

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Please remember the following :

† Carmela Avery, John Stacey, Jamie Turner, John Keller, Jessie Morris, William Coleman, Victor Wyatt, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, Mary Janda, Gordon Simmonds, Mary Parisio, John Downey, Annette Griffin, Kathleen Barrett, Eleanor Robinson, Kathleen Gunther, Rene Montague, Gerhard Zuelchaur, Frank Edward Paine, Maria Camp, Arthur Shailer, Luciano Giardino, Hubertine Burton, Dorothy West, Hugh Mac Gregor, Eddy Linssen, Valentine Collins, Mary Boulton, George Carey, Marion Horne, Bernard Murray, Christopher Willis, Jean and Tony Tonking, Godfrey Wade, Gary Follett, James O'Donovan, Norman Sach, Cathleen Lawrie, Michael O'Donovan.
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MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the good news.
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, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, 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:

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, Esmé Kelly, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B



A SAINT FOR TODAY

Wednesday is the feast day of St Francis de Sales (1567-1622). He was born in the Chateau de Sales near the Italian border. He came from a wealthy family, and was marked out by his father to be a magistrate, but Francis felt called to the priesthood. In 1593, he was sent on a mission to the largely Protestant region of Chablais, where faced with great personal danger and much suffering, he won over many of the Calvinists to Catholicism by his great charity and service to all.

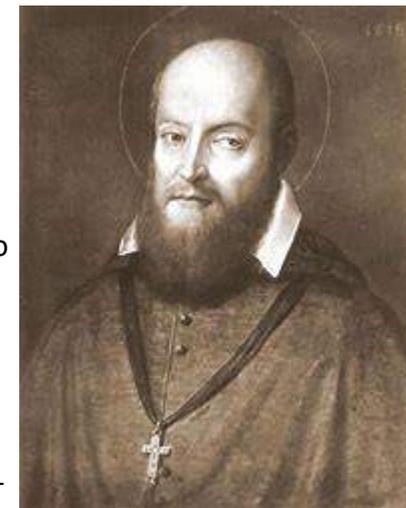
Among his pet phrases were.... 'You achieve more with a spoonful of honey than a barrel full of vinegar', 'Be careful not to be like an angel on the street and a devil at home' and 'Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength'.

He was consecrated Bishop of Geneva in 1602.

His simple, yet searching book 'An Introduction to the Devout Life' (1609) has been widely regarded as a spiritual classic, and over the past 400 years has never been out of print!

Perhaps his most famous prayer begins: 'Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day.....'.

(A card with the complete prayer is available today).



20th JANUARY – 28th JANUARY 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 20th	6.00pm	Norman Sach RIP - 2nd Anniv. (Pat Sach and Family)
Sunday 21st	8.45am*	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day) For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marek Kanafa RIP (Kamilla and Julia)
Monday 22nd	9.15am	Feria Sylvain St. Jean RIP (Tony and Joan McD)
Tuesday 23rd	9.15am*	Feria James Littleton RIP
Wednesday 24th	11.30am	St. Francis de Sales Intentions of Joan Butcher (Pat Sach)
Thursday 25th	9.15am	The Conversion of St Paul George Hart RIP (Ted Brown)
Friday 26th	9.15am	SS Timothy and Titus Intentions of Anne Jones and Family (Anne and Bernard Chalk)
Saturday 27th	6.00pm	Michael O'Donovan RIP - and for the Intentions of Everyone who was so kind during Michael's illness (Jean Donovan)
Sunday 28th	8.45am*	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial Justice Day) For All Parishioners
	10.45am	In Thanksgiving for the Ward and Clarke Families - and Michael Clarke RIP (Shawn and Anne)

*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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Dublin, 21st-26th August 2018.

This is a major international event held every three years, for families



to come together celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central

importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

To find out more visit <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>.

A substantial bursary is available for one family from the south east - for an application pack email marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org (completed application and reference required by 31st January).

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWHAM, AT 110 YEARS

St Helen's Catholic Primary School in Canning Town, Newham, is appealing to all past pupils or their relatives. They are seeking copies of old school photographs, reports and records as part of the preparations for their 110th anniversary. The school is particularly looking for photographs and information from 1907-1941 as original documents were destroyed in the blitz.

Please contact 020 7476 1785 or email:

info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Annual Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place this year at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 10th March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment : 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.

St Teresa of Calcutta

VACANCIES

Finance Office in Brentwood. HR/Operations Officer (Payroll experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working three days a week (21 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact : - finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/ applications is Friday 2nd February 2018. Interviews week commencing 12th February 2018.

