

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Please remember the following :

† Fr. Pat Taylor, Trevor York-Starkey, Nancy Cuffe, Thomas James Hatch, George Ranger, Frederick Bradley, Robert Wicks, Stella Yuille, Catherine Woods, Bridget Du Boisson, Terry Murphy, Adalmair Gabrielli De Amorim, Tony Brown, Joan Clarke, Peter Grant, Joan Skipper, Leslie Skingle, Hannah Hance, Vicky Cutter, Frank Miller, Mary Regan, Mary Cole, Joan Baron, Paul Duddy, Tom Finigan, Lilian Fenwick, Vera Sheehan, Jean Jagelman, Norman Reid, Angelina Vidler, Curtis Sweet, William Raycraft, Alex Jarno, Mary Browne, Robert Wheatley, Michael Kelly, Catherine Doherty, Kathleen Wallen, Cornelius Kelliher, Julia Kalogerides, Bridget Tobin, Bill Cooke, Frank Smith, Suhaila Mana, Philomena O'Sullivan, Bridie Priestley, Rob Duggan, Jim Murphy. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

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.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Mon 8am - 5.30pm; Tues

8am - 5.30pm; Thurs - 8am - 5.30pm

Office Closed - Weds and Fri of this week.

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ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear friends,

In the 1st Reading this week, Jeremiah delivers a chastisement from God to the kings of his time for their poor leadership of the people. While the people look on, also bemoaning their poor leadership, Jeremiah promises them that God will send an honourable, wise and just king who will rule with integrity; in fact, he will be known as, "The Lord-our-integrity".

This prophecy of a new king is, of course, Jesus Christ, the anointed one of God. St Paul tells us in the 2nd Reading that the divisions and animosity of times past have now been broken down by this new King who brings reconciliation and peace. Through these unifying qualities which Jesus brings, there is a new opportunity for communion and friendship with one another and with God.

Like the kings of the Old Testament, Jesus is afforded the title of shepherd in the gospel today. However, unlike the kings of the Old Testament, Jesus is compassionate and caring; in this case, both for the 'shepherds' and for the 'sheep'. Jesus had sent out his apostles on their mission and they were returning back tired and weary with all the work they had done. Seeing this, Jesus invites them to a quiet rest. And the Gospel adds the reason for this invitation, 'for many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.' Jesus is sensitive to their needs and to their limits and so he suggests a break.

In the last part of the gospel we observe the care of Jesus for his sheep and it doesn't take long for Jesus and his disciples to get back to work in administering to the crowds, even though they may still be weary themselves.

Like Jesus and his disciples, we are called to bring this ministering compassion and care to others, and very often we may have to put our own needs aside to do this. But this is such important work at many levels. It is how we evangelise to each other and the world around us, and it is how we form genuine communion.

Many of our children have finished school now for the summer holidays. Last Monday evening we had a special Mass of thanksgiving at St George's School for our lovely Year 6 Class where we wished them well as they move onto their new school. I asked them to hold dear to their hearts the Christian ethos of the school and prayed that it may grow every stronger and deeper in their lives.

I hope you manage to get a break over the holidays and enjoy some quality family time.

God bless, Fr Brett.



21st JULY - 29th JULY 2018

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 21st	6.00pm	James Mann and Jean Woulds RIP (D. Woulds)
Sunday 22nd	8.45am*	16th Sunday of the Year Deceased Family of Mrs Law
Monday 23rd	10.45am 9.15am	Bridie Priestley RIP (Mike and Family) <i>and</i> For All Parishioners St. Bridget of Sweden (Patron of Europe) Brian Jones RIP - Birthday Ints. (Grant and Esther) <i>and</i> Tina Kentish RIP
Tuesday 24th	9.15am*	Feria Kathleen O'Neill RIP and Kitty Grange RIP (Betty and Pat O'Sullivan)
Wednesday 25th	11.30am	St. James Special Intentions of Joan Butcher (Brian and Serena) <i>and</i> Special Intentions for Justina's Children (Justina Nwankwo)
Thursday 26th	9.15am	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM Eucharistic Service
Friday 27th	9.15am	Feria Deceased Parents and Sisters of Sylvia Asuquo <i>and</i> Canon Brian Frost RIP
Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Marie Brand RIP (Danny and Family)
Sunday 29th	8.45am* 10.45am	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year For All Parishioners Kathleen Wallen RIP (Wallen Family)

*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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

RETREAT FOR MUMS AND TEENAGE DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Mothers Apostolate is offering a retreat for teen girls and their mums. Join them at Aylesford Priory in October for a day dedicated to learning more about women's issues, including what it means to be a Catholic woman; how to improve mother-daughter communication; how fertility affects our lives at every stage; and how to grow in the faith.

