

## 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.†

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm

In your great love, answer me, O God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of truth will be my witness; and you too will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

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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**Headteacher:** Mrs A. Delgado

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**Website:** [www.sgcps.co.uk](http://www.sgcps.co.uk)

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

### Those who receive Holy Communion at home:

Jo Williams, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, 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 Kallogerides, 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.

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Dames Fontein, South Africa

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### FAITH IN FOCUS: COMMITMENT

A young man walked into a camera shop with a framed picture of his girlfriend. He wanted the picture duplicated which, of course, involved removing it from the frame. While doing this, the studio owner noticed the inscription on the back which said, "Dear Wayne, I love you with all my heart. I love you more and more each day. I will love you forever and ever. I am yours for all eternity." It was signed "Emma" and it contained a P.S.: "If we ever break up, I want this picture back."

They say there can be no P.S. in our relationship with Christ for he demands an all-or-nothing-at-all commitment. But is it reasonable to follow Christ through thick and thin when we sometimes stand to lose so much?

Could you excuse Christians from openly professing their faith in certain countries where it is a State offence for the bible to be imported and where no provision is made for any religion other than the official one to be practised?

What would you feel about the young Christian doctor who felt called to go and work in a Third World place where medical provision was negligible but who instead decided to stay in a rich medical practice where he could get on the professional ladder and start to pay off the mortgage on a huge house he wanted to buy? Should the 60-year-old priest be expected to uproot and go and work in a missionary parish when he really is looking forward to semi-retirement in a comfortable suburban parish?

What about TV personalities who keep quiet about their faith for fear it will affect their popularity? Do you find time for politicians who abstain from voting against legislation that conflicts with their faith just so that they can keep their seats in parliament? Or those who give up beliefs simply to marry? And those whose neighbours don't even know are Christian for fear of ridicule?

Before we jump to criticise, there is something of all these people in each of us. Yet Jesus' words today hold true: If anyone declares themselves for me or disowns me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for them or disown them in the presence of my Father in heaven.



## 24th JUNE – 2nd JULY 2017

The Body and Blood of Christ - Year A - Day for Life

<b>Saturday 24th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Douglas Woulds Senior RIP</b> (Doug Woulds)
<b>Sunday 25th</b>		<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Emmanuel and Precious Ewalefo - Wedding Blessings</b> (Sylvia)
<b>Monday 26th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>		<i>St Irenaeus</i>
	11.30am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Thursday 29th</b>		<i>St Peter and St Paul (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
	9.30am	<b>Anna Cohen RIP</b> (Hilary)
	8.00pm	<b>Liz Porter RIP</b> (P and B Corcoran)
<b>Friday 30th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Saturday 1st</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>Josephine and Anthony Micallef RIP</b> (Pauline and Barry Pope) <i>and</i> <b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>		<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Frank Smith RIP</b> (Jan Hatch)
	10.45am	<b>Joyce and Ron Taylor RIP</b> (Sylvia)

\*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.

## ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 6th July 6pm to 9pm**

For families who have a son due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2018. Come and see the school and meet the staff and pupils. The Head Teacher's Talk will begin at 7pm. If you are unable to come along please contact the school in order to get a SIF form.

If you are a prospective Sixth Form student, you are welcome, but there is an Open Evening for those currently in Year 10 on the 23rd November.

## VACANCIES

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster.** Class Teacher required for September. This post would be suitable for a newly qualified teacher. Please contact the school office on 01708 220277 for more information. Full advert on [www.jobsgopublic.com](http://www.jobsgopublic.com)  
**Newhall School, Chelmsford** are looking for a Teacher of Science (Chemistry), a Full or Part-time Teacher of Learning Support, and a Full or Part-time SENCO. For further details please visit: -  
[www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities)

## PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Yes, we have finally moved into the 21st century and have our own Facebook page! Please type in St George and the English Martyrs and *Like* our page.



**For those of you who enjoy using smartphone technology, click on this QRCode and go directly to our new Facebook page!**



## MAINTENANCE OF THE GARDEN AT ST. GEORGE'S

Can we have a few more volunteers to help with a bit of weeding in the gardens around St. George's please? We are a bit low on numbers. Anytime that you could give would be much appreciated. Please either telephone or email the office.

