

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Bryan, Genevieve Britto, Florence Meager, Edith Humphreys, Kathleen Davies, Kathleen Gooding, Tony Mander, Louisa Bruce, John Roberts, Peter Zuelchaur, Leonard Carlile, Linda Conroy, Arthur Bann, James Rockell, James Coughlan, Thomas Spalding, Bill Wisbey, Kenneth Dawson, Edith Timmermans, Edward Dean, May Mills, Carmen Kelly, Stephen Dowie, Jim Dixon, Pat McKelvie, Mary d'Eca, Catherine Harman, Jenny Adamson, Michael Sheaf, Maria Coleman, Joan Pollock, Sean O'Sullivan, Barbara Neagle, Brian Hanley, Monica Winn, James Curtis, Barbara McKelvie, Robert Stone, Teresa Pitcher, Shirley Sharrad, Joan James, Manuel Sufredo, Gabby Millar, Barbara Devereux †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation 6pm and 8.45am

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

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, 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, John Morton, Tom Grain.

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8.30am - 5pm; Thurs 8.30am - 5pm; Fri

8.30am - 12noon.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Palm Sunday - Year B



My dear friends in Christ,

Today we begin the most important week in the Church's year, **Holy Week**, and we start off with a parade as Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst celebration and joy.

We have parades for all sorts of different reasons, some are celebratory and some are not. Parades can make certain authorities nervous as they can be a crime magnet. For varying reasons, Jesus' parade certainly makes both the religious and civil authorities nervous! As we move through today's Mass the air of celebration soon dissipates and things turn ugly as we enter into the Passion and death of Jesus. This swift and brief turn of events is unpacked throughout *Holy week*.

Today is the headline, and *Holy Week* is where we are invited to unpack and enter the drama of it all and journey with Jesus.

From a liturgical perspective the first few days of Holy Week (Monday through to Wednesday) are uneventful. This however, is the calm before the storm as the liturgical pace picks up on Holy Thursday evening when we begin the **Easter Triduum** with the

Mass of the Lord's Supper. Here we commemorate not only Jesus' last supper with his disciples but also the inauguration of the Eucharist; 'this is my body given for you...this is my blood poured out for you'. Jesus' self-gift in the Eucharist becomes our gift of service to others as Jesus models true discipleship when he serves his disciples by washing their feet.

The twists and turns of the drama ensue. Jesus faces betrayal. His friends snore through his loneliness and suffering in the garden. He is arrested by a friend's kiss. And so we enter into Good Friday and the 'kangaroo court' of Jesus' trial where he is flogged to placate a politician's conscience. He is handed over to a mob because of political cowardice. He makes the way of the cross alone because his friends deserted Him. He exercises forgiveness to the bitter end. He draws his last breath while his 'close' disciples remain at a safe distance. He is laid in a borrowed tomb...and so we reach Holy Saturday and wait.

We wait in hope, we wait for the light to pierce and dispel the darkness; we wait for life to triumph over death!

I would really encourage you to attend as many of the liturgies as you can. I always find them to be very moving and powerful. Don't forget, Jesus' journey to new life is your journey as well!

Wishing you a fruitful Holy Week.

Fr Brett



24th MARCH – 1st APRIL 2018

Holy Week - Year B

Saturday 24th	6.00pm	Norman Sach RIP and All Dementia Sufferers (Pat Sach)
Sunday 25th	8.45am*	Palm Sunday Deceased Parents of Ted and Anne Brown
	10.45am 4.00pm	For All Parishioners Vespers (St. George's)
Monday 26th	9.15am	Monday in Holy Week Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah and Canon Digby Samuels RIP
Tuesday 27th	9.15am* 2.00pm	Tuesday in Holy Week Deceased Parents of Mrs Law Requiem Mass for Maureen Cooke RIP
Wednesday 28th	11.30am	Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday) Mrs Marion Wainwright RIP (Maria Stocker)
Thursday 29th	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday For the Health of Jimmy Duffy (Ted Brown)
Friday 30th	10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross Waking Walk of Witness Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 31st	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Dianne Alexander (Chris and Tom)
Sunday 1st	8.45am* 10.45am	The Resurrection of the Lord Suhaila Mana RIP (Ted Brown) Hana, Elishwa, John, Suhaila and Zaidi Manna RIP (Manna Family) <i>and</i> The People of the Parish

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

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

**THE NEW EVANGELISATION
SUMMIT**

4th May to 5th May 2018

The Home Mission Office would like to invite leaders and innovators who want to make the Joy of the Gospel a reality throughout England and Wales to the 'New Evangelisation Summit' in May 2018.

This event will enable those gathered to explore aspects of the New Evangelisation as we watch world-class speakers, engage in discussion and pray together.

Michael Dopp, the director of this initiative, will be with us to present his

talks live and to explore the possibility of encouraging more 'host sites' to bring the New Evangelisation Summit to a diocese, deanery, community or religious order in 2019 and beyond.

This will take place at the Sion Community (SENT), Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood.

More details from: -

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Departments/Evangelisation-and-Catechesis/Home-Mission/New-Evangelisation-Summit>



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...

Next week there will be a lot of Orders of Service being produced for the Easter Services.

Are there some kind parishioners out there that could come into the church on either Tuesday or Thursday to help fold those service sheets please? If you are able to offer assistance please telephone Sharon and let her know what day/time is convenient. Many thanks.