Missio, the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission: - We have a freelance vacancy to be engaged on a Casual Contract for a Proofreader to work with our supportive fundraising team. The role requires someone with good proofreading and copy-editing skills to work on a variety of Missio's publications and educational resources in MS Word and Adobe formats. Candidates should contact Richard Hopper: recruitment@missio.org.uk ; 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU Telephone: 020 7821 9755 for a Job Description. Closing date 26th January 2018. For further information please visit www.missio.org.uk .

SPIRITUALITY SEMINARS

at Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM15 8AT

Saturday February 10th 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: The Mass Explained.

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon.

Saturday March 24th 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: Lent and the call to holiness.

Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.

Contact Details: Tel 01277 265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend HCPT 192 will be raising money for their pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments, plus the added benefit of lots of nice people! The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -



28 Jan - Homeless

4 Feb - Parish Gardening Group

11 Feb - 669

MAGIC NIGHT

On Saturday 3rd February we are holding a Magic Night in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm, in aid of Parish funds. Tickets are now on sale from the office at a cost of £10 for adults and £6 for children, including

a Fish and Chip Supper. There will be an alternative of Sausage and Chips but this will have to be booked with Sharon in the office when purchasing the tickets. All monies will need to be paid in advance of the event.



PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

As previously mentioned we are having our annual get together for all of our lovely volunteers on Saturday 10th February, straight after the 6pm Mass in the Church Hall. We ask that you let Sharon know that you are coming for catering purposes please.

RETIRING COLLECTION

A retiring collection for the Homeless will be taken next weekend, the 27/28 January. If you Gift Aid you will not have a specially printed envelope in your box so please ensure you pick up a "special Gift Aid" envelope on the day so that on behalf of HARP we can claim and pass to them the tax relief.

THANK YOU!

Our grateful thanks go to the lovely Fr Martin Joyce for looking after us for the last couple of weekends. Fr Martin will be back with us at the end of April

The equally lovely (I have to say that - he gets upset otherwise) Fr Brett will be back in harness on Friday 26th January, hopefully rested, refreshed and germ-free!

REQUEST FROM MATT WALLEN

At the end of the month the Humanities Club at Shoeburyness High School will be running a raffle for charity. Does anyone have any unwanted Christmas presents (adult or year 7-13 appropriate) please that they would be willing to donate. See Matt after the 10.45am Mass or telephone Sharon in the office if you can help in any way.

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 7th February, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Thank you to all who supported or helped at the St. John Bosco Camp coffee morning last weekend. £130 was raised!

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

IN MEMORY OF KATE

As mentioned last week, Kate died suddenly at the age of 40, leaving her two sons, Jack and Charley, aged 18 and 13. Friends have set up a Just Giving page to help towards funeral and living costs for the boys. Many of our parishioners have donated already. If you wish to, please go to: - www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helpjackandcharley The family have been very grateful for the support shown so far.

300 (OR IS IT GOING TO BE 400?) CLUB

Forms are available from the Ushers for those looking to join/rejoin our 300 Club. Cost is £6 per number, buy 5 numbers for £30 and get the sixth one free!

There is a draw every month, with the prizes being £50, £20 and £15. If we sell over 400 numbers, then we have a 4th prize of £15 too!

We have now sold just over 300 tickets. Let's try and get to the magic 400, shall we?? Please get your forms in as soon as possible ready for the January Draw!

REPOSITORY NEWS

Two pieces of news!

Firstly, Serena is planning to re-open the repository table on Saturday 3rd February and all weeks thereafter until the Easter weekend. There will be items and cards for St. Patrick's Day, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, as well as the usual, general things.

If anyone needs anything before this date please speak with Sharon in the office and she can get a message to Serena.

Secondly, St. George's porch will be a no-go area from 10am Monday morning through until 11am on Wednesday morning. We are starting work on refitting the area to accommodate the Repository, as well as generally make the area more user-friendly.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Sugar, Sauce Mixes, *plus* Cartons of Fruit Juices...either large or small multi-packs.

We are also looking for new or laundered Boxer Shorts again - only X-Small, Small or Medium, please.

Again, many thanks to everyone for their generosity.

YOUTH MASS

First Wednesday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral

Please join us for Youth Mass each month at the Cathedral - everyone is very welcome to attend and stay for refreshments in the conference rooms after!

We are very pleased to welcome the Mizens to speak before the Youth Mass in February—Jimmy Mizen was a 16-year-old schoolboy from Lewisham who lost his life in an unprovoked attack in a bakery in 2008. Barry and his wife, Margaret Mizen spoke of compassion rather than revenge and since then have worked tirelessly with young people across the country sharing Jimmy's story and delivering programmes in schools across south-east London.

The talk will take place in the conference room at Brentwood Cathedral from 6:30, with pizza and refreshments available. To find out more about the Mizens please visit www.forjimmy.org

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £766.37 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.