

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Reginald Chambers, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, Peter Dowie, Christopher Fagan, Tom Gallimore, Sheila Gaunt, Marie Hanley, Cathy Heffernan, Adelaide Hodges, Diane Hogan, Christopher Holden, Bernard Humphrey, Peggy Kateley, Patrick McFadden, Constance Miller, Mick Montague, Mark Murray, Rachel Neale, B.J. O'Connell, Winifred Paterson, Stanley Platt, Jessie Rae, William Ryan, Mark Schneiderhan, Leslie Smith, Ruby Statham, Kurt Stocker, Lily Sutton, Joan Taylor, Phyllis Wallhead, Michael Wilks, Tom Woodman, Martha Zuelchaur, Anthony Maurice Henry Maintenant, David Webber Colman Connolly. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of 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.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Jane Barker, Kitty Grange, 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, 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, Alan Essex, Glenda Rhodes.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Dear friends,

Interesting opening line to the 1st Reading today; "A perfect wife – who can find her?" Husbands, I'd keep quiet if I were you! (Sorry, I'm being mischievous again). These days, this piece of scripture would certainly raise a few eyebrows and probably be classed 'out of date'. Like all the books of the Old Testament, the book of Proverbs is written in a particular social context and structure. When *Proverbs* was written, it was a very patriarchal society, which is very much reflected in this 1st Reading. However, behind the rather old-fashioned idea concerning the husband/wife relationship, there lies an important principle: a virtuous life entails us doing what we are supposed to be doing. Thus, whatever our duties or responsibilities as a husband, wife, Christian, priest etc., they should always be carried out faithfully, diligently and lovingly, having the good of the 'other' in the forefront of our minds.



Using our resources, time, energy and gifts for the good of others, and for building the Kingdom of God, is the teaching behind the parable in today's gospel. Here, a man who is about to go abroad entrusts his servants with his affairs. He gives five, two and one talents to his servants according to each's ability. The first two take a risk and trade with what they are given, and double the amount – result! The third servant plays it safe and buries the talent, yielding nothing. The risk takers are rewarded for their audacity, the one who played it safe is punished. The teaching here is that to invest oneself in the Kingdom of God means taking a risk, simply because to believe and to love are both risks. Let's pray for the courage and wisdom to take risks for God's Kingdom!

Thinking about using our time, energy and resources for the benefit of something beyond ourselves, next weekend is our joint parish/school Christmas Fayre. Please support it in any way you can. This is a big fundraiser for both parties and a wonderful community event.

Hope to see you there ...God bless,
Fr Brett

18th NOVEMBER – 26th NOVEMBER 2017
 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 18th	6.00pm	Hanna Manna RIP (Manna Family)
Sunday 19th		33rd Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Teresa Occhiuto RIP - Anniv. (Schofield Family)
Monday 20th		Feria
	9.15am	For the Holy Souls
Tuesday 21st		The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9.15am*	John Trainor RIP (Roisin Trainor)
Wednesday 22nd		St Cecilia
	11.30am	Dorothy Mary Gibbons RIP
Thursday 23rd		Feria
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 24th		Ss Andrew Dung Lac, Pr and Comps, Mm
	9.15am	Gordon and Nicholas Simmonds RIP (Isabel Simmonds)
Saturday 25th		Feria
	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 26th		Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Youth Day)
	8.45am*	Deceased Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan
	10.45am	Shirley Sharrad RIP (Anne and Bernard Chalk)

*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 of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting our very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Friday 8th December, 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-



looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person.

To reserve your ticket, please call Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £731.32 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to all who contributed.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD

Autumn Seminar

Topic: **The Advent Journey**, speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm. Date: **25th November 10.30am-12.00noon**

The venue is Cathedral House conference centre Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Tel. 01277 265285
 Email:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Please look at www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk for more information. Young people of all ages are warmly invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va where there is excellent content, and an online questionnaire – deadline for responses is November 30th 2017. For everything going on in the Diocese look at www.bcys.net where online applications for our Advent Retreat 2017 and Summer Lourdes 2018 are open.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 December at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Tony Galcius (Chairman of the Society) will speak on 'The Holy Graffiti in the Tower of London.' All are welcome.

**ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL
6TH FORM OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 23 November, 6pm - 9pm

For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT
ABBOTSWICK
Fundraising Appeal.**

Thank you for your great generosity to the appeal; so far over £60,000 has been raised from parish collections, individuals, and donations from Religious Orders and Companies, to add to the £125,000 raised before the Diocesan Appeal began. However there is still a long way to go to reach the £430,000 total needed, so if you are able to donate please visit www.bcys.net/abbotswick for online donations or send a cheque payable to “Abbotswick Funding” to Fr Dominic Howarth, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH. There will be an open afternoon on Saturday 13th January 2018 for anyone who would like to visit and see the completed refurbishments.

