

## 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 †

## MASS RESPONSES

**Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am**  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Responsorial Psalm 10.45am**  
Great indeed are your works, O Lord, now and ever more! (repeat)

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

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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, 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, 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.

**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.**

**Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**  
**Office Open: (Please note reduced hours)**  
Mon 7.45am - 10.45am; Tues 8am - 5pm;  
Thurs 8am - 5pm;  
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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1<sup>st</sup> Reading and the Gospel this weekend deal, in part, with the issue of judgement, God's judgement.

The image of God as 'judge' certainly comes into its own in the Old Testament. It was partly borne out of an historical context where the people of Israel, especially the kings, were not good at being faithful to God and his commandments. The kind of idea that 'God, as judge, is watching you', aimed at deterring people from an unholy and irreligious life. This idea has certainly featured throughout the history of the church.

I tend to shy away from this image of a judgemental God; perhaps it's because I know that I may be in trouble if I have to 'square up' to my short comings! I always tend to hold onto a more 'comfortable' image of a God who loves us unconditionally; no matter how we mess up he will always welcome us back, i.e. the parable of the prodigal son. And indeed, I believe this is true. But does this mean that we can go on not applying and living Christian values or of not striving to be better? I suspect not.

To me, both the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Gospel raises the issue of accountability. In a job, we're accountable to our boss; if we're children we're accountable to our parents; in civil society, we're accountable to the law of the land. If you're a priest, you're accountable to the bishop (very loosely speaking!). If there are any infringements of the boundaries then we must answer for it before the relevant authority.

It doesn't quite work like that in the spiritual life; there is no one – in a physical sense - watching over us. We have 'guidelines' built into our 'faith system', but there is no real external supervision of how we are living up to what we profess; it is essentially left to ourselves and our conscience. The church says that we should inform our conscience, in order to help us make the right choices. Indeed, this is true. But also prayer and some form of contemplation opens an avenue to which God can speak directly to the heart, and there is nothing more convincing than that. This whole issue is an important one in the light of our calling. With its emphasis on the growth of the kingdom of God, the gospel reminds us of how we are channels of God's grace; it is through our faith commitment that God's presence impacts and changes the world.



Wishing you well for the week.

**Fr Brett**

## 22nd JULY – 30th JULY 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	6.00pm	<b>James Mann RIP and Jean Woulds RIP</b> (Doug Woulds)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>		<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Kathleen Wallen RIP - Anniv.</b> (Wallen Family) <b>and</b> <b>Bridie Priestley RIP - 1st Anniv.</b> (Sam and Family)
<b>Monday 24th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	10.15am	<b>Requiem Mass for Patrick Navin RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th</b>		<i>St James</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Gerald Sullivan RIP</b> (Fotherby Family)
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>		<i>Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	11.30am	<b>In memory of Norman Sach RIP on our 59th Wedding Anniversary</b> (Pat Sach)
<b>Thursday 27th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 28th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Tina Kentish RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 29th</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>Marie Brand RIP</b> (Danny Brand)
<b>Sunday 30th</b>		<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Michael Kelly RIP - 6th Anniv.</b> (Christine Kelly)

\*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.

### YOUTH NEWS - THIS WEEK!

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on YouTube. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a “virtual pilgrimage” for those in their homes. You will find the clips via [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) from the evening of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

### CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or telephone 0161 941 3498.

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje Irish Centre offer pilgrimages to Medjugorje starting at Euro279 for 7 nights Bed and Breakfast accommodation. For more details please contact them on 00 353 1 4434510, or: - [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

### CATHOLIC? GOING TO UNIVERSITY?

Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the University or the local Parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is the chance to share them. All welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, visit the Catholics at University website: - [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

### COMPLAINING IS FORBIDDEN!

From a notice in the Vatican by Pope Francis: - “*Offenders are subject to a syndrome of victimhood that reduces their sense of humour and capacity to solve problems. To become the best of yourself, you must focus on your own potential and not on your limits. So stop complaining and change your life for the better.*”

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Father Stephen Myers in Dagenham is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland next year from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Price is £546:00 per person includes: Half Board Accommodation. Full services of a guide Coaching as per itinerary visiting Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Krakow, Wadowice, Zakopane Entrance charge to Salt Mine Documentary film in Auschwitz Entrances to Wawel Cathedral and St Mary's Church Krakow. Plus flight charge of approximately £170:00 insurance price is £32:00 if required. Please telephone Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 884444.

## THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 29 July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, a venerable and important organisation, under the patronage of St Thomas More, which is charged with keeping the Church's concerns before government and politicians at the national level.

