

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. †

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord by God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. 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, 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, Joan O'Connor.

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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Dear friends,

In today's first reading Jeremiah is burdened by a ministry he does not want and feels dejected by the hostility of his people. He is commissioned by God to confront the people and give them the bad news that their sins have earned them defeat and death. His message doesn't go down too well, and he is attacked, imprisoned and tortured. Jeremiah desperately wants to give up, but the call of God deep within his being drives him relentlessly on.

Just as Jeremiah spoke of his sufferings, Jesus seems to prepare his disciples for his approaching passion and death. Like Jeremiah, Jesus has to face the consequences of his relationship with God and his mission on earth, which will lead to his passion and violent death. Peter tries to deflect Jesus from the path that lies ahead and says to him, "Lord! This must never happen to you." We might have said a similar thing; "Don't talk about suffering! Can't we find an easier way, one that avoids pain and suffering?"

Jesus denounces Peter: "Get behind me, Satan!" Then turning to the crowds Jesus states the demands of the Gospel with all that they entail. The choice to follow Jesus is exactly that, a choice. However, if the 'wannabe' disciple is going to be true to that choice then they must know that His path is not an easy comfortable path; it demands constant self-denial, a saying 'No' to oneself and 'yes' to God.

Jesus then places the paradox of Christian and human life before his listeners; "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it."

There is a strong temptation in all of us to look for an easy way of doing discipleship, a way that does not demand much effort and involves little or no pain. We are inclined to avoid inconvenience, suffering and hardship.

The scriptures tell us however that if we try to avoid these things in the course of living out our call we will actually lose our way. In human terms, the 'cross' seems an unreasonable and illogical thing to take on; in spiritual terms it is a necessity.

God bless and have a good week,

Fr Brett



2nd SEPTEMBER – 10th SEPTEMBER 2017

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 2nd	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 3rd		<i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	Tom Malley RIP - 3rd Anniv. (Maureen Malley)
	10.45am	Lillian & Leslie DeVuell RIP - remembering them on their wedding anniversary (DeViell Family)
Monday 4th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Nora Duffy RIP (Margaret and John Munson)
Tuesday 5th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Intentions of Dave Townsend (Dianne Alexander)
Wednesday 6th		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	Intentions of Catherine and Ned Harrold (Joan and Tony McDonald)
Thursday 7th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 8th		<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	9.15am	Deceased Members of the Gwilliam and Hunt Families (Paul Gwilliam)
Saturday 9th		
	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 10th		<i>23rd Sunday of the Year (Education Day)</i>
	8.45am*	Suhaila Manna RIP (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Steve Ferne RIP (Sharon and Mark)

*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.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 15th September, from 7.30pm to 9pm. This year we are opening it up to all senior school children, so if you are starting in Year 7 in September you are more than welcome to join us!

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 to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the office and Sharon will pass your details on.

WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE GEORGIAN!

Our next publication of *The Georgian* is coming soon, but NOW is the time for you to start thinking of writing an article for us! The deadline for articles is the 15th September.

Email your hard work (please include photos) to, mcevoy@ymail.com

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the work of the Catholic Education Service. Please give what you can, and those that Gift Aid can use their designated envelopes.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Please note that we have changed our criteria for next year...

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, to register your interest. If you have any questions please speak directly with Fr Brett.

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 September, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY

The above is the journal of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society). The articles in the journal are transcripts of the lectures given at the Society's meetings and there are also several book reviews. Copies are £5 each and are available from Tony Galcius (01708 346219) or from the Brentwood Diocesan Archives (01277 265238).

STUDY DAY AT CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST GIDEA PARK

The next study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, will be led by Mgr David Manson, former Vicar General of the Diocese of Brentwood and expert in Liturgy. He will take as his topic 'The Significance of Sunday', and will explain the contents of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter Dies Domini (The Day of the Lord). The study day will take place on Saturday 28th October, with coffee available from 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. Please make your booking in the usual way by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com. There is no charge for the days. You are invited to bring a packed lunch.

OUR LADY OF CANVEY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

We are running a Parish Pilgrimage from Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018 to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family. Cost will be £1,415. If you are interested or for further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342.

CATHOLIC? GOING TO UNIVERSITY?

Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the University or the local Parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is the chance to share them. All welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, visit the Catholics at University website: - www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.



Come and support this very worthwhile charity whilst enjoying some excellent refreshments in good company. Next weekend we will be raising money for HCPT 192.

COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Brian and Serena Fitzgerald, Penny Kemp, Gabriella Magee, Tom McPhillips and Julie Stubbs who have all been granted faculties by Bishop Alan to act as Ministers of Holy Communion in this parish. Most of them will be commissioned at the 6pm Mass this Saturday.

Thank you to all of you for agreeing to help Fr Brett and the parish in this Ministry.

COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to everyone who supported Save the Children Coffee Morning last weekend, a magnificent total of £162 was raised. A special thank you to all the helpers who came forward at such short notice, especially our baking team for all the 'yummy' cakes!

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.

All other details are on the form.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Isla Mae McPherson



into our faith community as her family celebrate her baptism this weekend.

Congratulations to all.

'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5

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. We are inundated with Tea Bags at present! Thank you so much!

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

'ALLO, ALLO' EVENING

Thanks to everyone who has bought tickets for our 'Allo, Allo' French Evening next Saturday, the 9th September. Unfortunately, Martin Buckley is no longer able to cook for us on the night due to unforeseen circumstances. Instead, we have had the offer of help from the lovely Mike McGettigan, also a trained chef. Thanks very much, Mike, for stepping in at such short notice.

OFFERTORY

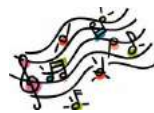
The Offertory for last weekend came to £778.94, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all.

COFFEE MORNINGS

The new Coffee Morning rota will run for a year from the 1st November. If any group would like to be included please email or telephone the office. The rota will be prepared in September.

REPOSITORY NEWS

The Repository Stall will be open on Sunday this weekend, and both days next weekend. Please come along and see some of the new stock.



"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.



BUT YOU, HE SAID - WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? 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 in September. It's 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?

The first meeting will be on Monday the 18th September (**please note change of date**) at 7:30pm in the Committee room at the rear of St Georges. Then weekly thereafter with breaks for the School holidays. Please contact Sharon in the Parish Office so we can note your interest or speak to Fr. Brett after Mass. We, very much, look forward to seeing you!

