

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Avery Alfred Braithwaite, Joyce Brown, Mary Bushell, Conner Campbell, Kathleen Coleman, Gladys Coombes, Samuel Cottham, Ella Crawford, Anne Cusack, Mary Denney, Marcelle Duncan, Lorraine Ellis, Freya Falconer, Adrian Gallagher, Mary Gargan, Anne Goldsworthy, Harry Manfred Gravestock, Bernard Humphrey, Mark Keenan, Violet Linker, Christina McFadden, Kate Mclaughlin, Rosemary O'Brien, Eileen O'Connor, Anna Smith, Stanley Smith, Minnie Standing, Brian Sullivan, John Trainor, Tanya Walton, Fred Wicker, John Corr, Pamela Partington, Simon Zialor †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Give the Lord glory and power.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Sing to the Lord, alleluia, sing to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

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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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 Collins, 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, 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.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

The office will only be open on Friday next week, primarily to prepare the newsletter. and go through emails. Please bear that in mind when contacting her.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

FAITH IN FOCUS: NO EASY ANSWERS



We're all familiar with the trap the Herodians and the Pharisees set for Jesus, asking whether it was right for a Jew to pay allegiance to Caesar. Jesus must have been making a strong impact because this alliance between the Herodians and Pharisees was such an unlikely one. The Herodians had crossed over to the Romans whereas the Pharisees epitomised the Jewish Law. In fact, they hated each other.

We all know Jesus' answer: give both God and Caesar what they're due. And at first we can think of it as a smart reply. But upon reflection we come to realise that it might have got him out of a sticky situation but it's not really any answer at all.

We live side by side with two kingdoms: the kingdom of secular government and the kingdom of God. And week by week, month by month, we come up against the rub. We find ourselves faced with circumstances where one conflicts with the other. So we recognise the State's right to levy taxes but we might have problems with the sort of medical or social services they provide with the money they raise. We recognise our right to defend ourselves but we might have trouble with wars and campaigns that our governments lead us into.



Christians have a smart reply to the problem, but it too only raises more questions. They say that there is nothing that does not belong to God, so God must come first in all things. This is true on one level but it does not take away our need to use our own consciences when making our decisions, and it means that we have to be quite clear about the influences that are shaping our consciences. We are called to think about what belongs to God and to let it influence the way we live. When earthly authority is opposed to what we believe is God's authority how do we react? Conscience is both a blessing and a curse because we cannot blindly follow rules and regulations; we have to inform our consciences and act in accordance with what we believe to be God's will for humanity.

Today's reading is a classic example of how the gospel does not provide us with pat answers. The good news is good news but it's also a challenge to us to be just as adult about the things of God as we have become about the things of Caesar. And vice versa.

21st OCTOBER – 29th OCTOBER 2017

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - World Mission Day

Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Elshwa and Suhaila Manna RIP (Mana Family)
Sunday 22nd		29th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	Joyce and John Brown RIP (Denise, Jim and Family)
	10.45am	For All Parishioners
Monday 23rd		Feria
	9.15am	Intentions of Fr Tom Jordan
Tuesday 24th		Feria
	9.15am*	For the Health of Ron Olive (Ted Brown)
Wednesday 25th		Feria
	11.30am	Joan Dowie RIP (Joan Butcher and Family)
Thursday 26th		St Cedd, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 27th		Feria
	9.15am	Deceased Parents of Mrs Law
Saturday 28th		
	6.00pm	Intentions of Sharon and the Bliss Family (Pat Sach)
Sunday 29th		30th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marcelle Duncan RIP - 6th Anniv. (Malcolm and 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 of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE,
CANVEY ISLAND -
Goodbye, and thanks for the
memories!**

On **Saturday 9th December, 12noon – 4pm**, you are very welcome to pop in to Walsingham House, Lionel Road, Canvey Island SS8 9DE for a final look around. There will be Adoration in the chapel, an exhibition of Walsingham House history from Chingford and Canvey Island in the Ark, and refreshments in the dining room. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to arrive and leave at any time throughout the afternoon. Donations are still very welcome for the appeal, www.bcys.net/abbotswick or call 01277 373959 to speak with Fr Dominic.

SAYING GOODBYE SERVICE

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family. There will be a Saying Goodbye Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 5th November at 6pm. It is for people of any faith, or no faith. All are welcome.

Together we stand and say, "our children may have only been on this earth for days, weeks, months or years, but they were truly loved and will always be missed."

CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

As you may be aware, along with six other churches in the Borough, Shoebury and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church host a number of homeless folks through the Churches Winter Night Shelter each year.

On Tuesday evenings / Wednesday mornings they have 20-25 people come to them for food and somewhere safe to stay.

They will be starting at the beginning of December and running to the end of February / beginning of March. They are very keen in maintaining an ecumenical dimension to this work, and in that regard are reaching out for volunteers for this year.