## PARISH NURSING

Our friends at Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church are funding a 'Parish Nurse.' Her name is Catherine Bannister and she will be running a Drop In Clinic every Friday, 10am - 11am, at the Baptist Church on the corner of Thorpedene Gardens, from the 4th August. She will also be there on Saturday 5th August. These clinics are mainly for blood pressure or weight checks, health education and advice and support. All are welcome to attend and this service is free of charge.

## TWO MINUTES ON FACEBOOK TO HELP SAVE A LIFE

The Good Counsel Network are urging parishioners to 'like' their Facebook page to help support their life-saving work helping mothers. If you go to their 'events' page you can also join their National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, and encourage your friends to join up. The October Day of Prayer and Fasting will be on the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England.



## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we are raising money for the Parish. Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes and plenty of good company. Next weekend the Three M's are raising money for Nazareth House.



## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Please speak with an usher if you require a low gluten host.

## FUNERAL NEWS

On Monday the usual Mass will be replaced by the Requiem Mass for Patrick Navin at 10.15am. Then, on Tuesday 1st August there will be a Funeral Service at South-end Crematorium at 2.20pm for Sybil O'Brien (known as Bunty). Bunty was a regular attender at St. George's until around ten years ago.

Please remember Patrick and Bunty, and both of their families, in your prayers.

*Perhaps they are not the stars,  
But rather openings in heaven where  
the love of our lost ones pours  
through and shines down upon us to  
let us know they are happy.*

Eskimo Legend

## JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

"NGIYABONGA, INKOSI IKUBUSISE" –

**Thank you and God Bless**

Due to the generosity of those attending, and those who donated raffle prizes and cash, the magnificent sum of £200 was raised at Sunday's coffee morning.

This will be the first instalment towards our target of £900 to provide much needed washing facilities at the Mayflower crèche / day centre in our twinned parish of Mpuluzi in South Africa.

If you are unable to attend our coffee mornings but would like to contribute to the project or would like further information, please contact Brian Fitzgerald, J&P Chair, on 07817842604 or [bfitzg6306@sky.com](mailto:bfitzg6306@sky.com)

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Dianne Alexander and Joan McDonald have very kindly agreed to attend a training session for using the Defibrillators at each church. We are also starting a list of anyone who wishes to learn. Dianne will be doing a one-off training session later in the year. Please pass on your details to Sharon if you wish to be included.

## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tins or Packets of Hot Dogs; Tins of Meatballs, Chilli con Carne, Minced Beef or Chicken in Sauce.

Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

## SPONSOR CHARLOTTE!

Charlotte Alexander will be taking part in 'Bubble Rush' an event in aid of Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford. The charity provides care and support for people who have life-limiting illnesses across Essex. They only get 44% funding from the NHS so all the rest is provided from donations and fundraising events. To support Charlotte in this, please go to: -

[www.justgiving.com/Family-Ford](http://www.justgiving.com/Family-Ford) or Text BUBS57 to 70070 to donate £5.

## PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meets every second & 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 26 July. For details, contact either Christine or Don DeViell on 01702 296544.

## SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Apologies for incorrect information given in last week's newsletter. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September, at 1.45pm for 2pm in St. George's Church Hall. All welcome to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the office and Sharon will pass your details on.

## CONFIRMATION 2018

Will you be in Year 10 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. At present we are only trying to get an idea of numbers; details of the programme will follow when we know the date of Bishop Alan's visit in 2018. Please telephone or email the office to register your interest. If you have any questions please speak directly with Fr Brett.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

The new Coffee Morning rota will run for a year from the 1st November. If any group would like to be included please email or telephone the office. The rota will be prepared in September.

Also, someone booked a coffee morning for Save the Children on the 20th August. Can that person please contact Sharon.

## WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE GEORGIAN!

Our next publication of *The Georgian* is coming soon (in the Autumn). But NOW is the time for you to start thinking of writing an article for us! The deadline for articles is the 15th September. It may seem a long way off but the summer will go quickly, make a note in your diary. Email your hard work (please include photos) to, [mcevoy@ymail.com](mailto:mcevoy@ymail.com)

## OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £842.71 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm**  
**'Defying Poverty' - a free concert!**

Taking place in St. George's, it will feature the St. George's Youth Choir, and is being hosted by our Youth Justice and Peace Group.

The concert is free but donations will be very welcome. Please come and support our youth in their endeavours to raise awareness and money for the projects they are keen to support.

## MEMOIR 'ONCE A PRIEST'

Bowing to public opinion, Tony Castle has now brought out his memoirs. If you have read any of his earlier books then you will know it will be an interesting read.

If anyone is interested in having a copy they are priced at £12.50 and available from Tony himself, or via his website: -

[www.tonycastlebooks.com](http://www.tonycastlebooks.com)

## MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

