

ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Please remember the following :

† Caterina Gravestock, Margaret Stacey, Earnest Stacey, Trenette Betts, John Brown, Marie Cogan, Anna Goral, Mary Hudson, Danny Burr, Thomas Enstone, Ellen Griffiths, Robert Plantin, Jeanne Lawton, Samuel John O'Rourke, Christine Rigg, Bernard and Jack Collins, Rose Hatch, Peter Bannon, Arthur McLoughlin, Evelyn O'Connell, Marjorie Dixon, Harry Quinn, Albert Mayer, Joan Katnic, Mrs Nena Spalding, Sheila Baker, Fr. Ignatius St. Lawrence, Danielle Key, Martin Browne, John Barker, Olive Harvey, Elena Newland, Donald Seaman, Alice Wheatcroft, Maria Edwards, Patricia Fazakerley, Michael Burke, Harry Adamson, Agnes Harman, Yvonne Shepherd, Alex Jordan, Maureen Reader, Rose Murphy, Mary Parkins, Ernest Standing, Tinka McKelvie, Michael O'Flaherty, Betty Wallen, Dorothy Kells †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, that the face of the earth be renewed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of god, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. 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, Patricia Connoly, 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:

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, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Margaret Everett, Paolo Angeletti.

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 8.30am - 5.30pm; Tues

8am - 12.30pm; Weds 8.30am - 5pm;

Fri 8am - 3pm

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Dear friends,

The 1st Reading from Isaiah is part of what is known as 'The call of the Servant'. But who is the 'Servant'? Amongst the biblical commentators there are differing views on this. Some think it is a reference to the nation of Israel (verse 3) while others think it is the prophet Isaiah himself. This debate aside, we can see similarities between the 1st Reading and other parts of the Old Testament.

The *Servant*, who is called from the womb (v.5), is reminiscent of the calling of the prophet Jeremiah – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jer. 1:5). Additionally, the commissioning of the *Servant* follows a traditional pattern already found in the call of Moses: God makes the commission, Moses protests his inadequacy, but God reassures him. Thus, the calling and mission of the *Servant* in the 1st Reading (be it a nation of people or a single person), is like that of the great prophets.

However, it's all well and good being called and given a mission, but the crux of it all is how one responds to that, how one realises it in one's life. The direction of where God wants the *Servant* to go is obvious, he wants him (and us) to embrace the mission! When God's calling is embraced and acted upon then we, like the Servant, will be a "light to the nations", a force of change for the good.

In the 2nd Reading, St Paul tells us that God chose and called David, and how he would carry out God's "purpose". Jesus, of David's line, is the fulfilment of God's promise and purpose. John the Baptist heralded the coming of Jesus and urged *repentance* as a preparation to receive the Lord and the salvation that He brings.

In the gospel we hear the account of the birth of John the Baptist, and the days that followed. Although John the Baptist longed to encounter the Messiah, the chosen one of God, he also wanted others to encounter Him, hence his ministry of preaching.

We see in these readings many facets of what the name 'Christian' means: we are all called by God to be His servants; we are to be prophetic in how we live, pointing others to God; we are called to be a "light to the nations". And, for all this to be realised, we need to be seeking encounters with the Lord.

All of this is especially pertinent for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend; we pray that they may faithfully and authentically live this very particular way of life. Administering the Sacrament is Bishop Alan who we gratefully and warmly welcome to our parish this weekend.

Wishing you every blessing,



Fr Brett

23rd JUNE – 1st JULY 2018

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Year B

Saturday 23rd	6.00pm	Mr and Mrs Mimpres, and their Son Peter, RIP (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 24th	8.45am*	Nativity of St. John the Baptist Douglas Woulds Senior RIP (D. Woulds)
	10.45am	For All Parishioners
Monday 25th	9.15am	Feria Journey Mercy (Justine Nwankwo)
Tuesday 26th	9.15am*	Feria Gerald Sullivan RIP - 1st Anniv. (Diane Sullivan)
Wednesday 27th	11.30am	Feria Janice Ramm RIP (Pat and Family)
Thursday 28th	9.15am	St Irenaeus Eucharistic Service
Friday 29th	9.30am 8.00pm	SS Peter and Paul /Holyday of Obligation Maureen Schulz RIP (Isabel and Andrew Simmonds) Dorothy Lee RIP (All the Family and Friends in the UK and Canada)
Saturday 30th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 1st	8.45am*	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year In Thanksgiving (Pat Brosnan)
	10.45am	Thanksgiving for Maria Stocker

*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.



Saturday 7th July, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Ursuline School, Queens Road, Brentwood

**Those who need food banks
to feed their family**

Homeless

**Those trafficked
as human slaves**

**Members of the
LGBT+ Community**

**Those suffering
mental health
trauma**

**Traveller, Gipsy &
Roma Communities**

**Frail & vulnerable
elderly people**

**Ships' crews,
far from home**

**Asylum
seekers**

Refugees

**Children suffering
bereavement, abuse or
domestic violence**

**Those suffering from
HIV/AIDS**

- ✓ Do you feel passionately about one or more of these groups of people?
- ✓ Do you want to be part of making a difference in their lives, using the resources of our Church?
- ✓ Join a conversation for people of all ages – 16 to 106 – and help shape the future in Brentwood Diocese.

For more information, and to register, simply email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The day is free, with refreshments provided – please bring your own lunch. There is ample parking at the Ursuline, or it is just 5 mins walk from Brentwood station.

ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science

Open Evening for Year 5 Students Wednesday 4 July 2018 6pm to 9pm

We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2019.

We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, on Tuesday 9 October, Wednesday 10 October and Thursday 11 October between 9.30am and 11.00am. No appointments are necessary: guided tours will be available from Reception between these times.

