

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Anne Cadman, Brenda Patterson, Agnes Mullins, Tracey Baker, Terence Peter O'Brien, Charles James, Alice 'Maudi' Keenan, James Avery, John Patrick Quinn, Cecil Maurice Fielding, Nicholas Simmonds, Mary Funnell, Anthony Docherty, John Twitchett, Paddy and Eileen Burke, Patricia Worsley, Terry Alexander, Rene Askew, Michael O'Sullivan, Dr Colin Adey, Kathleen Sharland, Paddy Tobin, Vic Duggan. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

The Lord is close to all who call him; the Lord is close to all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY

The offertory for the weekend of the 9/10 September was £596.47, and for the weekend of 16/17 September was £615.03 - both amounts exclude Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The retiring collections were: - Catholic Education Service = £317.81; Home Mission Day = £231.68. Many thanks.

Parish Priest: Fr. Brett Adams

96 Ness Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9DH

Telephone: 01702 292726

Website: www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk

Facebook: @stgeorgeandtheenglishmartyrs

School: St. George's Catholic Primary

Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, SS3 9RN

Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado

Telephone: 01702 293522

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.

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: Mon 8.30am - 3pm; Tues

8.30am - 3pm; Thurs 8.30am - 3pm; Fri

8.30am - 5pm

Email: stgeorgesrcchurch@btinternet.com

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

Gift Aid: Jim Filmer. Tel. 585839

Suggestions Email:

suggestions_stgc@btinternet.com

The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



GOD'S GENEROSITY

Lily towered above her classmates in her achievements. Many couldn't help being jealous of her predictable A grades and her growing number of certificates and trophies. But they were ashamed of how they felt when she was diagnosed with a terminal illness just as she was beginning university. They had been envious of her good fortune and talent, feeling that in some way it diminished their own efforts.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the vineyard labourers to teach us something about God's Kingdom. It also teaches us something about ourselves and the society we live in.

The labourers all received their due from the landlord, who represents God, and yet there was dissent, but no one was treated unfairly. The first workers agreed to the full wage of the day, and they received it. Jesus is saying that everything is a generous gift from God, and teaching us to be thankful for what we have been given.



Complaints are often directed towards God. 'Why are others healthy, while I am in constant pain?' 'Why do others enjoy a more comfortable life than me?'

There are going to be times in our lives when someone else gets an unexpected blessing, or receives some special recognition or clearly has a special talent.

Jesus teaches us not to feel envious for we are not in a race against each other. In God's eyes the 'first' and the 'last' are brothers and sisters who stand before God as friends and equals.

Prayer: - Heavenly Father, teach us to be generous as you have been generous to us. Teach us that all we are and have are gifts from you. Show us the joy of generosity, particularly the gift of affirming others. Amen.

23rd SEPTEMBER – 1st OCTOBER 2017

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| Saturday 23rd | 6.00pm | Barbara, Harry and Marjorie Quinn RIP (Ernie Quinn) |
| Sunday 24th | | 25th Sunday of the Year |
| | 8.45am* | Intentions of Kathleen Davies (Ted Brown) |
| | 10.45am | For All Parishioners |
| Monday 25th | | Feria |
| | 9.15am | Miss Carmen Georges; Mr Edigio Giorgis RIP |
| Tuesday 26th | | Feria |
| | 9.15am* | Intentions of the Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan |
| Wednesday 27th | | St Vincent de Paul |
| | 11.30am | Betty Wallen RIP - Birthday Intentions (DeViell Family) |
| Thursday 28th | | Feria |
| | 9.15am | Special Intentions of Mrs G. Hindley (Mrs N. Haynes) |
| Friday 29th | | SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels |
| | 9.15am | Intentions of Muriel and Fred (Margaret and Burt) |
| Saturday 30th | | |
| | 6.00pm | Terry Alexander RIP - Anniv. (Dianne, Charlotte and Family) |
| Sunday 1st | | 26th Sunday of the Year |
| | 8.45am* | For All Parishioners |
| | 10.45am | Dr Colin Adey RIP - Anniv. (Jo Adey) |

*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.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS

Topic: The Legacy of Saint Pope John Paul II, speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.

Date: 7th October -10.30am-12noon

Topic: Endings and Beginnings, speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon.

Date: 11th November 10.30am-12noon.

Topic: The Advent Journey, speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm. Date: 25th November 10.30am-12noon.

These events take place at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Tel. 01277 265285 Email:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org



"Mummy, why does the priest get a whole month's holiday?"

"Well, if he's a good priest he needs it and if he's not, then the congregation need it!"

COMMUNITY FAYRE

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) have organised their 2nd Community Fayre at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP, on Saturday 21st October with 20 stands showcasing local charities, local help groups, and local businesses that have something to offer our community. The exhibitors will include Christians Against Poverty, Catholic Clothing Guild, Storehouse Direct, CAFOD Brentwood, Southend in Transition and Southend Older People's Association. The Mayor of Southend will open the Fayre at 10.30am (finishing at 1pm) and we will have a Fairtrade raffle, Fairtrade light refreshments, a 2nd hand book sale, and recycling points for your unwanted spectacles for VisionAid Overseas, unwanted currency, used stamps, and old mobile phones; all for charities. Come and get some help and ideas whilst having a decent cuppa. Entrance is free.