If you are able to help in any way, or want more details, please contact Candy Taylor, their Tuesday Night Shelter Manager, on shelter@stbbc.org.uk or candy_t@sky.com Or telephone 01702 292620.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Those who say religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.

(Ghandi)

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Centenary Choral and Orchestral

Concert on Saturday, 28th October, at 7.00 pm. Everyone most welcome! If you are free do come to the cathedral for a concert. The programme will include Mass in G – Schubert; Sospiri – Elgar; Double Trumpet Concerto – Vivaldi; Gloria – Vivaldi; Serenade to Music – Vaughan Williams. Soloists: Julia Wilson-James (soprano); Chloe Treharne (alto); Michael Bradley (tenor); Joshua Chapman (bass). Sam Lewis & Darren Moore (Trumpets); Conducted by Andrew Wright. Tickets: £12 all unreserved obtainable from Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT or at the door. (Please include sae if writing) or email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org Cheques made payable to Brentwood Cathedral Music. We look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral for this concert.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

Taking place in Brentwood Cathedral on the 4th November 2017, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Speakers : Bishop Alan Williams SM, Bishop of Brentwood; Bishop Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood; Michelle Moran, President of ICRS.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23 November, 6pm - 9pm

For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

OUR LADY OF CANVEY PILGRIMAGE

We are running a Pilgrimage from Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018 to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ and the Holy Family. Cost will be £1,370. This includes 4* Hotels on a half board basis, Return Flights & excursions. If you are interested or for further information **please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342.**

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for APF - Missio. All welcome to join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes, plus the obligatory raffle! We look forward to seeing you there. Next weekend ACROSS will be our hosts.



PPC AGM

You are all warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6pm on Sunday 19th November in the hall. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

DISABLED TOILET AND PORCH AT ST. GEORGE'S

Twice recently we have had a flood in the disabled toilet in St. George's Church, which has been caused by people leaving the sink tap running. Not only is this causing damage, but it also takes a lot of cleaning up. May we ask that everyone ensures that the tap is turned off after they have used the facility, and in particular that ***no child is allowed unsupervised out of the church into either the porch or the disabled toilet at any time.*** Thank you for your co-operation.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Last Chance to apply...

Information Packs are being sent out early next week to those of you who have already expressed an interest in being confirmed on Sunday 24th June 2018. All forms etc. are to be returned to the Presbytery by next weekend (28/29 October).

If you are in **Year 9** or above and would like to put your name down, please hit the button on the parish website, or email/telephone the office as soon as possible.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support the missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Next weekend we will be handing out the covered shoeboxes and there will be a short talk about them. We hope that we can have all the shoeboxes filled and returned and that we will exceed last year's total of 213.

Thank you all for your generosity. Please return your shoebox to St. George's School if possible.

Anne & John

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £817.98 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day amounted to £546.11, excluding Gift Aid. Thanks to all who contributed.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the people that have offered support so far. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone else that wants to be part of the organising of the fundraising events, including the Christmas and Summer Fayres. If you want more information please speak with Shawn Clarke, our parish MC, or Sharon in the office.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Cereal, Sugar and Long-Life Milk. 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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at 8pm in the Sacristy of St George's Church or occasionally in a private house. All are welcome. The next session will be on the 25th October. For details, contact either Christine or Don DeViell on 01702 296544.

SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!!

Please be aware that the doorbell at the Presbytery has been changed for one that now has a camera incorporated in it. This is all part of our ongoing security measures that have been recommended through the Diocesan Health and Safety Representative.

THE REPOSITORY STALL

At St. George's Church the repository stall will be closed on Saturday, 28th October, and open in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 29th October, for one day only. As well as the usual items, there will be a small sale of a few pieces of older stock as well as a few cards, all at knock down prices.

Then, from the weekend of 4th & 5th November, Christmas cards, 2018 calendars and items for Christmas will be available from the repository stall through until Christmas. We have two beautiful cribs for sale, just two among other lovely items.

Also, weather permitting, Brian will sell Christmas cards and Christmas items at St. Gregory's Church on Sunday, 12th November and again on Sunday, 3rd December.

p.s. Don't forget your parish diaries, available on the stall for a suggested donation of £1! All profits go to the church.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

NOVEMBER - PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

As you probably know, the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is a time when we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us. Our prayer is an expression of our love for them and a heartfelt thanksgiving for their lives. We also ask them to pray for us as we make our journey through life. In the porch of the church you will find 'Holy Souls' envelopes in which you place a piece of paper that lists the names of those you wish to pray for (it is customary that you include a donation as well). Once you have sealed the envelope please either hand it into the Presbytery, or put it in the brass container which goes onto the altar during November, and we will remember our beloved departed during the Masses that we have for the Holy Souls in November.

400 CLUB

Our lucky winners this month are: - £50 Mr G. Alcock; £20 Mr P. Corcoran; £15 Mr N. Folkard; £15 Mr A. Barrett. Congratulations to you all!