

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Please remember the following :

† Carmela Avery, John Stacey, Jamie Turner, John Keller, Jessie Morris, William Coleman, Victor Wyatt, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, Mary Janda, Gordon Simmonds, Mary Parisio, John Downey, Annette Griffin, Kathleen Barrett, Eleanor Robinson, Kathleen Gunther, Rene Montague, Gerhard Zuelchaur, Frank Edward Paine, Maria Camp, Arthur Shailer, Luciano Giardino, Hubertine Burton, Dorothy West, Hugh Mac Gregor, Eddy Linssen, Valentine Collins, Mary Boulton, George Carey, Marion Horne, Bernard Murray, Christopher Willis, Jean and Tony Tonking, Godfrey Wade, Gary Follett, James O'Donovan, Norman Sach, Cathleen Lawrie, Michael O'Donovan.
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MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
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, Roland de Cruz, Christine
Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Mi-
chael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Ru-
dolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Mar-
garet Yorke-Starkey.

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, Severino D'Andrea,
Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs,
John Wilks, Arthur Partington.

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8.30am - 3pm; Thurs 8.30am - 5pm; Fri 8am
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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B - Racial Justice Day

A Wonderful Message from Pope Francis

Last Thursday (18th) the Pope was in Chile, and this is part of what he said to the young people there. He encouraged young people to use a simple test before acting: "What would Jesus do?" Speaking in Santiago, Pope Francis asked the question, 'What would Christ do in my place?' And he said this was the 'golden rule' used by Saint Alberto Hurtado. (St Alberto is a very popular local Chilean saint).



The Pope continued: Hurtado's password was quite simple - if your phones are turned on, I would like you to key this in. He asks: "What would Christ do in my place?" At school, at university, when outdoors, when at home, among friends, at work, when taunted: "What would Christ do in my place?" When you go dancing, when you are playing or watching sports: "What would Christ do in my place?"

He is the password, the power source that charges our hearts, ignites our faith and makes our eyes sparkle. That is what it means to be a protagonist of history. To be a protagonist of change. Our eyes sparkle, for we have discovered that Jesus is the source of life and joy. Protagonists of history, for we wish to pass on that sparkle to hearts that have grown so cold and gloomy that they have forgotten what it means to hope, to all those hearts that are "deadened" and wait for someone to come and challenge them with something worthwhile. Being protagonists means doing what Jesus did.

Wherever you are, with whomever you are with, and whenever you get together: "What would Jesus do?" The only way not to forget a password is by using it over and over. Day after day. The time will come when you know it by heart, and the day will come when, without realising it, your heart will beat like Jesus' heart.

It is not enough to hear a sermon, we want to live the way Jesus lived.....with that "yes" that thrills our hearts. To put oneself on the line, to run risks. Dear friends, be courageous, go out straightaway to meet your friends, people you don't know, or those having troubles.....

27th JANUARY – 4th FEBRUARY 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 27th	6.00pm	Michael O'Donovan RIP - and for the Intentions of Everyone who was so kind during Michael's illness (Jean Donovan)
Sunday 28th	8.45am*	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial Justice Day) For All Parishioners
	10.45am	In Thanksgiving for the Ward and Clarke Families - and Michael Clarke RIP (Shawn and Anne)
Monday 29th	9.15am	Feria Kate Bobbin RIP (Sharon)
Tuesday 30th	9.15am*	Feria Irene Mills RIP (Anne Brown)
Wednesday 31st	11.30am	St. John Bosco Betty and Roy Wallen RIP (DeViell Family)
Thursday 1st	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Friday 2nd	9.15am	The Presentation of the Lord (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life) William Bliss RIP and Gerard Porter RIP - Annivs. (Sharon and Family)
Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Intentions of Chris and Tom McPhillips (Dianne)
Sunday 4th	8.45am*	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Clemente Mancino RIP (Margherita and Ian)

*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.

SOUTHEND DEANERY LENT TALKS

Theme: - 'The Ministries to which we are called'

Taking place at Nazareth House, Southend, on four Thursdays in Lent, beginning at 7.30pm, and ending with devotions and Benediction.

Priests will be available to hear Confessions.

22nd February - The Pastoral Care of the Sick and the Dying

Fr Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest of Rochford and Hockley, and Catholic Chaplain to Southend Hospital.

1st March - 'Be it done unto me'

Brian Holt - President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary.

8th March - 'Here I am Lord'

Fr Graham Smith, Parish Priest of Southend and Prittlewell, and Diocesan Director of Vocations.

15th March - Abbotswick and Beyond (The Pastoral Formation of our Young People)

Speaker to be confirmed.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Westcliff parish are travelling to Lourdes by air between the 2nd to the 7th April. £630 per person based on two sharing. For information call Sue 01268 750752.

KEEP FIT IN THE HALL

Alongside our current providers, we have the following new classes: -

Active 50+ Wednesdays 10am - The fun way to get active. Tone up, stretch & balance with effective exercises. £4.00. 1st session Free. No need to book, just come along and join in.

