

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Please remember the following :

† Frank Axson, Vivienne Axson, Maureen Baker, William Bliss, Ada Braithwaite, John Breen, Kathleen Burke, Stella Byrne, Archie Carmichael, Catherine Collins, Michael Cox, Timothy Crowley, Mrs. L. DeViell, Keith Dixey, Bonita Dodd, Simon Dodd, Kathleen Dowling, Anne Downey, Anthony Drozdicki, Bernard Feeney, John Gillies, Samantha Glover, Frank Glyde, Kathleen Gooding, Malcolm Goodwin, Susan Hickey, Ronald Horstead, Maeve Knights, Alice Elizabeth MacKereth, John Maguire, Mary Michell, Elizabeth Murray, Heather Notarianni, Donny O'Rourke, Denis O'Sullivan, Leslie Paterson, Harry Pither, Florence Porter, Jillian Saunders, Katy Smith, Mary Tinson, Walter Watson. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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.

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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, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, 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:

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, Glenda Rhodes, Esmé Kelly, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

For a number of years now, the revolution in 'instant' things have been growing. It started with the basics like milk and coffee, and then we had soup, car washes and shoe repairers. We have instant relief from pain through drugs, and instant relief from boredom through the plethora of games and entertainment that comes via various kinds of media. Even marriage can be a fairly instant affair, with the venue being less Gretna Green and more Vegas. In the supermarkets there's quite a selection of 'ready meals' now, but they're never quite taste the same as a home cooked meal.

The digital age has seen the advent of ever more inventive and creative ways to deliver the product or service 'instantly' – the development of APPS is one that comes to mind.

This age of the *instantaneous* has encouraged a certain expectation where we want results quickly, waiting has become a grind, and inconvenience sparks irritation.

Yet, if we look at the natural world around us, everything has its own pace; if you plant a seed, you must wait for it to grow! We know with ourselves that to build a fulfilling and meaningful relationship with someone takes time and effort - along with many other factors. To grow in wisdom and maturity as human beings is the job of a lifetime.

Taking short-cuts in order to save time and effort is not a bad thing – it can be a good thing. But like many things in life, 'there's a time and a place'. You can't short-cut the growth of a meaningful relationship – you have to work at it. There's no APP for bringing up your children well – you have to work at it. There's no button you can press for acquiring a skill – you have to work at it. There are certain things that require patience, time, effort, commitment, perseverance and a positive attitude that says, "I'm in this for the long-haul". This is very much the case for the spiritual life. There are no short-cuts or easy options, as Jesus demonstrates in and through his journey. This does not mean to say that it is not fulfilling or joyful, more like it will have its challenges.

In the gospel, we hear an account where Jesus is momentarily transfigured with glory; a glimpse of who he was and what the future has in store. But St Paul tells us that the glory which belonged to Christ as the Son of God was put aside when he assumed our condition, so Jesus doesn't rest on his status and glory, it doesn't become a short-cut whereby the rest of his journey is evaded. Quite the contrary, this transfiguration event both consolidated and reinforced his conviction on what direction he needed to take.

Let's pray that the graces which the transfiguration event bestowed upon the disciples, will be bestowed upon us, reinforcing and re-energising our commitment to follow Jesus.

Fr Brett



24th FEBRUARY – 4th MARCH 2018

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

Saturday 24th	6.00pm	Intentions of Jacqui and Jim Graham (Dianne)
Sunday 25th	8.45am*	Second Sunday of Lent For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of Val McEvoy (Sharon)
	4.00pm	Vespers (St. George's)
Monday 26th	9.15am	Feria Domenica Cameron RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Tuesday 27th	9.15am*	Feria Jenny Mann RIP (Doug Woulds)
Wednesday 28th	11.30am	Feria Frank Baynes RIP (Joe O'Connor)
Thursday 1st	9.15am	St David Eucharistic Service
Friday 2nd	9.15am 2.30pm* 7.30pm	Feria For the Intentions of Andrew and Geraldine Hannah Requiem Mass for Pat Davison RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Intentions of Dianne Alexander (Chris and Tom)
Sunday 4th	8.45am* 10.45am 4.00pm*	Third Sunday of Lent (The First Scrutiny) For All Parishioners Intentions of Michael on his 17th Birthday (The Family) Vespers (St. Gregory's)

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay *

Confessions at St. George's—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.

8TH SHOEBURYNNESS GUIDES

8th Shoeburyness Guides currently have spaces available in their Girlguide group.

We meet every Tuesday night in St George's Church Hall, St Andrews Road, Shoeburyness.

In the past year we have tasted chocolate, carried out experiments at Gunners Park, endured 'I'm a Celebrity' bush tucker trials and have worked on an 'Apprentice' style challenge. Other trips have included Kids Kingdom, Rope Runners and the local chip shop! We love to go camping and are already planning this year's spring camp.

If you are a girl aged 10-14 who loves adventure, having fun and making friends then why not come along? Please contact us on email - 8thshoeburynessguides@gmail.com

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The BCCS has several places available for the London Vitality 10k run on Monday 28th May. We ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. For more info contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a programme that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places. Full details online at www.bcys.net

NATIONAL NEWS

Canon Paul Swarbrick, of the Lancaster Diocese, has been named by Pope Francis as the 7th Bishop of Lancaster. He succeeds Bishop Michael Campbell OSA who resigned having reached the age of 75. Bishop-Elect Paul Swarbrick, 59, has been a priest of Lancaster Diocese for over 35 years. Please keep Bishop-Elect Swarbrick in your prayers.