Mums and daughters will have plenty of time to talk through the issues together and build their relationship, as well as meet other Catholic mothers and daughters.

Tickets are £120 per mother-daughter pair, with an Early Bird rate of £100.

Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368> for more details.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The Essex Recusant Society will be hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 4th August at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, at 2.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a talk : 'Family connections between Recusants in Essex (the Petre Family) and Lancashire' given by Mrs Patricia Paxon. All are welcome.

VACANCY

The SVP is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, remodel, project plan and potentially produce resources for our programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service relaunch in September 2019. £27k pa pro rata; 3 days per week; one year contract. Home-based with national travel.

Closing date: 10am on Wednesday 25th July. Interviews: Thursday 26th July. Start date: Wednesday 29th August. For more details and an application pack. please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: - <http://www.svp.org.uk>

A FINAL SMILE...

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE . God is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples..'

SUMMER LOURDES 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage.”

From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the BCYS will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

BCCS BARLEYLANDS FUN WALK 2nd September 2018

This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12.00 and with walks due to start at 1pm & finish around 2pm, it is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for ‘bccs’. For a sponsorship form and more information, please go to www.bccs.org.uk or contact Alison on arg.cardoness@googlemail.com.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER

20th - 21st October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea

This event is open to those in school year 9 and above. We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather, where there is new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be the lively, humorous and engaging speaker Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities.

Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island will open on the evening of 29th July, on our return from Lourdes. You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend Denise will be raising money for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Please come and support this very worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you after the 10.45am Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and see friends, old and new! The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -
29th July - St. John Bosco Camp
5th August - 669
12th August - This one is free if anyone wants it.



BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome George Thomas Moore and Austin Arthur Trindade into our faith community as their families celebrate their Baptisms this weekend. Congratulations to all.



‘one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism’
Ephesians 4:5

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER....

Which does mean that Sharon will not be in the office quite as much.



Please keep an eye on the back of the newsletter for office hours.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Father Brett is now taking bookings to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic Senior School place for your child. He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic. A ‘practising’ Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery. If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate. If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

FAMILY GROUP NEWS

We are desperately looking for help to run the Mother and Toddler Group in the Church Hall on Tuesday mornings during term time only. The commitment would be to open up and set toys out ready for a 9.30am start, and make sure everything is cleared away by 11.30am. Also to help with making drinks/toast. This group has been going for many years, and it would be a shame to close, but at present, with no help forthcoming it is unlikely that it will reopen in September. Ideally if you are a young retired person, or a parent whose children are all at school, then this could be the role for you. Please speak to Sharon in the Church office on 292726 if you are interested in helping out.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: -
Corned Beef, Ham, Spam etc for sandwiches; and meals in tins such as Curries, Hotpots etc. and also any fruit squashes
Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us with our requests recently for food, and also for the cash that has been donated.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Can all Ministers who take Communion to our sick and house-bound friends please note that the new rota is now available. For this time only I have produced it as a paper copy, and it will be in the letter rack of St. George's (unless you have asked for it to go to St. Gregory's). If you would like a paper copy in future, rather than an electronic copy, please let me know.

Accompanying the form, for those who haven't already received one, is a GDPR Consent Form. It is essential that I receive these back into the office as soon as possible please. These must be filled in to allow us to print your name and distribute it on a rota.

Many thanks, Sharon

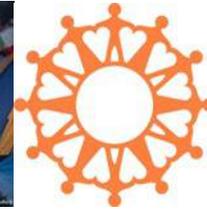
FAIR HAVENS COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who supported or helped in any way last weekend. £107.85 was raised.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £740.65 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.

Date for your diary: Friday 7th September 2018



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

More people than ever before are fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. In autumn this year world leaders will sign two new agreements at the United Nations.

The global agreements are a united response to the current refugee and migration crisis. In their presentations at each of the weekend masses recently the Youth J&P group reminded us that Pope Francis has urged all Christians to pray that the agreements:

- respect human dignity
- protect the vulnerable
- support host countries

- keeps families together
- tackles the reasons why people migrate.

On Friday 7th September, to coincide with the publication of the refugee agreement the Senior J&P group will be hosting an hour of reflection and prayer on the continuing crisis. Note the date and check the newsletter for further details.



REPOSITORY NEWS

This weekend will be the last weekend that Serena will be opening the stall until the beginning of September. In the meantime if you want anything in particular please speak to Sharon.