

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Please remember the following :

† Marjorie Quinn, Hilda Skingle, Helen Rant, Peggy Townsend, Irene Hayward, Lee Walsh, Albert Carter, Walter Whittam, Alice McAriety, Colin Parrish, Canon Toft, Fr. Roberts, Bernard Fitzgerald, Ellen and Frank Nathaniel Paice, Michael Sullivan, Trenear Michell, Leslie Townsend, Sr. Margaret Mary O.C., Edgar Butcher, Stanley Blotnys, F. Sleznikas, Florence Weller, Winnifred Manning, James Lowe, Millicent Powling, Kathleen Fotherby, Pat Kenna, Mary Tobin, Bernard Clark, Pam Hatch, Marianne Harcourt, Patricia Key, Olive Phillips, Brian Woodcock, Robert Crothers, Julia Carlile, Michael Fallon, Johanna Howlett, Maureen Reeves, Kenneth Shuhan, Mary Hulbert, Pamela Chambers, Mona Reid, Amalia Zamora, Winifred Burke, John McManus, Vasia Brown, Teresa Malone, John Dodd, Jack Hanley, Maria Dicks, John Dodson, Conrad Douglas-Mackenzie †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Alleluia x 4

Gospel Acclamation 6pm and 8.45am

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

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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:

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, 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, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty.

To arrange visits to the sick and household 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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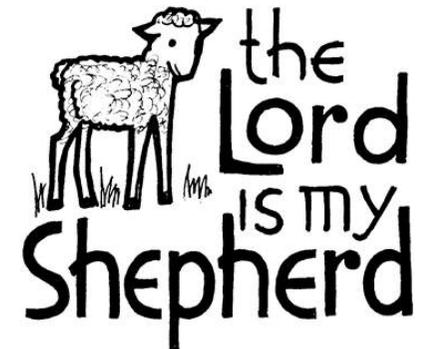
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

In the early church, the time of the New testament, one of the ways that they sought to understand the identity of Jesus was to apply Old Testament images of God to Jesus. In the 1st Reading, Jesus is described as, "the stone rejected by the builders, who has now become the keystone", a reference to Psalm 117 which is our *Responsorial Psalm* today. In the gospel we have a direct reference from the lips of Jesus Himself to Psalm 23; He is the Good shepherd. The image that Psalm 23 portrays of God (Jesus) our shepherd, has always been a source of comfort and encouragement for me, especially when I'm walking through that valley of darkness, and what sometimes feels like death. In the gospel, the image is enriched further by comparing the good shepherd with a hired hand, who runs at the first sign of trouble and danger. This echoes the words of Ezekiel 34, where wicked shepherds abandon their flocks. Jesus won't, he stands by them!

Some people may not like the word 'flock' as a



description of God's people, of us! The image of mindless sheep simply doing what they're told is not a helpful image of what we're about. Faith shouldn't be a 'mindless' exercise. We should understand what we are doing and why we are doing it, and we should act responsibly and proactively when it comes to living our faith and building community. While all this is true, we should also bear in mind that faith should always look toward Christ, in whose name we are reborn and in whose name we bear witness, because He is indeed our guide and inspiration.

This weekend we welcome Alexander Johnson, a 1st year student for the priesthood from St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, who is training for our diocese. He will be sharing a little bit about himself and his faith journey thus far. Please keep him in your prayers.

Wishing you well for the week,

21st APRIL – 29th APRIL 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Saturday 21st	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 22nd		Fourth Sunday of Easter (<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>)
	8.45am*	Bill Law RIP (Mrs Law)
	10.45am	Remembering Maureen Reader RIP on her Birthday (Peter Reader) St. George
Monday 23rd	9.15am	The Buitrago Family (The DeVuell Family) (<i>The children and staff of St. George's School will be joining us at this Mass</i>)
Tuesday 24th	9.15am*	St. Mellitus Mrs Jan Butlin RIP (Maria and Geoff Chapman)
Wednesday 25th	11.30am	St. Mark Marion Wainwright RIP (Lorna)
Thursday 26th	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Friday 27th	9.15am 11.00am 1.30pm	Feria Intentions of June Dillon Requiem Mass for Maureen Hare RIP Requiem Mass for Jean Mitson RIP
Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Intentions of Dianne Alexander (Chris and Tom)
Sunday 29th	8.45am* 10.45am	Fifth Sunday of Easter For All Parishioners Praying that more Parishioners come to Adoration on Fridays (Sylvia)

*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: - *There will be no Adoration this Friday due to two funerals taking place.***ENQUIRERS EVENING**

For anybody interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood or religious life please contact Fr Graham Smith 01702 465720.

There are now regular enquirers evenings held at Allen Hall Seminary, but the next evening for those exploring their vocation will be at Tyburn Convent at 8-9 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ, where the Reverend Mother at Tyburn will speak about the martyred priests of England and Wales on Tuesday 24th April at 6pm. All are welcome, no need to book.

OBERRAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

One of the world's most spectacular events is due to take place in 2020 – the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play – a performance that takes place every 10 years and celebrates the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is proposed to visit the Austrian Lake district for 5 days and 1 night in Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. Cost £1,239 includes half board accommodation, a full programme of tours, Passion play seats. If you're are interested in taking part in this trip please phone Lee Robinson on 01277 652358 ASAP as this tour must be booked quickly. (*From Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Billericay*)

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS 2018

Again, you are invited to join us at special holy hours around the Diocese, to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please come and listen to a vocation story from one of our guest speakers and join us for refreshments afterwards. All are welcome, but please join us especially if you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

The next one takes place at: - ***Our Lady Immaculate in Chelmsford*** on Wednesday 30th May at 7.30pm, with a Vocations story from Abbot Hugh Allan.