SOUTHEND DEANERY LENT TALKS

Theme: - 'The Ministries to which we are called'

Taking place at Nazareth House, Southend, on four Thursdays in Lent, beginning at 7.30pm, and ending with devotions and Benediction.

Priests will be available to hear Confessions. The second one is as follows:-

1st March - **'Be it done unto me'**

Brian Holt - President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary.

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

12-19 March 2018

This year marks the 10th anniversary of this annual week of prayer so this particular decade of prayer offers many opportunities for communities and parish groups to join together in prayer, formally and informally.

Further information about the week can be found on <http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia-prayer-week.html>

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PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the soul of Sr Mary Barry, former Headteacher of Holy Family Benfleet, who died this week in Derby. Sr Mary was a Sister of Mercy and lived in Canvey Island. May she rest in peace.

EXHIBITION ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN

5-11 March at

Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford

An exhibition about the Shroud of Turin, including a full sized replica of the Shroud, will take place at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford from 5th to 11th March 2018. The exhibition opens with Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 5th March. Each day there are Confessions, Stations of the Cross and Mass. The week culminates with Mass at 12noon on Saturday 10th March. The exhibition will remain in place on Sunday 11th March. The church is open from 7am until 8pm each day. If you would like to know more about this, please contact the parish office on 01245 352898, or simply come along to church that week.

DIOCESAN GUILD MASS FOR DECEASED ALTAR SERVERS

Taking place at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree on Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am). Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb /cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Everyone is welcome. Please reply to becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 28th February if you wish to attend.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for the Parish.

Everyone welcome after the 10.45am

Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, and cakes, plus meet up with your parish friends.



The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -

4 March - 669

11 March - CAFOD

18 March - CAFÉ Group

25 March - Youth J & P

THIS WEEK

Vespers and Benediction continue this Sunday at St. George's at 4pm. All welcome. If you are new to this tradition, there is an order of service to follow, so don't be afraid to come and join in.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7.30pm in St.

George's, and this coming week we have our Pastoral Parish Council leading us.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £781.32 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Please hand back your filled envelopes this weekend, and remember that for every pound that you donate, the Government will also donate a pound (up to a total of £5,000,000). If you Gift Aid for the church please use your envelopes and we will claim the Gift Aid back for CAFOD. Many thanks.

HELP NEEDED

Our Family Group that meets on a Tuesday morning is in desperate need of some extra hands to set up and pack away, and possibly to do some reading or singing to the children. This week, due to lack of help, we were not able to open.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday morning, between 9am and 11.30am, please telephone the office and leave your details.

SWIMATHON 2018

John Smith is participating in the Swimathon 2018 to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. If you wish to donate please go to the just giving page at:- www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Smith130

REMINDER

May we please ask that you do not eat, or allow your children, to eat in either Church.

Our cleaners have spent a long time this week cleaning up the remains of food left on the floor in St. George's. Thank you for your co-operation.

GARDENERS/CLEANERS NEEDED

Do you have some spare time you can donate to the church? The commitment isn't huge - with the cleaning of the church it is one session per month. If you can help in any way please speak with Sharon or Fr Brett.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Meals - curries, stews, hot dogs, meat balls, and pepper and salt please. Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed. Thank you to everyone who donates, it is much appreciated.

REQUIEM MASS FOR

PAT DAVISON RIP

Pat's funeral will take place at St. Gregory's Church, Thorpe Bay, on Friday 2nd March at 2.30pm.

Please remember Pat and her loving family in your prayers at this sad time.

LOURDES 2018

The Southend Across Group has two spaces on the Jumbulance for any male pilgrim who, through illness or disability, requires care and support.

We leave for Lourdes on Thursday June 14th and return on Saturday June 23rd. For more information on costs etc, please contact Sheila Hussey on 07929241469.

CAR BATTERY

Malcolm has a new, medium duty car battery, suitable for a car up to 2litres, that he is willing to give to someone in need. If you are interested please leave your details with the office and Sharon will pass on.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March 2018 at 2pm

'All God's Creation is Very Good'

This year our parish is hosting this, but the venue has been changed to the Methodist Church, The Broadway, Thorpe Bay.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and the service is not just for women.

We are very grateful to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church who have again offered their facilities. Offers of help will be gratefully appreciated. Cakes will be particularly welcome!



CHARITY CURRY NIGHT

Maureen Woodcock is holding a Charity Curry Evening at the Polash in West Road on Wednesday 14th March in aid of funds for her 16 year old Granddaughter, Caitlin, who is going to Mexico with a group called M10 Mission, which is a charity with Christian-based values. Tickets are £18 each and all monies to be paid in advance of the event. Please speak with Maureen on 295437 to book your place.

THE GEORGIAN

Wanted! Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian'. Please send by email any items for inclusion in our next edition to Frank McEvoy at: mcevoy@ymail.com
Closing Date: 17/18 March.
Don't forget!

PARISH SUMMER FAYRE 2018

We will be holding a meeting to discuss plans for our **Parish Summer Fayre for 2018** on Thursday the 8th March at 7pm in the Committee rooms at the rear of St George's Church (just behind the Church Hall). If you are / have been / would like to be a stall holder do please come along.

As you may know our 669 group have run the Fayre for a number of years. This year and going forward they would like to pass that role onto another group. We hope to discuss how we can manage that transition. So, if you would like to be involved in the planning/running of this years and future Summer Fayres this is the time to let us know.

PS. we might even tell the closely guarded secret of what "669" actually means ☺