Cardio HiTT Thursday 6.15pm - A mix of cardio, combat & toning for an effective workout. Women only. £3.50

For more details on both of these please call 567327 or go to www.activelife.uk.com

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

The BCCS Annual Charity Ball is their most glamorous event of the year and takes place this year at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 10th March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment.

Please contact Julie asap: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

VACANCIES

Finance Office in Brentwood. HR/ Operations Officer (Payroll experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working three days a week (21 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact : - finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 2nd February 2018. Interviews week commencing 12th February 2018.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Coordinator. Living on site, the person in this full time role will enable the smooth running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, ensuring a welcoming, safe and Christ-centred environment for all retreatants and visitors. The role includes the leadership of some youth retreats, as well as excellent teamworking with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, starting late August. £18,000pa + accommodation. For full details visit www.bcys.net

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Friday March 2nd at 2.00 p.m.

This year our Parish is hosting a service at St. Gregory's Church, The Broadway, Thorpe Bay. The theme, which is particularly relevant in today's world is; **"All God's Creation is Very Good"**

The Service has been written by Christian Women in Suriname in South America. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is not a service for women only.

We are very grateful to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church who have again offered their facilities so that we can serve refreshments after the service.

Offers of help will be gratefully appreciated. Cakes will be particularly welcome!

The Shoebury Branch of Women's World Day of Prayer will not be holding a service this year.



COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Senior Justice and Peace Group will be raising money for the Homeless. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments, plus the added benefit of lots of nice people! The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -



4 Feb - Parish Gardening Group
11 Feb - 669
18 Feb - ACROSS
25 Feb - Parish

MAGIC NIGHT

On Saturday 3rd February we are holding a Magic Night in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm, in aid of Parish funds. Tickets are now on sale



from the office or after all Masses this weekend at a cost of £10 for adults and £6 for children, including a Fish and Chip/Sausage and Chip Supper. Watch this space for details.

Last chance to buy your tickets this weekend!

Homelessness Hurts Prayer

Homelessness hurts when there are too many people and too few rooms – but you are there Lord

Homelessness hurts when there is no room for play or homework – but you are there Lord

Homelessness hurts in the fear, the loneliness and the dark – but that is where You are

Almighty and ever present Father, heal the hurts of your people and call us to build your kingdom.

Amen.

RETIRING COLLECTION

A retiring collection for the Homeless will be taken this weekend. If you Gift Aid you will not have a specially printed envelope in your box so please ensure you pick up a "special Gift Aid" envelope on the day so that on behalf of HARP we can claim and pass to them the tax relief.

BARBARA SHEAF RIP

Some of our long-standing parishioners will remember Barbara, wife of Mike Sheaf (who passed away a few years ago). Mike used to organise the ACROSS trips to Lourdes many years ago and Barbara supported him with the organisation of these trips.

Sadly, Barbara passed away this week. Please remember her, and her loving family, in your prayers.

QUIZ EVENING

Advance notice that our Senior J & P Group will be holding a Quiz Evening on Saturday 24th February in aid of Mpuluzi, our twinned parish. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

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 7th February, 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.

Thank You!

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

As previously mentioned we are having our annual get together for all of our lovely volunteers on Saturday 10th February, straight after the 6pm Mass in the Church Hall. We ask that you let Sharon know that you are coming for catering purposes please.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

One of our regulars at the 6pm Mass, Tom Grain, has informed us that in February he will have lived in Shoeburyness for 91 years! That is quite something. We are guessing that you have settled well here, then, Tom, and are starting to feel at home!

WOODEN HEARTS

In the porch this weekend, you will find the wooden hearts that were written on by people wishing to remember their loved ones at Christmas. If you wrote on one of the hearts, and would like to take it home with you, please feel free to remove it from the basket.

300 (OR IS IT GOING TO BE 400?) CLUB

Forms are available from the Ushers for those looking to join/rejoin our 300 Club. Cost is £6 per number, buy 5 numbers for £30 and get the sixth one free!

There is a draw every month, with the prizes being £50, £20 and £15. If we sell over 400 numbers, then we have a 4th prize of £15 too!

We are very close to the magic 400. Malcolm will be drawing the first lot of numbers next weekend. Please get your forms in quickly if you wish to be included.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Sugar, Sauce Mixes, *plus* Cartons of Fruit Juices...either large or small multi-packs.

We are also looking for new or laundered Boxer Shorts again - only X-Small, Small or Medium, please.

Again, many thanks you all.

NEW JOINERS WELCOME

We have reached that time of year again when the years Gift Aid envelopes will shortly be distributed.

It would seem a suitable time to invite any parishioners not already signed up to join those already using the envelopes.

All that is required is for the donor to be a UK tax payer - Gift aiding raises a further 25% of your donation for the parish.

Please use the declaration on the parish website (Click the Gift Aid button on the homepage) or see Sharon on the parish office. I will record your declaration and issue you a set of envelopes for your personal use. If you have any questions please speak or call me.

Jim Filmer

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OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £752.57 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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