

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Reginald Chambers, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, 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 Maintenance, David Webber Colman Connolly. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Responsorial Psalm 8.45am

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My shepherd is the Lord,
nothing indeed shall I want.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home: Jo Williams, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Jane Barker, 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, Jack Pollock, Severino D'Andrea.

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!

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE

 and the English Martyrs

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King - Year A -

National Youth Sunday

On this feast of Christ the King, it's interesting that the 1st Reading from the prophet Ezekiel likens God to a shepherd. There's quite a difference between a king and a shepherd! (At the time of Jesus, shepherding was one of the more lowly jobs.)

The perspective that Ezekiel is coming from in his comparison is that, as a shepherd tenderly looks after his sheep, so God looks after his people. He is always watching over them, and protects them especially when they are in danger; they are never alone, and they are always safe. In John's gospel, Jesus describes himself as the 'good shepherd'.

This image of God as shepherd is continued and expanded upon in the Responsorial Psalm today – "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Only God can fully satisfy the yearnings and longings of the human spirit.

In the 2nd Reading, we move from the shepherd-king to the King of life. Indeed, this reading makes it clear that the shepherd-king's authority surpasses even death itself. He opens the way through the 'valley of the shadow of death' to a new mode of existence where we are raised up as members of his kingdom.

The gospel reminds us however, that we are not passive onlookers in this process, but are called to be active participants. The nature of our participation is made clear in the gospel: to treat others as though they were Christ himself. A tough call! The choice is always ours of course; we can either follow in Jesus' footsteps or go our own way. We should bear in mind though that our choices will have consequences, in this life and the next.

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



25th NOVEMBER – 3rd DECEMBER 2017

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

Saturday 25th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 26th		33rd Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	Deceased Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O'Sullivan
	10.45am	Shirley Sharrad RIP (Anne and Bernard Chalk)
Monday 27th		Feria
	9.15am	Ellen Metcalf RIP and Michael Norton RIP (Serena and Brian)
Tuesday 28th		Feria
	9.15am*	Ellen Metcalf RIP
Wednesday 29th		Feria
	11.30am	For the Holy Souls
Thursday 30th		St Andrew
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 1st		Feria
	9.15am	Margaret Nakanda RIP (Sylvia Asuquo)
Saturday 2nd	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 3rd		First Sunday of Advent (Migrants Day)
	8.45am*	Intentions of Sharon and Family
	10.45am	Peter Wallen RIP - Remembering him on his Birthday (Wallen Family)

*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 of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK Fundraising Appeal.

Thank you for your great generosity to the appeal; so far over £60,000 has been raised from parish collections, individuals, and donations from Religious Orders and Companies, to add to the £125,000 raised before the Diocesan Appeal began. However there is still a long way to go to reach the £430,000 total needed, so if you are able to donate please visit www.bcys.net/abbotswick for online donations or send a cheque payable to "Abbotswick Funding" to Fr Dominic Howarth, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH. There will be an open afternoon on Saturday 13th January 2018 for anyone who would like to visit and see the completed refurbishments.

UNDERSTANDING THE CREED

On Wednesdays the 24th and 31st January, from 7pm until 8.30pm, Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the Hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, RM2 6DH. Please book by email to: GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

On a cold wintry day a man saw a small girl standing at a street corner. She was shivering with the cold, and starving for want of a decent meal.

The man got angry and said to God: 'Why do you allow this to happen? Why don't you do something about it?'

And God replied:

'I have done something about it, I made you'.

'As long as you did it to one of these, you did it to me.'

These unforgettable words of Christ are at the very heart of the Gospel. Every day we get some chance to put them into practice.



ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

(Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 December at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Tony Galcius (Chairman of the Society) will speak on 'The Holy Graffiti in the Tower of London.' All are welcome.

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass takes place on Friday 1st December, 2pm, at St. Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. Refreshments available after the Mass. For more information please contact Angie Hart on 07719 577923, or email: - mahart66@outlook.com.

MASS FOR TRAVELLERS

**Saturday 24th February at
Westminster Cathedral**

At 2.30pm on Saturday 24th February there will be a Special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan, at Westminster Cathedral for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities. For more information please contact Fr Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

Come and Pray for Vocations...

DEANERY VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Southend

This year, as part of its Centenary Celebrations, the Diocese planned a Holy Hour to be held in each of the twelve Deaneries in the Diocese.

This is the last one to be held and all are welcome, whether discerning a Vocation to the priesthood, or whether you just want to support those who are.

