

## ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

† Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wick-er †

## MASS RESPONSES

**Responsorial Psalm 8.45am and 6pm**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm 10.45am**

All you nations sing out your joy to the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." 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, Margaret Harrington, Roland de Cruz, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connoly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron.

**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, Anna Cohen, 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.

**Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**

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*The Catholic Parish of*

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

*Twinned with Dames Fonteijn, South Africa*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A



## TOGETHER, EVEN WHILE APART

Joe is leaving home for university this autumn. His university is not far from his home town, yet any trip away from loved ones and friends is far, no matter the distance. Joe keeps telling himself this trip is only for a little while. Yet, he asks himself, is he ready for this change? Is he prepared to make the kinds of adjustments this move demands of him?

But he is helped by knowing that he brings bits and pieces of his mum, dad, sister and brother in his heart. That's why thinking of those he loves assures him that all will be well. Joe knows they will love him no matter where he travels.

In a similar way, Jesus is leaving his disciples as we hear in today's Gospel. They have been together for three years, sharing memories and experiencing unforgettable events and stories along the way. The separation Jesus is about to make is difficult for all. Jesus is the Messiah and Saviour, but he is also a friend to his followers. He does not want them to see this departure as abandoning them, but as a part of the larger plan of the Father.

Jesus chooses words that are clear and sincere. He has to return to the Father but Jesus reminds his disciples that even though they do not see him, he will never abandon them because the Holy Spirit will be with them. He takes them in his heart wherever he goes. He wants them to do the same: loving him by living the message he taught them.

Jesus loves his disciples now and always. He invites them to remember this above all else just as Joe does as he leaves his family's home. Love is a bond between Jesus and his followers or between Joe and his family, no matter where each travels. They are always in each other's hearts.

## 20th MAY – 28th MAY 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A - Day of Prayer for Human Work

<b>Saturday 20th</b>	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 21st</b>		<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Intentions of Elizabeth Pricking</b> (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	<b>Bridie Dunne RIP and the Deceased Members of the Dunne Family in Ballingarry, Ireland</b> (Frank and Patricia McLoughlin)
<b>Monday 22nd</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Kay Knight RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Filomena Kettlewell RIP</b> (Margherita and Ian)
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	<b>Barry Coles RIP</b> (Catherine and Ned Harrold)
<b>Thursday 25th</b>		<i>St Bede the Venerable</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 26th</b>		<i>St Philip Neri</i>
	12noon	<b>Requiem Mass for Audrey McAuliffe RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 27th</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 28th</b>		<i>The Ascension of the Lord - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Intentions of the Sullivan and Dyer Families</b>
	10.45am	<b>Maureen Reader RIP - Anniv.</b> (Peter Reader)

\*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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 with Fr. John Corbyn from Wickford parish. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' Knock House Hotel, full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Single supp. £60. Contact 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the TTA and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

### PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

On Sunday 11th June join us at Aylesford Priory to celebrate the feast of Saint Columba with an open air Mass, picnic in the grounds or enjoy a meal in the restaurant and process with the Knights through the beautiful Rosary Walk in the afternoon. Adults £14 – Children Free (limited places available on a first come first served basis) Pick-Up points: Sacred Heart Church, Southchurch at 8:30am – Nazareth House, Westcliff at 8:40am – Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh at 8:50am. To book your place please phone Mike Warren 07948 515288 or email: [warrenmike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:warrenmike@hotmail.co.uk)

## SUMMER CONCERT

The Deanery Orchestra presents

### Music for a Summer Evening

24th June 2017 \* 7.30pm \*

*Popular and Classical Music*

Taking place at The New Mazenod Hall, St. Peter's Church, Eastwood. Please bring your own food and drink to enjoy during the evening. Tickets £5 (16 and under FREE). Please contact Penny on 07810707910 or visit our website. <http://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com>

## YOUTH POLL ON LIFE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Would all our young people between 13-29 contribute their views to this poll at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. It closes on 5 June 2017 and can be completed in less than half an hour. These resources will be used by the Bishops of England and Wales in a report to be sent to the Vatican ahead of the 2018 Synod on: 'Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

## A FINAL SMILE...

Having preached for an hour, the old Scots minister paused for dramatic effect: 'And what shall I say more?' A voice from the back called - 'Say Amen and sit down.'

## GOD AND THE COSMOS

Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory and 'Tablet' columnist, will lead a free study day entitled 'God and the Cosmos', on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. (coffee from 10.30 a.m.) at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park Station. Please book your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phoning 01708 449914.

## DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES Wednesdays at 7.30pm

**7 June:** Father Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist: 'The Foundation & Early Years of the Diocese (1917-1951)'

**14 June:** Canon Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of Grays: 'The Development of the Diocese (1951-1979)'

**21 June:** Father Martin Boland, Dean of the Cathedral: 'The Diocese Today – A Reflection'

**28 June:** Dr Paul Doherty, Headmaster, Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green: 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood'

**Taking place in Cathedral Hall, Brentwood Cathedral. Admission free and there is a bookstall available.**

## MISSIO

The Bishop has received a letter from Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, thanking the parishes of our Diocese who raised £85,798. £4.8M was raised nationally for projects in mission dioceses around the world enabling Missio to build 88 churches, train 2,194 seminarians and distribute close to £130,000 to support projects for vulnerable children.

