

The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King - Youth Day - Year B



A very big 'thank you' to Shawn for providing us with a history of the Mass over these last few weeks. It has been very interesting to read how the Mass has evolved since those earliest days when the first disciples used to meet in each other's homes, "devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

This weekend we celebrate the feast of *Christ the King*. This feast reminds us of the centrality of Christ when it comes to living the Christian faith. Jesus is the ultimate point of reference, our guide, and the foundation of all reality – "This is the truth... 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come." (Rev. 1:8)

There is no deception in Jesus, only light and truth, and the fruits of his kingdom bears witness to this. He gives us the blueprint on what it means to be fully human and how that can become a crossing point into the divine.

But Jesus' kingdom, and the values that it stands for, can often be at odds with our world. In the gospel, Jesus responds to Pilate with, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world".

Social, political and popular conventions can sometimes pull us in the opposite direction in which Jesus would like to take us.

On this special feast, let us examine our hearts in the light of Jesus' kingdom values and principles to see where we might be falling short. If we're unsure of what those values and principles are, then we should take the trouble to inform ourselves about them. This is about taking ownership and responsibility for what we believe.

Jesus' kingship was not about pushing people around, but about service, about being there for others, as he is there for us, every day. We might ask the Lord for the grace to help us imitate His spirit of service, so that we can also be there for others.

This weekend is also known as national youth Sunday where we celebrate the presence of our young people and contribution that they make to parish community life, and the wider church. I'm delighted to say that Lewis Dye and Amelia Frampton will be making a short presentation at each Mass.

Next weekend we begin the season of Advent, an opportunity perhaps for some spiritual renewal and a deepening of one's commitment. You may think about getting some extra prayer time in. Why not come to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday mornings or Vespers on Sunday afternoons during Advent? Every little bit of prayer helps!

Wishing you well for the week.

Fr Brett



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Reginald Chambers, Colman Connolly, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, Joan Dowie, Peter Dowie, Christopher Fagan, Tom Gallimore, Sheila Gaunt, Marie Hanley, Cathy Heffernan, Adelaide Hodges, Diane Hogan, Christopher Holden, Bernard Humphrey, Peggy Kateley, Patrick McFadden, Constance Miller, Mick Montague, Mark Murray, Rachel Neale, B.J. O'Connell, Winifred Paterson, Stanley Platt, Jessie Rae, William Ryan, Mark Schneiderhan, Leslie Smith, Ruby Statham, Kurt Stocker, Lily Sutton, Joan Taylor, Phyllis Wallhead, Michael Wilks, Tom Woodman, Martha Zuelchaur, Anthony Maurice Henry Maintenant, David Webber. †

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! 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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## 24th NOVEMBER - 2nd DECEMBER 2018

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Saturday 24th	6.00pm <i>Youth Mass</i>	<b>Robert Walliker on his retirement and 65th Birthday and For the Holy Souls</b>
Sunday 25th	8.45am*	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King <b>For All Parishioners</b>
Monday 26th	10.45am 9.15am	<b>Chris and Tom's Intentions and Michael Norton RIP</b> (Brian and Serena) Feria <b>Dorothy Mary Gibbons RIP - Anniv.</b>
Tuesday 27th	9.15am*	Feria <b>Ellen Metcalf RIP - Anniv.</b>
Wednesday 28th	11.30am <i>Red Wednesday</i>	Feria <b>Kitty Mayo RIP - Anniv.</b> (Wendy Stafford) <i>and For All Those Persecuted for their Faith</i> (Senior Justice and Peace Group)
Thursday 29th	9.15am	Feria <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Friday 30th	9.15am	St. Andrew, AP. <b>Ellen Metcalf RIP and For the Holy Souls</b>
Saturday 1st	6.00pm <i>Youth Mass</i>	<b>Tony Castle - Birthday Intentions</b> (Senior Justice and Peace Group)
Sunday 2nd	8.45am* 10.45am 4.00pm*	First Sunday of Advent (Year C) <b>For All Parishioners</b> <b>Ima Obong RIP</b> (Sylvia) <b>Vespers and Benediction</b>

\*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.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER - 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Once again this year we will be hosting Christmas dinner at Sacred Heart Primary School on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December as it was such a lovely occasion last year celebrating with some friends old and new. If you are on your own that day and would like to join us for turkey and all the trimmings then please contact the school office on 534546 to reserve a place. We will be serving dinner about 1pm. but will welcome visitors after 11.00am Mass. If you require transport please advise the office. Look forward to seeing you, **Sally Nutman, friends and family.**



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...then please 'like' us -

**@stgeorgeandtheenglishmartyrs**

## NEWS FROM THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives.

[www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

There are a good selection of Catholic newspapers in the porch, all with very interesting articles. For every paper bought, the church gets a percentage of the cost price of that paper. Why don't you give one a go today.

If you would rather receive a digital copy, then you can subscribe to the Catholic Universe and get two months free. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office and we will send you a link.

## FAMILY GROUP

Thank you so much to our lovely helpers who have been coming along since September. We could use a few more so that we can get a rota going. Please let Sharon know if you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning during term time to help with the Group.

## BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Joseph Eric Bracknell into our faith community as his family celebrate his Baptism this weekend. Congratulations to all.

**'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'**

*Ephesians 4:5*



## THE DEANERY ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**7.30pm Saturday 8th December**

At St. Augustine's Church, St. Augustine's Avenue, Thorpe Bay, SS1 3JH. Tickets £5 each (16 and under FREE).