400 CLUB WINNERS

The lucky winners for September are: - £50 Mr S. Clarke; £20 Mr B. Pater-son; £15 Mr D. Tullio; £15 Mr N. Folkard. Cheques will follow once Fr. Brett is back from his travels.

HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLE - 2nd October 2017

Bishop Mark O'Toole, head of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis of CCBEW will give a lecture entitled, How to be a disciple making disciple: Prayer, Faith, Loving Service and the Sacramental Life to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism. Doors of St Patrick's Church, Soho Square will open at 6:30 pm and Bishop Mark will begin his lecture at 7. Admission £5 at the door.

Registration:
guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPMINSTER

is celebrating its 60th anniversary and would like to invite anyone who has had involvement with the school to a celebration evening on Friday 6th October, 2017, between 4pm and 7pm. We would invite you to bring along any mementos you have of your time at St Joseph's to share with others. Light refreshments will be available. Please email:
office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk
by MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER if you are planning on going.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL

Open Days, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2017 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933 - for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018 - come and see the school during a normal school day. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2018 should complete the Local Education Authority single application form (SAF) and fill in the supplementary information form (SIF) that can be collected from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY AIR For the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

4 Nights, 5th - 9th December 2017
£525 p.p. (twin/double), £595 p.p. (single room) includes return flights, 4 nights' full board accom. at the Hotel Saint-Sauveur (inc. wine with meals), airport transfers from Ilford in UK & in France, all Mass offerings and procession candles (i.e., no extra/hidden costs) and a led retreat with Fr Andrew Headon. For more information, please contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932 634589; siobhan@parker-travel.com

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the Youth Justice and Peace Group will be raising money for the charities that they support. Tea, Coffee and some scrummy cakes will be on offer! All welcome.



Next weekend we are raising money for the Parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS!

Forms are now available in the porches of both churches for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Your child must be going into Year 3 or above to take part. The initial Parents Meeting will take place on Monday the 9th October at 7pm in St. George's Church and we expect at least one parent from each family to attend.



The Children's Sessions will take place on Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm, beginning on the 2nd November. All other details are on the form.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:

**Funding Appeal this weekend.
Target £430,000.**

Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. An appeal will be made this weekend; you will receive an appeal leaflet with this newsletter. Please support the appeal as generously as you can; in the words of Bishop Alan "This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese." Thank you.

THANK YOU!

Our grateful thanks go to the lovely Fr. Martin Joyce for looking after us so well whilst Fr. Brett has been enjoying himself Stateside. Fr. Martin will be back among us in January. The just as lovely (but don't tell him I said that) Fr. Brett will be back in the office on Friday of this week.

ONLINE SHOPPING

Do you shop online? Many retailers now offer to pay a percentage of monies paid to recognised charities. www.easyfundraising.org.uk has links to many of your favourite retailers. All that is required is you register with them and declare your preferred charity to be St Georges RC Church, Shoeburyness. Each time you shop login to Easyfundraising and select the retailer you want. Your session will then be linked and the benefit paid directly. This a really worthwhile way to raise funds for the parish at no cost or effort to yourselves.

Any questions, please contact the parish office or Jim Filmer on 585839.

We hate to mention the 'C' word, but it is only three months away now..., and, if you are like me and do much of your shopping for the festive season online, this really is a good way of raising money for the Church without leaving your armchair! Many thanks to everyone who does this already. *Sharon*

easyfundraising
.org.uk

ALTAR SERVER NEWS

Thanks to our wonderful band of Altar Servers who regularly appear at Mass. We are very grateful for your service.

If you would like to come and join them, and have at least made your First Holy Communion, please stay behind after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday 1st October and Shawn, our MC, will tell you all about it.

RCIA COURSE

It is not too late to join our course if you are interested in finding out more about, and possibly joining, the Catholic Church. The sessions are on Mondays, at 7.30pm, in the Committee Room at the back of the Church. Telephone the office for details.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Fruit, Evaporated Milk, Dream Topping and Angel Delight. 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.

POWER TO BE

Every child has the power in them to achieve great things. But with one in six people still living without electricity, the hopes of millions of the world's children are too often a distant dream. Renewable energy can transform lives for children – so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources

At all masses next weekend, the 30th September/1st October, the parish Justice and Peace groups will be presenting CAFOD's "Power to Be" campaign and asking for your support to help all children fulfil their God-given potential.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER MARY STEPHEN

Saturday 7th October at 11.30am

If you knew Sr Mary Stephen and wish to come to the Memorial Mass you are very welcome. Please let us know so seating is adequate and the venue appropriate. Please email: sboga.stbernards@yahoo.co.uk

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Sharon is now taking bookings for Fr Brett to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic school place for your child.

Fr Brett can only provide you with a certificate if you are known to him, and are a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe you fit this criteria please ring or email the office to book your appointment. Appointments will take place in early October.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Will you be in **Year 9** or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish on Sunday 24th June 2018 and he will be confirming our young people. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS!

Grateful thanks to all those who supported or helped at the 669 Coffee Morning last weekend - £113 was raised.