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

## 2017 PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON – SURREY 100 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Due to a last minute injury and cancellation The BCCS has **ONE** charity place available in the 2017 Ride London- Surrey 100. You must be able to complete the 100 mile route in less than 9 hours and commit to raise a minimum sponsorship of £750. Deadline for registration on this event is **26<sup>th</sup> May** so if you would like the place or would like further information then please contact Julie Abbott immediately on 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the Friends of St. George's (the School PTA) will be providing the refreshments. Come and join us for Tea, Coffee and lots of yummy cakes!

Next weekend our hosts will be the Confirmation Group.



## THE WANDERER HAS RETURNED!

Yes, he is back in the house and ready for action, or he will be once the month-long jet lag excuse has been used up! Seriously though, we are happy to have Fr Brett back and hope he is feeling as rested as Sharon is through not having him around for a couple of weeks or so!

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following children who all received the Sacrament of the Eucharist this Saturday: -

Lily, Freddie, Charlie, Jacob, Declan, James, Holly, Sian, Louie, Oliver, Emily, Lexi-Rose, Morten, Marley and Montague.

Please keep them in your prayers, as well as those children who will be receiving the sacrament next Saturday.



## RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be having a retiring collection to mark World Communications Day. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. This collection goes to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN).

## THIS WEEK

On Friday of this week there will be no early Mass or Adoration. Instead, at 12 noon there will be a Requiem Mass for Audrey McAuliffe.

Audrey will be brought into St. George's Church at 4.30pm on Thursday.

Please remember Audrey's friends and family in your prayers.

## SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, the 23rd May, at 1.45pm for 2pm in St. George's Church Hall.

**Please Note the Change in Venue.** All welcome to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support.

## HOMELESS COLLECTION

Every month we are collecting Powdered Milk and/or Long Life Milk. In addition, during May we are collecting Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Long Life Cream and Evaporated Milk.

The homeless in our area are also very much in need of men's boxer-type underpants in a size small or medium; either new or laundered would be great if you were able to provide some.

Please leave in the box in the porch.

Many thanks to you all.

## ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

As usual I'll be taking part in the seafront walk in aid of the BCCS on Saturday 1st July. If any one would like to sponsor me please, it would be very much appreciated. Either catch me in passing, or I will be in the porches of both churches over the weekends of the 3/4 June and 10/11 June. **Margaret Munson**

## TO ALL OF OUR DBS/CRB - CHECKED VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese are now running online courses for all volunteers in parishes who are dealing with children, youth and vulnerable adults. We ask that all our volunteers who are CRB/DBS-checked take part in these online courses. Could you please forward your email address to me and I will pass onto the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and they will contact you directly about the course. Also, I will very soon be starting a rechecking programme. Some of you have had yours renewed already, but there are still many of you that will need to go through the whole DBS process again.  
Regards, **Sharon**



## PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

**Saturday 10th June from 12 noon  
St. Gregory's Church, Thorpe Bay**

Our Summer Fayre is now *three* weeks away! It is always a fabulous social occasion for our Parish and the highlight of our calendar. The Theme for this year is Seasides around the World.

We are now asking for donations of Bottles, Gifts and Prizes, Toiletries, Chocolate, Teddy Bears and items for our ever-famous Hampers!

Please leave any of these items in boxes provided, in the porches of St. George's & St Gregory's Church or drop into the Parish office.

If you would like to help in any way, either before or on the day, please contact Suzanne on 294687 or email -suzehalvey@hotmail.com or Sharon.

**Summer Draw tickets are now on sale after all Masses.**



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has helped get St. George's back to normal this week - to Margaret, Hilary and Kamila for cleaning...not once but twice, along with anyone who came along to help them on Friday. Also, to our team of volunteers who 'reloaded' the church for us; Suzanne, Brian L, Val, Frank, Denise, Brian F - and of course our Holy Roadie, Dave T, who has been an absolute star, particularly in the past couple of weeks. Again, thanks to you all!

## SMALL JOBS WANTED!

One of our young people is currently studying at college, but has some time on her hands. She is looking for some part-time work to fit around her studies. She is happy to do cleaning, dog walking, babysitting etc. Reasonable hourly rates. Please contact the office and leave your details.

## BAPTISM COURSE

Please note that the Baptism Course on the 7th June is now *full*.

The next one-off course will be held on Wednesday 5th July. Please ring the office to book your place.

## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of

## **Dorothy Kensey**

who passed away on the  
14th May

Funeral on 31 May at 3pm  
at Southend Crematorium

**Requiescat in Pace**