Includes refreshments, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets may be reserved by calling/texting 07922 554343, or purchased at the door on the evening. The concert will be a wonderful selection of Christmas and popular music.

### OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £868.90 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.

### SACRED HEART WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

As part of the Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters the Sacred Heart's Shelter will start on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and run for sixteen weeks. Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the generosity of the time you have volunteered to make this project possible. While offers of time are still extremely valuable we now have more pressing needs. We are collecting items that will be needed to run the shelter and offer as much help to the guests as possible. The items we need are: new adult sized underwear including socks, toothbrushes, sanitary products for women, 'hotel freebie' or travel size soap, deodorant, shower gel and toothpaste etc. Warm adult sized jumpers; t-shirts, trousers etc. and winter coats would be very welcome. If two people in your parish would kindly organise the collections of clothing and toiletries and liaise with myself I will arrange regular collections by the Knights of Saint Columba to ensure your church does not become overburdened with the volume of donations that I'm sure will be generously forthcoming. Thank you so very much. Liam Rand – Night Shelter Co-Ordinator  
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***If you can help in anyway, please contact Sharon in the office.***

## VACANCY

**Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas.** We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at [www.bcys.net/vacancy-media](http://www.bcys.net/vacancy-media) - deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### AUTUMN SPIRITUALITY TALK

Taking place at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. 10.30am until 12noon.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018** – Title: **"Advent Spirituality."** Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm. For further details telephone 01277 265285.

## COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this weekend is being run by Lewis Dye towards his World Expedition trip next year. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass to join us for tea, coffee, and plenty of cakes! Next week we are raising money for the Parish.



### #REDWEDNESDAY

**This Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> November, events will be held all over the country to mark Red Wednesday.**

At St. George's Church, we will be floodlighting the building in red (last year, even the Houses of Parliament got in on the act!)

The entrance to St Gregory's will be dressed in red.

On **REDWEDNESDAY** parishioners are encouraged to:

- Wear an article of red clothing or a red badge as a visible sign of solidarity and religious tolerance.
- Join members of the Justice and Peace Group attending the 11.30am Mass (wearing red).

Alternatively, pop along to Parliament Square, London, between 3.30pm and 5pm to meet with MPs.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Today we pray for our young people, and hear about the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House. You will receive a leaflet, and there is much more on the website, [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). The recent Synod (meeting of Bishops and Cardinals, with Pope Francis) focussed on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment concluded with these words: "The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor, and those wounded by life your travelling companions. You are the present; be a brighter future." Today's second collection supports the work of the BCYS including training young leaders, buying resources, and helping to assist young people in financial hardship to attend events and pilgrimages – please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

### MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

## HELP NEEDED

Frank & Val are hoping to recruit a few parishioners to join them in helping to run the parish coffee mornings. These are held 4/5 times a year after 10.45 Mass. If you feel you can help, please speak to either Frank/Val at Mass or call us on 297153. Thank you.

## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - milk, coffee and sugar as usual; extras are – Cooking Oil; Tins of Meat (Spam, Pork, Corned Beef, Ham); Meals in Tins (Chilli, Spaghetti Bolognaise; Curries; Stews). Thanks very much to everyone who has contributed either food or cash in the past week. What an amazing community we have!

## BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism Course takes place on Wednesday 5th December, 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.

## ACROSS RAFFLE

Dianne and Charlotte have 2 x Family Photography Gift Experience Vouchers for Barrett and Coe, worth £160 that they are raffling in aid of ACROSS. Included is a one hour portrait session worth £75, a personalised viewing of all images and a framed 6x8 gift worth £85. Tickets are £1 per strip and all proceeds go to Pilgrims travelling with Across in 2020. (Registered charity number: SCO30126) Tickets are available from Charlotte or Dianne after the 6pm mass, or via Charlotte's mobile 07801931298 or by this justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/across-raffle> The raffle will be drawn on the 9th of December and the winners contacted in due course!

## ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER COURSE

Shawn and Ollie are inviting all altar servers to attend a brief refresher on Friday 30th November, from 4.45pm to 6pm, in St. George's Sacristy. If you haven't done so already, please let Sharon know if you/ your child can make it.

## For parents at Mass with babies, toddlers or children

The presence of so many parents at Mass with their babies and children is a real blessing for our parish community. Seeing families with young children faithfully coming to Mass is a powerful witness and gives us all great hope for the future.

At a baptism, parents are called to be "the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith." By the practice of your faith, you are living this high calling. Thank you for doing so.

Parents sometimes express concern about what to do if their baby or child is behaving in a way that is distracting to others. Over the next few weeks we will be providing some ideas and practical tips that you might find helpful.

Talk to your children about what goes on in church. Explain to them that this is a special place because Jesus is truly present here. The church is different to other 'spaces' because it is God's house. When we come into His house, we should behave in a respectful way and get to know Jesus as our friend by joining in with all the prayers, the gestures (such as the sign of the Cross, standing, kneeling, etc) and songs. We honour God when we behave and act in ways that are prayerful and considerate.

Weekly Mass attendance is important. When attendance is irregular, broken or happens rarely, then it becomes more difficult for our children to learn the ways of behaving that are appropriate at Mass. If parents want their children to believe that coming to Mass is important, then parents have to show them that they believe it is important; we lead by example!

We will continue with some more tips next week.