A FINAL PRAYER (FOR VOCATIONS)...

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLICS PLAN MASS-ROSARY PRAYER AROUND THE BRITISH COAST

(Please note the change of start time)

On Sunday, April 29, at 2:00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend Deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act coming into effect. Organisers say the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the “present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace”, and encourage a “re-flourishing of our Faith”. The organisers said. “We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God,” If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>



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Find out more about the programme by coming to a Workshop day: -

Saturday 28 April 10 am – 3 pm
at St John Payne School, Chelmsford
or

Saturday 2 June 10 am – 3 pm
at The Champion School, Hornchurch
Please book by telephoning Adele Angel on 07999842057, or emailing her: -
adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

For more information on Catholic Voices, visit
www.CatholicVoices.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the 8th Shoeburyness (St. George's) Guides will be our hosts. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass.



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

29th April - Family Group

6th May - Parish

13th May - Friends of St. George's School

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

A World Day of Prayer will be observed this Sunday which is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Alexander Johnson, one of our Seminarians, will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. There will also be a collection made after Mass for the Promotion of Vocations. Please not only give what you can, but pray for this very important issue. We need more Priests; it's as simple as that.

SUMMER FAYRE

Our next meeting in the run up to our Summer Fayre will be held on Thursday, the 26th April, at 7pm in the Committee Rooms at St George's. If you came to our first meeting, or would simply like to know more about how you can help at the Parish Summer Fayre on Saturday the 9th June at St Gregory's, then we look forward to seeing you.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Wesley Tadiwanashe Hoyi into our faith community as he is baptised this weekend. Congratulations, Wesley.



THE GEORGIAN

Yay! (I hear you say!) The next, long-awaited, issue of The Georgian is now available in the porches of both churches. Priced at a bargain £1 please don't forget to pick your copy up this weekend. We expect demand to be high.

Thanks go to our Editor, Frank, and his lovely assistant, Val, for their hard work in producing it. We also extend grateful thanks to our contributors, and our advertisers. We couldn't do it without you all.

THY KINGDOM COME

With just over two weeks to go, a kind reminder to all parishioners to register their PLEDGE TO PRAY as individuals or as a family! Family activities and Catholic Novena are now available from your Steward of the Gospel. To register your pledge please go to:

www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter

CALLING MARRIED COUPLE VOLUNTEERS

We are holding a get together for couples keen to learn more about the Explore project in our secondary schools. If you spoke to Anna at the appeal, you will get an e-mail invitation. If for any reason you didn't leave your contact details but would like to come along, any married couples are most welcome. We will be meeting in St George's Parish Hall on Saturday 12th May from 2.30pm. There will be a brief presentation, and an opportunity to ask questions over tea and cake, and talk about some of our local school events for the forthcoming academic year. Looking forward to seeing many of you again!

anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THIS WEEK

On Monday, to celebrate St. George's Day, we welcome the children and staff of our school for Mass at 9.15am in St. George's. On Friday there will be no Adoration after the usual Mass. Instead there will be a Requiem Mass for Maureen Hare here at 11am, and then a Requiem Mass for Jean Mitson at 1.30pm.

CHARITY MEAL

One of our young people, Lewis Dye, is hosting a fund-raising curry evening on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm at Cafe Masala, The Broadway, Thorpe Bay. This is to go towards his World Expedition trip to Ecuador in 2019. The trip involves a community problem-solving element where the lads will be delivering a project to help a local, less affluent, community. Cost will be £18pp for a three course set menu with a raffle afterwards. Everyone welcome. If interested please contact Lesley Dye on 07598249494 asap. Monies will be collected upon arrival at the venue.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £622.88 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE

GROUP BIG SLEEPOUT IN AID OF THE HOMELESS

A sponsored Sleepout, to raise money for the churches' night shelters for the homeless took place in St. Gregory's garden on Friday.

Thank you to those of you who donated cash last weekend. If you still would like to support our Youth J & P Group in this challenge please donate on the following page:

www.give.net/BlazeHomelessFundraiser

REPOSITORY NEWS

As mentioned, from this weekend, Serena will have her full stock of items for children making their First Holy Communion. Please drop by and have a look.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Sandwich fillers – Jam, Marmalade, Chocolate Spread, Marmite, Peanut Butter, Paste. Also, as mentioned previously, Long-Life Milk is always appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone who donates, either through food stuffs or cash. It all gets put to good use.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that the wedding of James Shallis and Lisa Cousins will take place in St. George's Church next Saturday, 28th April, at 12.30pm. Anyone who knows them is warmly invited to the Ceremony.

Olwen, James' Mum, has very kindly written a few lines about the two of them: -

Not quite the girl next door..

James grew up in the Parish and attended St George's and St Thomas More Schools. He was an Altar Server for many years, has been a member of the Parish Council, and has helped with Confirmation and First Holy Communion in the past. He is still a helper with HCPT Group 192 based in the Parish.

Lisa grew up in Shoebury and as a teenager helped at the Saturday dancing classes held in the church hall. Lisa's mum Joyce is well known for her wonderful cakes and her sister in law, nephew and niece are parishioners.

Lisa isn't *quite* the girl next door but she and James lived next door but one to each other for 8 years as children and met again through a mutual friend.

***Wishing you both every blessing
from all of us in the Parish xx***