**The Art of Dying Well – November,
the Month to Remember**

During the month of November, we particularly remember and pray for the dead.

On the Art of Dying Well's Instagram memorial page, you can submit names/photos and or memories of people you have known who have died. We are inviting you to post, via the Art of Dying Well's Instagram or Twitter platforms (@artofdyingwell), pictures or memories of your loved ones who are dying or who have already died. It is also a chance to remember those who you have not personally known, but who come to mind because they have no one else left to pray for them.

By tagging @ArtofDyingWell with #RememberThem, the photos/ names will then be shared with five convents and abbeys who will remember and pray for those featured.

The Carmelites of Notting Hill speak about the #RememberThem initiative: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSbrNHEjOIM>

Visit The Art of Dying Well for more information:

www.artofdyingwell.org

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the coffee morning will be run by our First Holy Communion Group. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be on offer - plus it is a good chance to come and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you there.



Next weekend it is the turn of the Confirmation Group to raise money for their resources.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be having our collection for Christmas Flowers in both churches. Our lovely flower arrangers all work very hard throughout the year, but particularly pull out all the stops for Christmas. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Please note, this collection replaces the collection for Youth Sunday, which was brought forward to September by the Diocese.

**SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE
GROUP**

We meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday 21st November, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

**ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL / PARISH
JOINT CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 25th November 2017
From 12 noon**

Please note this is next weekend!

We are still looking for Bottles and any type of Chocolate 🍫 for tombolas .

Also, any cakes and mince pies can be brought into the school on the morning of the Fayre, from 9am; or can be brought into the school or parish offices the day before.

Please return any Grand Draw tickets to the Church Office or St. George's School Office 😊

Thank you for all your generous donations .

We look forward to see you all there on the day 🎅🍷🎁

PPC AGM

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6pm this Sunday, the 19th November, in the hall. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm. Everyone welcome.

SHOEBOXES

This is the last weekend that shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child can be brought back. Please do not leave in the church porch after this Sunday. Thanks to all who have brought theirs back to the school or church already.

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

The new rota for the next twelve months has now been finalised and emailed to all those people who asked to host one. Please telephone the office if you have not yet received yours. There are two spaces available in August if anyone would like one. We have also decided not to run a Coffee Morning on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve or Easter Sunday. However, if you or your charity feel that you would like to run one on any of these days then either email or telephone Sharon.

400 CLUB

The lucky winners of our most recent draw are: - £50 Mr A. Barrett; £20 Mrs D. Alexander; £15 Mrs C. Statham and £15 Mrs M. Wade. Congratulations to you all! Remember, you need to be in it to win it! Forms coming out soon for 2018.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel and Long-Life or Powdered Milk. Thank you so much to you all for your generosity.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

A very big thank you to everyone who signed cards and supported our fundraising drive towards postage costs last weekend. You will be pleased to know that 120 cards were signed, we received £120.75 towards postage, and a further £ 216.16 was made at the Coffee Morning. Well done to you all!

SICK CLERGY

Please remember in your prayers those priests of our diocese who are unwell at this time:- Canon Tony McKentey who is seriously ill and in Critical Care following two recent operations. Fr Leslie Knight who is convalescing at Littlehampton and making good progress following a hip replacement Fr Martin Nott who is receiving care at Nazareth House following his recent operation. Fr John Taylor who had a fall recently, but remains in good spirits. Fr Tom Jordan who continues with further tests and treatment. He is gradually picking up more of his duties as Parish Priest.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor in his apostolic letter, "Misericordia et misera," presented on November 20, 2016 at the end of the Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy.

It is to be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – this year falling on November 19. The idea came about, the Pope explained, during the Jubilee for Socially Excluded People which took place at the Vatican. This event particularly highlighted the plight of all homeless people.

"At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need," the Pope explained in the message.

On this day Pope Francis will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Afterward, there will be a lunch for the poor, serving around 500, in the Pope Paul VI Hall.

The theme for the World Day of the Poor, which includes a special logo depicting an open door, and one person welcoming another inside, is "Let us love, not with words but with deeds."

Pope Francis' Message for the First World Day of the Poor can be viewed at: https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html



BAPTISM COURSE

It is a requirement of the Catholic Church that you attend a course if you are planning on having your child baptised. Ours is a one-off session with the next one taking place on Wednesday 6th December, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

A great big **Thank You** to everyone who came, supported and helped at this years Parish Firework Display. It was a lovely, community occasion, and we raised £691.81 each for both the Parish and HCPT 192. Special thanks go to Jeremy Shallis, and Suzanne, Brian and their Team for their hard work.