
Sunday 17th		<i>24th Sunday of the Year (Home Mission Day)</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Paddy and Blanche Special Ints (Sylvia)
Monday 18th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Alan Munson RIP and Margaret and Peter Duffy RIP (Margaret and John Munson)
Tuesday 19th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	Marie Burke RIP (Betty and Pat O'Sullivan)
Wednesday 20th		<i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Comps.</i>
	11.30am	Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah
Thursday 21st		<i>St Matthew</i>
	9.15am	Special Intentions (N. Haynes)
Friday 22nd		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Special Intentions of Sylvia Asuquo
Saturday 23rd		
	6.00pm	Barbara, Harry and Marjorie Quinn RIP (Ernie Quinn)
Sunday 24th		<i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	Intentions of Kathleen Davies (Ted Brown)
	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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day takes place in Panama in January 2019 and is open to anyone aged from school year 12 to age 27 **at the time of travel**. For more information please visit www.bcys.net where you will be able to learn what the trip entails, timing (how this might impact you), and vitally the cost.

The parish will look to help and support **anybody who wishes to attend**. **Please do not let the cost put you off - we will do all we can to help you raise the money**

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Fruit, Evaporated Milk, Dream Topping and Angel Delight. 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.

P.S. Please, no more tea bags for the time being.

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.

RCIA COURSE

Our course for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church begins this coming Monday, the 18th September, at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the back of the Church. More details from the office.

PETER'S PENCE

Bishop Alan has received a letter of thanks from Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, Substitute of the Secretariat of State, who wrote on behalf of the Holy Father to thank our diocese for the offering of £19,690. These contributions not only reflect the bond between this diocese and the Apostolic See but also assist the Holy Father in carrying out his universal ministry of caring for the entire Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

led by Bishop Alan - 28 May 2018

Inaugural Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 28th May 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included.

Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. There will also be a visit to Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Westport and other famous sights in Co. Mayo.

For further information please contact 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

UNITED HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SERVICE

Taking place this Sunday, 17th September, at 3pm at Goodmans, High Street, Great Wakering. Come and join with our friends from the Methodist Church with whom we are sharing the service.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER MARY STEPHEN

Saturday 7 October 2017 @ 11.30am

at St Bernard's High School

If you knew Sister Mary Stephen and wish to come to the Memorial Mass you are very welcome. We ask that you let us know so seating is adequate and the venue is appropriate. Please email sboga.stbernards@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend.

VACANCIES

Marriage Care, Ilford is looking for a volunteer to carry out PR work for Marriage Preparation. Training will be given. Please email Glenda on: marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk
New Hall School, Chelmsford, have various vacancies. Please go to: - www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669 will be raising money for the infrastructure of the Parish. Tea, Coffee and some scrummy cakes will be the order of the day! All welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS!

Forms are now available in the porches of both churches for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Your child must be going into Year 3 or above to take part. The initial Parents Meeting will take place on Monday the 9th October at 7pm in St. George's Church and we expect at least one parent from each family to attend.



The Children's Sessions will take place on Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm, beginning on the 2nd November.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



RETIRING COLLECTION

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we could pray for the people we carry in our hearts to encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards can be ordered from homemission.org.uk
If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via homemission.org.uk
Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September, at 1.45pm for 2pm in St. George's Church Hall. All welcome.



"Defying Poverty"



Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm
St George's Church

A feast of music to support some of the world's poorest people.

Featuring the *St George's Youth Choir* and a host of talented musicians.

Hosted by St George's Youth Justice and Peace Group.

Free entry but donations welcome.



ALTAR SERVER NEWS

Thanks to our wonderful band of Altar Servers who regularly appear at Mass. We are very grateful for your service.

If you would like to come and join them, and have at least made your First Holy Communion, please stay behind after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday 1st October and Shawn, our MC, will tell you all about it.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Sharon is now taking bookings for Fr Brett to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic school place for your child. Fr Brett can only provide you with a certificate if you are known to him, and are a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe you fit this criteria please ring or email the office to book your appointment. Appointments will take place in early October.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK FUNDING APPEAL: Target £430,000.

Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. An appeal will be made on 23rd/24th September. Please support it as generously as you can; in the words of Bishop Alan "This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese." Thank you.

Please note - can all Gift Aiders use their designated Youth Sunday envelopes dated 26th November for this appeal. We have been asked by the Diocese NOT to have the Youth collection in November, and to support the Abbotswick Funding Appeal instead.

'ALLO, 'ALLO EVENING

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our French-themed evening on Saturday. You will be pleased to know that the amount made for the parish came to £1205, and a good time was had by all!

Thanks also go to the amazing band of helpers, and everyone who donated raffle prizes. We couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, two people have to be singled out for special mention - Dianne Alexander who, despite working full time, managed to organise the evening and do much of the shopping; and Mike McGettigan. Mike was only drafted in at the last minute but managed to cook a superb meal and made sure it was beautifully presented. No mean feat when you are catering for around 80 people. Grateful thanks go to both of you.

BRASS CLEANER NEEDED

A very big thank you to Patricia, who has faithfully cleaned the brassware in the church for several years. She is now taking a break for a while. We are now looking for a willing volunteer to help out. Please contact the office for details.