This event will have a Vocations Testimony from Fr Graham Smith, who, as well as being Parish Priest of Southend, is also our Vocations Director. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. For more information on Brentwood Vocations follow us on Twitter and Facebook (@BrentwoodVocs), or visit our website

JANET SIMMONS RIP

We have received the sad news that Janet Simmons, who worked in the Education Department of Cathedral House from 2002, has passed away. For anyone who knew her, her funeral will be taking place at Bentley Crematorium, Ongar Road, Pilgrims Hatch, on Wednesday 29th November at 1pm. Please remember Janet and her family and friends in your prayers.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the Confirmation Group will be raising money towards resources. All the usual goodies will be on offer, plus it is a nice way to see friends, both old and new. We look forward to seeing you there.



Next weekend we will be raising money for the Parish.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend we will be having a collection after Mass for Christmas flowers. Our churches look beautiful all year with their floral arrangements, but even more so at Christmas. Thanks again to our wonderful team of Flower Arrangers.

Please note, this collection replaces the collection for Youth Sunday, which was brought forward to September by the Diocese.

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

Advance notice that we are having our annual get together for all of our lovely volunteers on Saturday 10th February in the Church Hall, straight after Mass. Please make a note in your diary, and email or telephone Sharon to let her know you are coming.

AFTERNOON TEA FOR HOUSEBOUND AND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Youth Justice and Peace Group would like to invite you to their annual Christmas Afternoon Tea for the Housebound and Senior Citizens on Saturday 2nd December from 3pm to 5pm. Please join us for a joyful afternoon filled with yummy cakes and Christmas Carols.



CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

We will be having our annual Toy Collection over the weekend of the 9th/10th December for children and young adults who may not receive a gift this Christmas.

Please bring either new toys, or vouchers for older children, to any of the Masses. Any that are collected will be distributed around the local area to those less fortunate.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT

Next Sunday, 3rd December, at 4pm in St. George's Church we will be starting our programme of Vespers and Benediction for Advent. All welcome to come and join us.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Please look at www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk for more information. Young people of all ages are warmly invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va where there is excellent content, and an online questionnaire – deadline for responses is November 30th 2017. For everything going on in the Diocese look at www.bcys.net where online applications for our Advent Retreat 2017 and Summer Lourdes 2018 are open.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £824.62 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to all who contributed.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS UPDATE

- 1) A further £200 has been donated to the project in our twin parish of Mpuluzi in South Africa providing showers at their site in Damesfontein. (See the Georgian for further details)
- 2) Please make a note in your 2018 diaries re "London Calling", a "Cockney Quiz Night" to be held on 24th February.
- 3) Prisoners of Conscience - a few gremlins affected the figures reported re the card signing. I inadvertently transposed some of the digits – 120 cards signed, £160.75 donations for postage, £216.61 coffee morning receipts. Apologies -
Brian Fitzgerald

WALK WITH ME

A Journey of Prayer for Advent

These little prayer books are now available in the porches of both churches. Priced at £1 it gives you a day to day reading and reflection. Please take time out of the hustle and bustle of this frantic season to see things from the God-perspective by Watching, Listening and Welcoming.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk

Our parish website is an important part of how we share and communicate news and information in the parish. It continues to grow and extend and is updated regularly. I would ask anyone who takes part in or organises activities in the parish to check the website to see if the information displayed is up to date and accurate. Please email mcevoy@ymail.com if there are any changes to be made. There are some 90 pages of information on the website covering a variety of topics. There is also a 'live' parish diary which is updated regularly.

If you wish to receive a copy of the Parish Newsletter by email, simply click the link on the website.

Take a browse and see what you think. If you have any suggestions then please let us know.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel and Long-Life or Powdered Milk. Thank you so much to you all for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS CLEANING!

Margaret and Kamilla are due to be cleaning St. George's in the week leading up to Christmas. We are looking for some extra volunteers to help make the Church sparkle in time for the Christmas Masses. There will be polishing, vacuuming, brass cleaning and dusting to do...you never know there may even be some refresh-



ments and mince pies on offer! If you can spare some time that week

please speak with Sharon and she will pass your details onto Margaret.

YOUTH MASS

Next Saturday at 6pm we have our monthly Youth Mass at St. George's. Everyone is welcome, but please note that there will be no refreshments after this Mass due to the Afternoon Tea that our older members would have been enjoying throughout the afternoon!

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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