

## ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Please remember the following :

† Xenia Sullivan, Steve Rose, Doris Woodman, Mary Carson, Stanley Woollard, Robert Wheatcroft, Irene Brown, Richard Worthington, Melita Hartley, Madge Fisher, Honora Smith, Walter Williams, Elizabeth Wildish, Elizabeth Ryan, Edward George Bines, Frances Breen, Innes Perkins, Rev. Fred Wall, Larry Brown, Charles Avery, Rosemary Gravestock, Mary Land, Lilian Fenwick, Mary Boland, Daren Stagg, Thomas Tobin, Peter Wallen, George Singleton, Eileen Needham, Mary Watts, Michael Kelly, John Hamblin, Emily Franklin. †

## MASS RESPONSES

**Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Responsorial Psalm 10.45am**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor,  
Blessed be the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life; you have the message of  
eternal life.

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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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home:

Jo Williams, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock. Margaret Yorke-Starkey.

**Other friends and family in our prayers:**

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 & Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Esmé Kelly, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Margaret Everett, Paolo Angeletti, Charlotte Alexander.

**Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers**

**Office Hours** - Weds 8am - 6pm; Thurs

8.30am - 4.30pm; Fri - 8am - 12noon

**Office Closed** - Mon and Tuesday

**Hall Bookings:** 292726 in office hours

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



The 1st Reading this weekend is an excerpt from the Book of Joshua. Joshua is well known for leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. On arrival there it wasn't all 'plain sailing', as there was opposition to the new inhabitants from various tribes. However, Joshua was an excellent military commander and overcame such resistances, and so the Israelites were able to eventually settle.

The moment presented to us in the 1st Reading is where Joshua is advanced in years and knows that his end is near. With this in sharp focus he wants to deliver his 'farewell speech'. What would he say? Would he talk about their journey together and how God had cared for them? Would he reflect upon their struggle to settle in the Promised Land and the resistances that they met? Not any of these.

Instead, Joshua was aware of another struggle, the inner struggle of faith – a struggle that would hamper the Israelites' covenant relationship with God for years to come. The chosen people of God need to be the 'choosing' people of God if they are to flourish and enjoy a blessed life under divine care.

Thus, Joshua simply tells the people that they have a critical choice to make: "choose today whom you wish to serve!" Is it to be the Lord God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt or the pagan Canaanite gods?

Joshua pins 'his colours to the mast': "As for me and my House (i.e. family), we will serve the Lord." The people reply: "We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."



The gospel this weekend also centres on this issue of making a choice for God. Over the last few weeks the gospels have been focusing on faith in Jesus as the bread of life; he is our source of nourishment and renewal. To receive and embrace Him, is to receive and embrace the very life of God. So, the choice before his followers is: 'do you want bread that perishes, fades away and has no real substance to it, or do you want bread that will fill you with divine wisdom and life and connect you with the eternal life of God?'

The gospel records, disappointingly, that many of his followers left Him. They couldn't accept that God could come to them in such a way; in other words, they didn't trust what Jesus said. The apostles stand firm and do trust Him – "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

The challenge for us all is making those heartfelt words, our heartfelt words.

Have a good week.

Fr Brett

**25th AUGUST - 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

<b>Saturday 25th</b>	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	8.45am*	21st Sunday of the Year <b>Deceased Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan</b>
	10.45am	<b>Michael Kelly RIP - 7th Anniv.</b> (Christine Kelly)
<b>Monday 27th</b>	10.00am	St. Monica <b>Nevert Monjonjori RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	12noon	St. Augustine <b>Requiem Mass for Roland de Cruz RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	11.30am	The Passion of St. John the Baptist <b>John Wilks RIP</b> (Ann and Simon Smalley)
<b>Thursday 30th</b>	9.15am	Feria <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 31st</b>	9.15am	Feria <b>Maureen Schulz RIP</b> (Diane Sullivan)
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	8.45am*	22nd Sunday of the Year <b>Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan</b>
	10.45am	<b>Tom McPhillips</b> (Chris McPhillips) <b>And Intentions of Henrieta - very ill</b> (Sylvia)

\*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.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK**

Celebrate the “official opening” of Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, CM14 5SH), Saturday 1st September. Grounds open 11am; Mass with Bishop Alan at 12noon. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music and bouncy castles. You are welcome to bring a picnic; Barbecued food, Cream teas and ice creams will also be on sale. Celebrate the refurbishment of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the prayer, peace and space that is here, and the youth ministry that welcomes 5,000 young people through its doors every year. More information [www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick)

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?**

The next monthly vocations group is at St. Edmund of Canterbury Presbytery, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ on Tuesday 4th September at 7pm.