## A FINAL THOUGHT...

Always dream and shoot higher than you know how to. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

**William Faulkner**

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

### FR. GERARD BUTCHER RIP

Fr Gerry's body will be received into SS Peter & Paul's church, 342 High Road, Ilford, IG1 1QP on Sunday 25 June at 7pm and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 26 June at 11am. This will be followed by burial at St Patrick's Cemetery, Langthorne Road, E11 4HL at 1pm. Fr Gerry was born in Derry, Northern Ireland, on 28 January 1932. He trained for the priesthood at Womersley from 1963-1969 and was ordained on 12 July 1969. He served the diocese as an Assistant Priest at: Tilbury (1969-1970); Canning Town (1970-1971); St Patrick, Walthamstow (1971-1975) and Hainault (1975-1981).

From 1981-1994 he resided with his sister in Ilford and undertook supply work. Although he retired in 1994, he continued to live in Ilford and to undertake a limited amount of supplies, especially for Father Gerard Hughes at Gidea Park. In 2016 he took up residence at Nazareth House, Southend-on-Sea.

We thank God for his ministry and pray that may he rest in peace.



## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Jessica Smith, from St Joseph's Parish, Upminster, has been selected for the Great Britain athletics squad to take part in the International Catholic Student Games (FISEC) near Venice, Italy in July; this will be 15-year-old Jessica's first International Games. Jessica will be competing in the 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles as well as being part of the 100m relay team comprising athletes from across the nation.

The FISEC Games is one of two world competitions for school based sport and this competition which follows international rules, is recognised by the International Olympic Committee. Please keep Jessica, the GB team and all of those children competing in the Games in your prayers. Many thanks.

### 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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or telephone 0161 941 3498.

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we are raising money for the Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next weekend, we will be raising money for the Youth going to Lourdes.



### RETIRING COLLECTION

**1/2 July** - There will be a collection for Peter's Pence. This is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

### FR BRETT NEWS

Fr Brett goes on retreat on Sunday afternoon, and won't be returning to the parish until Friday the 7th July. He will not be contactable during that time, either by telephone or email.

Fr Basil Pearson will be taking the Masses for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on Thursday, and also the weekend Masses on the 1st/2nd July.

A reminder that Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation, and our Mass times will be 9.30am and 8pm. Our lovely children at St. George's School will be joining us for the 9.30 Mass.

## OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS

Nicholas from Bethlehem Nativity will be visiting us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated.

### 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.

Whilst we are on the subject of Coffee Mornings we have two dates in August that remain unfilled - 6th and the 27th. If anyone would like to host a coffee morning for a good cause on either of those dates please contact the office. Also, someone booked a coffee morning for Save the Children on the 20th August. Can that person please contact Sharon.

### MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

## 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 5th July, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. If you want to get your child baptised please ring Sharon to book your place.

## 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

A huge thank you to all who have so generously continued to support our local homeless people (H.A.R.P.) Your kindness has been amazing and makes a huge difference to the recipients. This month we are asking for individual cartons of fruit juice, individually wrapped cakes/biscuits e.g. KitKats, Penguins, Blue Ribands and small packets of Crisps/Potato Snacks (these will contribute to the night packs).



## ST. GEORGE'S PARISH SUMMER FAYRE THANK YOU

We would like to say a very big Thank You to everyone who came along to the fayre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

It was fabulous to see you all there, we hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and had a great time. It is always a fabulous social occasion.

Also a very big THANK YOU to everyone who donated bottles, cakes, etc and helped in any way.

You are all Superstars, and we raised £3,500!

## IMPORTANT NEWS RE OFFICE

From the 26th June the Presbytery will temporarily be closed whilst essential repairs / refurbishment work is carried out, which will take approximately eight weeks. During this time ***the office will be moved into the Sacristy and all visitors should use the back door to the church*** which is off the driveway at the back of the hall.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We have now booked our coach for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22nd July. As previously mentioned, the coach will be leaving here at around 6am, and returning here around 10pm. We will be joining with hundreds of other pilgrims from our Diocese, in celebration of the Diocesan Centenary. The cost of going is £18 per person, but if anyone feels that this cost would prohibit them going, please speak with Fr Brett in confidence.

So far we have 30 people on the list for the trip. If you haven't yet put your name down, and would like to do so, please speak with Sharon, Graham Alcock (our Walsingham Rep.), or Fr Brett as soon as possible. We are now collecting payment for the pilgrimage, so ask that those who have put their names down forward payment to the Office as soon as possible.

Any spare seats are being offered out to neighbouring parishes.

## 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.

## OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £713.91, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The collection for Day for Life amounted to £313.17. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

## BARGAIN CORNER

**Mobility Scooter** - Freerider FR168-4A looking for a new home. If you are interested please contact Sharon and she will put you in touch with the owner.

**Various Curtains** - Does anyone need any curtains? These are long patterned ones - either green, red or gold tones. Again, contact Sharon.

