

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. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Faith in God can move the mountains, trust in him can calm the sea. He's my fortress, he's my stronghold, he's the rock who rescues me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

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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, 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 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.

To arrange visits to the sick and house-bound 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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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



A GENTLE REMINDER FROM POPE FRANCIS

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.



Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

26th AUGUST – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2017

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 26th	6.00pm	Intentions of Dianne Alexander (Danny Brand)
Sunday 27th		<i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Mairaid McPhillips RIP (Chris & Tom) <i>and</i> Intentions of the Ward/Clarke Family (Shawn & Anne)
Monday 28th		<i>St Augustine</i>
	10.00am	Joanne Wicker RIP - remembering her on her birthday (Pamela and Laura)
Tuesday 29th		<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>
	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Emily Evelyn Franklin RIP
Wednesday 30th		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP - 1st Anniv. (Rose Hart & Family)
Thursday 31st		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 1st		<i>St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons</i>
	9.15am	Sister Kristen Sapiano (P & B Corcoran)
Saturday 2nd		
	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 3rd		<i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>
	8.45am*	Tom Malley RIP - 3rd Anniv. (Maureen Malley)
	10.45am	Lillian & Leslie DeVuell RIP - remembering them on their wedding anniversary (DeViell Family)

*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.

DINNER AND DANCE IN AID OF NAZARETH HOUSE

Taking place on Saturday 23rd September at Nazareth House Main Hall – Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start. Delicious Fish 'N' Chips, wonderful live music and the opportunity to choose your partner and take to the dance floor. Being run by the KSC, with all profits going to the Sisters of Nazareth to aid them in the wonderful work they do with the elderly, in many cases our loved ones. The evening will conclude at 9:30pm so as not to disturb the residents. Ticket price £10 available from Liam Rand 07952 954833, Damian Dillon 07887 678741 or email: - liam.rand@btopenworld.com. Please inform us when booking if you have specific dietary requirements.

OUR LADY OF CANVEY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

We are running a Parish Pilgrimage from Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018 to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family. Cost will be £1,415. If you are interested or for further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342.

LEN BERNARD RIP

Len passed away on the 8th August, and was Senior MC at Holy Trinity, Basildon. He was also South Essex Representative for the Brentwood Confraternity of the Guild of St Stephen.

Len's body will be received in to Holy Trinity church on Monday 11th September at 4pm.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th September at 6:45pm.

This will be primarily for our younger Altar Servers who will be at school on the day of the actual funeral, however, anyone else who is unable to attend the funeral is also warmly invited.

Len's main Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Holy Trinity church on Tuesday 12th September at 10:30am followed by a reception hosted by Len's family in Holy Trinity hall. Holy Trinity Basildon are hoping to see as many MC's from around the Diocese as possible to thank Len for his distinguished service at the Altar of the Lord.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Everyone has their own specific vocation or mission in life; everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that requires fulfilment. In this they cannot be replaced, nor can their life be repeated. Thus, everyone's task is as unique as their specific opportunity.

(Victor Frankl)

SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY

The above is the journal of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society). The articles in the journal are transcripts of the lectures given at the Society's meetings and there are also several book reviews. Copies are £5 each and are available from Tony Galcius (01708 346219) or from the Brentwood Diocesan Archives (01277 265238).

STUDY DAY AT CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST GIDEA PARK

The next study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, will be led by Mgr David Manson, former Vicar General of the Diocese of Brentwood and expert in Liturgy. He will take as his topic 'The Significance of Sunday', and will explain the contents of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* (The Day of the Lord). The study day will take place on Saturday 28th October, with coffee available from 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. Please make your booking in the usual way by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com. There is no charge for the days. You are invited to bring a packed lunch.