If you would like to join us or find out more, please get in touch with Fr Mark Swires: 07843 758961 or [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE HELD BY EXTREMIST GROUPS**

Austin Tice, the freelance journalist, was working in Syria when he went missing, in August 2012. There is very little known about what happened to him but it is suspected he was abducted just outside Damascus by an extremist group, possibly Daesh (ISIS) or Al Nusra. The last time his parents heard from him was the night before his disappearance, when he reported to them that his work in Syria was coming to an end. Austin Tice's parents have appealed many times for his release. In 2013 they voiced their gratitude to Pope Francis for his appeal to the humanity of the kidnappers to release their victims. This came not long after the abduction of two Orthodox Christian bishops in Syria.

This August marks six years since Austin went missing. This Sunday, please keep Austin and countless others who are also missing in your prayers.

You can light a Prayer Candle to remember Christians suffering around the world, or friends and loved ones who are in need of your prayers and support. Thank you.

### CHARITY MEAL IN AID OF NAZARETH HOUSE

The Knights of Saint Columba are organising a charity meal to support the exemplary work of the Sisters of Nazareth. The meal will take place at the **East Asian Restaurant, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend SS1 1BW, on Tuesday 25th September, 7pm for 7:30pm**. Eat as much as you like buffet style Asian cuisine (some English dishes available) - £16 per person. Drinks extra available from the bar. Spectacular raffle, tickets sold on the night. Please book your place by contacting – Liam Rand 07952 954833 – Mark Moulding 01702 344965 – Sandy Rand 07875 124159 or email:

[liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

### KERALA FLOODS - AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.



### ENRICHMENT DAY FOR READERS

A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS – Advance Notice for Saturday, 20th October in Woodford Green.

READERS & PROSPECTIVE READERS PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES. Details to follow.

We are hoping to share a coach with Rayleigh parish, but need expressions of interest by next Wednesday, the 29th August, to see if this is viable.

***Please urgently let Sharon know if you are wanting to be part of this day.***

### COFFEE MORNING

There will be no Coffee Morning this weekend, so please save your pennies and be ready to support next week's one in aid of ACROSS. We look forward to seeing you there!



The next few are as follows:-

**2nd September - ACROSS**

**9th September - 669**

***Don't forget, if you think you want a Coffee Morning in 2019, ring or email the office.***

### THANK YOU AGAIN!

A huge thank you to Hilary and Paddy for their very hard work in finishing off the polishing of the Church floor in St. George's this week. It takes a mammoth effort to organise it, and they do it every year.

We would also like to thank Rory, Ross and Aidan who have all been on hand to move the church furniture around on various days. You were all a great help.

### OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £631.00 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The second collection for the Mission Appeal was £515.67 excluding Gift Aid.

### REQUIEM MASS FOR ROLAND DE CRUZ RIP

Please note that there will not be a morning Mass on Tuesday. Instead we will be holding a Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of Roland de Cruz at 12noon in St. George's Church. Please remember his family and friends at this time.

### CONFIRMATION 2019

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. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019. All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.

### WANTED!

Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian.' Please send me any summer holiday stories, articles, jokes, etc.

Deadline: 16th September

Send to: [mcevoy@gmail.com](mailto:mcevoy@gmail.com)

## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - peanut butter, chocolate spread, sandwich pickle, pepper (small pot) and squash etc. (gallons are being drunk at present due to the hot weather!)

Thank you so much to all of you for your ongoing generosity.

## SHARE THE JOURNEY

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in St. George's Church, to coincide with the publication of the refugee agreement, the Senior Justice and Peace Group will be hosting an hour of reflection and prayer on the continuing crisis. Come along and listen to readings, watch the PowerPoint and help support our displaced brothers and sisters. Following the presentation there will be refreshments served in the Church Hall.

***We come together to demonstrate our support for all those fleeing war, poverty and persecution in our world. We come to share their journey.***



Share the Journey  
#sharejourney

## SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

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

He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic.

A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery.

If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate.

If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

## 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 September, 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 God-parents must also be Baptised, and at least one must be a regular attender at Mass.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

The forms to apply for First Holy Communion will be available from early September in the church porches. This will be open to children who will be going to Year 3 and above.

A few useful dates for your diary - **Monday 15th October** at 7pm - Parents Meeting and Registration.

**Monday 5th November**, 4pm to 5pm, Children's Sessions start in the Church Hall.

**Saturday 22nd June** at 10.30am - First Holy Communion.



Fund raising for St George's Parish

# COCKNEY EVENING

7-30 pm Saturday 8th September

## Three Course Meal

St George's Church Hall

Bring your own drink

**RAFFLE** Tickets: Charlotte or Dianne 01702 535751

**TICKETS £15**