CHURCH PEW FOR SALE

As part of our gradual tidy up policy we are offering for sale a pew which has been kept in the sacristy at St Gregory's for many years and is merely used for storing boxes on. It is in good condition, around 7 foot wide, but sadly cannot be used anywhere else in either church.

If a parishioner would like this for use in their home / garden please put your offer, along with your details, in a sealed envelope marked "Pew" and hand it into the office by Friday 20th April.

The envelopes will then be opened on Monday 23rd April and the person making the highest bid advised.

VACANCIES

St, George's Catholic Primary School are looking for an energetic, hard-working, trustworthy *Caretaker/Handy Person*. More information given in last week's newsletter. For more details and an application pack please contact the school office on 01702 293522. Closing date 26/03/18

Holy Family Parish, Benfleet are looking for an *Admin Manager*. 20 hours pw, timing of work can be negotiated. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or the office on 01268 799649/email to priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. More details were in last week's newsletter. Closing date 3rd April.

Education Office in Brentwood - PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) required to support the Director and Deputy Director in the Education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, working five days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact: recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 30th March 2018. Interviews and tasks to take place on 4th or 5th April 2018.

St Thomas More High School are looking for a Minibus Driver to transport pupils before and after school to/from Chalkwell Station. The candidate will be driving a 16 seater school minibus. Candidates must be over 25 years of age with 2 years of driving experience for insurance purposes, have a full D1 licence and be prepared to undertake a MIDAS training course. The rate of pay is £10 per hour. Please email recruitment@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or telephone the school on 01702 606 763 for further details.

Sacred Heart School, Southend, require a *Cleaner*. Needed for 10 hours per week, working 2 hours per day. Please contact the School Office on 01702 534546 for more information or email office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Youth J & P Group will be raising money for 'Hope for Justice.' See advert below.

Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass.



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

1 April - Easter Sunday (no coffee morning)

8 April - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

THIS WEEK

Our final Vespers and Benediction takes place this Sunday at St. George's at 4pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the special places in the Holy Land. Please give what you can.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MAUREEN COOKE RIP

The Requiem Mass for Maureen Cooke takes place this Tuesday, 27th March, at 2pm in St. George's. Maureen will be brought into church at 4.30pm on Monday 26th March.

Please pray for Maureen and her family at this time.



YOUTH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Coffee morning in aid of

HOPE FOR JUSTICE

After Palm Sunday 10.45 Mass

Homemade cakes

Sausage and bacon rolls

Craft activities for children

Raffle

Please come and support our wonderful project

PARISH EASTER CARDS

Please make sure that you have taken a card home with the Easter message from Fr Brett, but it also has the times of all the services over the Easter period.

Also, as we were sent more than we ordered, please think about taking one for a neighbour, or a lapsed Catholic friend.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £728.85 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. In addition we collected the following money for flowers: - St George's £231.60 and St Gregory's £154.55. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

CURRY NIGHT THANKS!

Maureen Woodcock would like to thank Fr. Brett, Sharon, Parishioners, Family and Friends for their support for her Charity Curry Evening. A grand total of £976 was raised for Caitlin's Charity. For more information e-mail: - 14cjwoodcock@the3rivers.net

EXCLUSIVE BOOK SIGNING

Jane Barron de Burgh will be giving a talk about her latest novel 'Not All There'. A tale of loss and acceptance. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll come for the glass of Prosecco (or non-alcoholic alternative). St. George's Hall Friday 13th April 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Tickets, on the door, £10 including a signed copy of 'Not All There' and refreshments.

Questions? Requests? Plaudits? 07910572969 or jane@janebarrondeburghbooks.com

UNITED SERVICE

On Palm Sunday at 3.00pm in the Mallards there is a United Service. This is provided for the residents by the Methodist and Catholic churches. Do please support it if you can. (The Mallards is opposite the Exhibition pub/Methodist Church in the High Street.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Vegetables - peas, carrots, assorted beans etc., plus Breakfast Cereals. Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed. Thank you to everyone who donates, it is much appreciated.

END OF WORLD WAR I EVENING

Sat 21st April

7.30pm At George's Hall

3 course meal

Music, Bingo, raffle

Bring your own drinks

£15 per ticket

In Aid of Across

Contact Dianne /Charlotte
01702 535751

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 April, 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.

LIVING FAITH

This popular daily prayer book is available in the letter rack for those who have ordered a copy. There are a few spare copies if anyone would like one. Please speak with Sharon.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE PRIEST

The collection taken over the Easter Sunday Masses is an opportunity for you to make your own personal Easter offering to the priest. Together with the Christmas collection, this forms his main income for the year. If you have gift-aid envelopes, you will find a white envelope marked "Easter Sunday" amongst the sequence of your other gift-aid envelopes. Please use this envelope for your offering. If you pay by cheque, then please make it payable to "Catholic Church Shoeburyness"; your offering will still make its way to Fr Brett.

If you support the parish community by paying through a *Standing Order*, then please note that this money does not form part of the Easter offering to the priest, but goes to the parish.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To everyone who came and supported the CAFÉ Group Coffee Morning last weekend, but particularly the CAFÉ Group members themselves. They raised £122.20, which they very generously donated to the Church towards the repair and re-gilding of the Monstrance. This will be going away to be looked at after Easter.