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

To celebrate the Feast of the Mount Carmel, Sunday 15th July, Holy Mass 11.30. Coach from the bus stop opposite Nazareth House, Fare £15.00. Please bring packed lunch. To book a seat please telephone Bernadette 01702 421891 or 07963300518.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

Nelson Mandela

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham,
22 July 2018

The Catholic Grandparents Association have organised this year's National Grandparents' Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham which will take place on 22 July and which will include a re-enactment by children and grandparents of the Walsingham story. This is a celebration to honour and thank St Joachim and St Anne and all Grandparents dead or alive for all they have done down through the years, particularly in the transmission of the Faith. Please see this website for more information - <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/about-us/catholic-grandparents-association-england/>

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING

Taking place on Thursday 12th July, from 6pm to 9pm, for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019. Come and see the school, and meet the staff and pupils. The Head Teacher's talk will begin at 7pm. For more information, please visit www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

VACANCIES

St. George's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint a supportive and caring Learning Support Assistant to work in Reception as part of the EYFS team. Experience or a background study in Early Years is essential. The post is for 30 contracted hours per week. This position is permanent. Full details on our website www.sgcps.co.uk

Closing date is the 27th June 2018.

St. Ursula's Catholic Federation, Romford are looking for a Deputy Head Teacher (KS2).

Application closing date: Friday 29th June; Interviews: Monday 11th July. Job start: September 2018/ October Half Term.

To arrange a visit to our school or request details and an application form please contact: Miss Sophia Morrison, School Business Manager on 01708 343170.

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY TALK

On Saturday 30th June 10.30am-12noon at Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Title: **Eucharistic Spirituality.**

Speaker: Mgr David Manson.

For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Tel. 01277 265285

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Confirmation Catechists will be raising money for resources. Please come along 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: -

1st July - ACROSS

8th July - Family Group

15th July - Fair Havens

COFFEE MORNINGS 2018/19

Okay, folks, it is time to put your name/organisation forward if you want a Coffee Morning between 1st November 2018 and 31st October 2019. I will be planning the new rota from September onwards, so if you think that you would like one or two Coffee Mornings please let me know. In particular, if you, or one of your children thinks they may be going out to Lourdes with the BCYS in 2019, please book a Coffee Morning in early. It can always be reallocated if you don't need it.

Many thanks, Sharon.

p.s. There are free dates on 12th August and 26th August 2018 if anyone wants to raise money then.



ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

Friday 29th June.

3pm - 5pm

Come and join us for fun and games, cakes, refreshments and BBQ at our school fayre.

Grand draw tickets are available from the school office.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Congratulations to the following young people, who will all be confirmed by Bishop Alan this weekend: - Archie, Elijah, Alicia, Samuel, Max, James, Matthew, Chibueze, Mollie, Euan, Alessandro and Jonathan. Please pray for them all.

'Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.'

St. Catherine of Siena



AFTERNOON TEA

Last Chance to Book

Saturday 30th June

2pm-5pm

Lewis Dye invites you to join him for Afternoon Tea in St.

George's Church Hall.

There will be a selection of sandwiches, cream scones and cakes, along with tea, coffee or soft drinks for £10. Include a glass of Prosecco for £3 extra per glass.

This is all in aid of Lewis' trip to Ecuador in Summer 2019 with Outlook Expeditions, supported by St. Thomas More High School. During the trip he will be helping with local projects out there.

For more information and tickets, please contact 07598 249494.



LIVING FAITH DAILY PRAYER BOOKS

All of you who have requested a copy of this little book will find them in the letter rack at St.

George's, or in the porch of St. Gregory's.

If you haven't put your name down, but would like a copy, please speak to Sharon as there are a few spare.



OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £909.12 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for Day for Life was £255.75, excluding Gift Aid.

Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Please note change of date!

We meet in the Committee Room of St. George's Church on Tuesday 26th June, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

Just a reminder that next Friday, 29th June, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at St. George's at 9.30am and 8pm. We look forward to our lovely primary school children joining us that morning.

BAPTISM COURSE

It is a requirement of the Catholic Church that you attend a course if you are planning on having your child baptised. Ours is a one-off session with the next one taking place on Wednesday, 4th July, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office. To have your child Baptised at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic and needs to be practising. All Godparents must also be Baptised, and at least one must be a regular attender at Mass .

WARM GREETINGS FROM MPULUZI CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Dundee in South Africa.

I hope that my email will find you well. In fact, I would have done this long ago as soon as we received your donation. Internet, technology and isolated I mean remote place, I found myself unable. Thanks be to God, things have come back to normal.

On behalf of our Parish, Maria Consolata of Mpuluzi, we wholeheartedly say thank you for your donation to support our Mission and projects in our Parish. This is an expression of your Faith and your Love.

Any cent is a precious offer of your generosity and we will duly use. In fact we received an amount of R190982.55 into our Parish account. We ensure you of our prayers. Please do convey our regards to the Parishioners. Once more we are very grateful. We are carrying on with pastoral activities. Last Sunday the 17th we celebrated in anticipation our Patron Saint Feast Maria Consolata with our Bishop. He conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to 24 parishioners. He carried on visiting us yesterday and this morning he is going back to Newcastle (Head Office). it was a great pleasure having Him around. In God we believe and bounded. May the good and gracious Lord abundantly bless you.
Fr Gaspart Anaba, sac
Maria Consolata Parish.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Long-Life Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Cartons of Fruit Juice (large and small) and small packets of crisps.

We are always on the look out for donations of new or freshly laundered Boxer Shorts in Small or X-Small.

Thanks to all of you for your donations, it is very much appreciated.