

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.†

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 8.45am and 6pm

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Lauda, Jerusalem, Dominum.

Lauda Deum Tu-um Sion.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna Filio David!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. 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, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, 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.

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.

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The Body and Blood of Christ - Year A



Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of *The Body and Blood of Christ* (which used to be known as 'Corpus Christi').

When we routinely do anything, we can often lose sight of the significance and importance of it, and our coming together to celebrate Mass each week is no exception to that. So today, we are once again reminding ourselves of the unique place that the Eucharist has in our lives and its importance for us and the world around us.

We believe that Jesus intentionally associated his life, death and resurrection with the Passover meal (which came to be known as 'the last supper'), and this gift of His very self was given to us, His Church that we might commune with the risen and glorified Lord. St Paul states this very clearly in the 2nd Reading – "The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ."



As Christ is present to us in love, so we are called to be present to others in love. It is very easy to view Holy Communion as a 'holy thing' that we get, to make us holy. The problem with this is that it is a rather static understanding of what the Eucharist and Holy Communion is about. Holy Communion is really a dynamic, flowing reality; Jesus' self-gift is testament to that. Thus, through our reception of Holy Communion we pray that Jesus' essence of self-gift may be reflected in our lives too. When we are present to each other in a spirit of openness, compassion and kindness then we manifest what we celebrate each week at the altar. Our parish summer fayre is an example of holy communion. Engaging with each other, drinking Sangria (well, some of us were), laughing together, sharing stories and parts of our life, all glued together by a willingness to support and serve the community.

Wishing you all every blessing,

Fr Brett

17th JUNE – 25th JUNE 2017

The Body and Blood of Christ - Year A - Day for Life

Saturday 17th	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 18th		<i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of Tom and Chris (Sylvia)
Monday 19th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.00am	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Kells
Tuesday 20th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	Hermann-Josef Buddenbrock RIP (Ted Brown)
Wednesday 21st		<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Patricia Bowers RIP
Thursday 22nd		<i>St John Fisher and St Thomas More</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 23rd		<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
	9.15am	Joyce Wiggins RIP (Anne Brown)
Saturday 24th		
	6.00pm	Douglas Woulds Snr RIP (Doug Woulds)
Sunday 25th		<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Emmanuel and Precious Ewalefo - Wedding Blessings (Sylvia)

*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.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Yes, we have finally moved into the 21st century and have our own Facebook page! Please type in St George and the English Martyrs and *Like* our page.



THANK YOU !

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cancer Research Coffee Morning last Sunday. £128 was raised!

HEALING MASS

At Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood on Wednesday 21st June at 2.30pm. Please call 01277 373959 for more information. All welcome!

NATIONAL DAY FOR PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE Wednesday 21st June 2017.

On the vigil of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, please Pray and Fast for the end of abortion in this country. Thousands of babies are saved from abortion each year by Catholic, Pro-Life work, backed up with your Prayer and Fasting.

CANCER RESEARCH CAKE 'n' COFFEE MORNING

Taking place in St. Peter's Church Hall, Hinguar Street, on Saturday 24th June from 10am until 12.30pm. Various stalls selling gifts etc., as well as cakes and refreshments.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Youth J & P Group meet up once again this Friday, the 23rd June, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We welcome anyone from Year 8 upwards. Come along and make a difference.

SSAFA

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SSAFA Book stall at the Summer Fair. The Stall made £104.00, which is the best ever. Thank You again, and the monies will go towards Veteran's welfare.

Caroline Statham

OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £753.22, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy amounted to £411.98. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

WEDDING NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the Wedding of James Andrew Gillies and Kellie Ann Pearson will take place in St. George's Church on Friday the 23rd June at 1pm. We wish you both a beautiful celebration and a very happy and blessed life together.



DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES

(3rd of 4): Wednesday 21 June, Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, 7.30pm.

Father Martin Boland (Dean of the Cathedral) will speak on 'The Diocese Today: A Reflection.'

MEETING THE 'LIVING GOD' SEMINARS 2017

Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood.

Seminar 5: "God has a dream for each one of us."

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

Date: Saturday 24th June 2017, 10.30am-12.00noon

For further information please contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Tel.01277265285.

ST THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL MASS AND SOCIAL

The annual St Thomas More High School Memorial Mass & Social will take place this coming Thursday, 22nd June, in the school at 8pm.

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 sumptuous buffet whilst renewing acquaintances with past school friends and former teachers/colleagues.