THE FRIENDS OF NAZARETH HOUSE

COFFEE MORNING

Including Jumble Sale and Poetry Recitation. Taking place on Saturday 2 September, 11am to 12.30pm in Nazareth House Hall. All proceeds go to the Sisters of Nazareth House for the benefit of the residents. All poetry fans welcome to recite their favourite piece. Anyone wishing to help on the day, please come along.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Lift up your Heads, O Gates! -

Wednesday 30th August - *The Historic City of London and Pre-Reformation Churches*. Meet outside the Church of the Precious Blood, The Borough. Nearest Tube: - London Bridge.

For King and Country - Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm - *Catholics and Politics, St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey*. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. (Nearest Tube: Victoria.)

For more information please go to catholichistorywalks.com or contact chwalkslondon@gmail.com. Cost £5, concessions available.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for Save the Children. Please come and support this very necessary charity whilst enjoying some excellent refreshments in good company.



Next weekend we will be raising money for SPUC. (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

HELP NEEDED!

Denise Filmer is looking for offers of help for the SPUC Coffee Morning next Sunday. If you can either help on the day, provide a cake or donate a raffle prize it would be very much appreciated. Please contact either Denise, or the parish office to pledge your support.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

CONGRATULATIONS MEGHAN!

Our parishioner, Meghan Harris, was officially received into the Church on Wednesday 9th August by Fr Brett. Congratulations and welcome, Meghan!

REQUIEM MASS

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Emily Evelyn Franklin (known as Evelyn) who passed away recently. Evelyn will be received into St. George's at 6pm on Monday 28th August, and her Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday. Please note that there will be no Mass at St. Gregory's on Tuesday morning this week.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Dianne Alexander and Joan McDonald have very kindly agreed to attend a training session for using the Defibrillators at each church. We are also starting a list of anyone who wishes to learn. Dianne will be doing a one-off training session later in the year. Please pass on your details to Sharon if you wish to be included.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Lara Lucy

Trzeszczkowska into our faith community as her family celebrated her baptism last weekend.

Congratulations to all.

'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Long Life or Powdered Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Tomato/Brown Sauces. Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

OFFERTORY

The Offertory for the weekend of the 12/13 August came to £690.81, and last week came to £643.51 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all.

400 CLUB

Congratulations to the lucky winners of this month's draw: - £50 Mr N. Folkard; £20 Mrs C. Irons; £15 Ms S Chambers; £15 Mr M. Duncan.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm

'Defying Poverty' - a free concert!

Taking place in St. George's, it will feature the St. George's Youth Choir, and is being hosted by our Youth Justice and Peace Group.

The concert is free but donations will be very welcome. Please come



and support our youth in their endeavours to raise awareness and money for the projects they are keen to support.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day takes place in Panama in January 2019 and is open to anyone aged from school year 12 to age 27 **at the time of travel**. For more information please visit www.bcys.net where you will be able to learn what the trip entails, timing (how this might impact you), and vitally the cost.

The parish will look to help and support **anybody who wishes to attend**.

Please do not let the cost put you off - we will do all we can to help you raise the money

ST GEORGE AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

'Allo Allo'

An Enjoyable Evening of Fun, Food and Music

Saturday 9th September 2017
Parish Hall (7 for 7.30pm)

£20

Three Course Meal - prepared by a French Trained Chef!
Tickets Available from Dianne on 01702 535751 (or via Church Office)

Come and join us in the Church Hall for a sumptuous meal, including coffee. Bring your own drink. In true Catholic fashion, *there will be a Raffle!!*

Fancy Dress Optional, but definitely encouraged.



BUT YOU, HE SAID - WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you interested in learning about the beliefs and Traditions of the Catholic Church? Our annual programme, for which the posh name is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will start in September. It's designed to help you consider these questions in the context of a caring and supportive group of fellow travellers. We are all on a journey of faith; feel free to come and see if you would like to share yours with us?

The first meeting will be on Monday the 18th September (***please note change of date***) at 7:30pm in the Committee room at the rear of St Georges. Then weekly thereafter with breaks for the School holidays. Please contact Sharon in the Parish Office so we can note your interest or speak to Fr. Brett after Mass. We, very much, look forward to seeing you!