FR GERARD BUTCHER RIP

You will be very sorry to hear that Fr Gerry Butcher, a retired priest of the diocese, died peacefully at Nazareth House on 10th June. Please do remember him in your prayers. Details of his funeral will be sent as soon as they are available.

VERDI: REQUIEM

Verdi: Requiem sung by Southend Choral Society and Eastwood Chorale and Southend Concert Orchestra, at Brentwood Cathedral at 8 p.m. on Saturday 24th June, in aid of Silver Birch - Dementia Care.

Tickets 01702 465460. £10 and £8 concessions.

POPPIES

Sunday 25th June, 7pm – Poppies: Wave on Barge Pier, Gunner's Park, Shoeburyness. Performance of Roger Humphrey's work for choirs and brass band, "Never Forget" – a work to commemorate the centenary of WW1. Featuring Southend Choral Society, Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs, and Rayleigh Brass. The event is to mark the closing of the Poppies exhibition on Barge Pier, and will be followed by a massed performance of The Last Post. The event is free for all to attend, and no booking is required. Dress for the outdoors as there is no cover.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669 are back in action, raising money towards parish infrastructure. We look forward to seeing you there!



Next weekend, we will be raising money for the Parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend - We will be collecting for Day for Life. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, as well as projects that seek to care for life at every stage and in every condition.

1/2 July - There will be a collection for Peter's Pence. This the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS

A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit us next weekend, the 24th-25th June, to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated ("when you help the poor you help our Lord").

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Dorothy Kells

Who passed away on the 8th June 2017

Requiem Mass taking place at St. George's on Monday 19th June at 9am

Requiescat in Pace

MASS CHANGES

Again we have two Requiem Masses taking place at St. George's this week. The Mass on Monday will be replaced by the Requiem for Dorothy Kells at 9am. Dorothy will be brought into church at 4.30pm on Sunday afternoon. On Wednesday we will hold the Requiem Mass for Patricia Bowers at 10am. Please remember both ladies, and their family and friends, in your prayers.

The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

HOMELESS NEWS

Appeal from HARP

HARP are looking for volunteers to help collect donations on Saturday 15th July between the hours of 9am-5pm at Waitrose Fossetts Way, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4DQ.

If you have an hour or two spare on that day please contact Lisa Walton 01702415834/

lisa.walton@harpssouthend.org.uk

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A huge thank you to all who have so generously continued to support our local homeless people (H.A.R.P.) Your kindness has been amazing and makes a huge difference to the recipients.

This month we are asking for individual cartons of fruit juice, individually wrapped cakes/biscuits e.g. KitKats, Penguins, Blue Ribands and small packets of Crisps/Potato Snacks (these will contribute to the night packs).

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we now have ample stock of Tea Bags (Coffee is proving more popular).

Again, many, many thanks for your continued support.

IMPORTANT NEWS RE OFFICE

From the 26th June the Presbytery will temporarily be closed whilst essential repairs / refurbishment work is carried out. It is expected this work will take approximately eight weeks. During this time ***the office will be moved into the Sacristy and all visitors should use the back door to the church*** which will be adequately signposted but is off the driveway at the back of the hall.

Fr Brett will be living offsite during the work but our telephone number / email address will remain the same and messages will be picked up and responded to as usual.

The moving process begins this week. On Tuesday the telephone and broadband will be moved, so there will be periods of time when the telephone system will not be working. Can we ask that, unless your query is urgent, that you do not try and contact the office on Tuesday.

Also, as the whole week will be busy can we ask that you do not pop in unless you have to. Please email or telephone the office, and one of us will get back to you as soon as we are able to. Many thanks to you all for your kind assistance.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We have now booked our coach for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22nd July. As previously mentioned, the coach will be leaving here at around 6am, and returning here around 10pm. We will be joining with hundreds of other pilgrims from our Diocese, in celebration of the Diocesan Centenary. The cost of going is £18 per person, but if anyone feels that this cost would prohibit them going, please speak with Fr Brett in confidence.

So far we have 30 people on the list for the trip. If you haven't yet put your name down, and would like to do so, please speak with Sharon, Graham Alcock (our Walsingham Rep.), or Fr Brett as soon as possible. We are now collecting payment for the pilgrimage, so ask that those who have put their names down forward payment to the Office as soon as possible.

Any spare seats are being offered out to neighbouring parishes.



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.

GOING FORTH MASS

Next weekend we will welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families to the 10.45am Mass, along with the Family Mass Music Group.

It will be a lively, happy celebration, and gives the parish chance to congratulate the children. It will also be a little bit busier than usual!

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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