

## ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

† Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wicker †

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm 8.45am and 6pm

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

### Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O sing your praises to the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. 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, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Dorothy and 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.

### Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

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## The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of *The Ascension of the Lord* which marks Jesus' return to the Father.

Our Christian journey might well be described as an 'ascension', but not so much in the sense of going up, more like moving toward; moving toward communion with the Father through Jesus. This movement towards communion with God starts here, on earth, but our hope is that it finds its completion and fullness in heaven.

For this movement towards God to gain any momentum, one needs to possess a certain mindset and disposition of which humility is the foundation. Humility is an honesty about oneself especially in the sense of our 'falling short' when it comes to living our Christian vocation. It's one thing to name an imperfection, yet quite another to do something about it. So, coupled with humility we need a sturdy determination in making deliberate faith choices, choices which move us forward and deeper into faith and love; essentially, this is a movement of the heart.

I've mentioned before that we have to look out for odd, incidentals in the scriptures because they're normally code for something - we have one of those in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading today. After Jesus had ascended, two men in white (i.e. angels) appeared to the apostles and say, "why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?" In other words, 'don't just stand there, get moving!' Perhaps Jesus' departure knocked their confidence, and with it their sense of discipleship and mission. Once again, the scriptures invite us to identify with them and take a moment to reflect on our own sense of mission. It can be easy to get stuck in a faith 'rut' and lose sight of our faith purpose. I know we tend to view faith as a personal, private thing, but it is for others too.

In conclusion, our 'ascension' is the movement of heart towards a deeper sense of love and communion, not only with God, but with others. Here we join the ascended presence of Jesus, becoming truly catholic, truly universal, and our lives become one with that great flow of God's grace which is intrinsic in all reality.

Let's not stop and 'look into the sky', let's keep moving, looking around us for those opportunities where we can bring God's universal presence into focus.

Have a good week.



## 27th MAY – 4th JUNE 2017

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

<b>Saturday 27th</b>	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 28th</b>		<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Sharon and Family Intentions</b>
	10.45am	<b>Maureen Reader RIP - Anniv.</b> (Peter Reader)
<b>Monday 29th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	10.00am	<b>Intentions of Mrs Justina Nwankwo</b>
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>		<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Florence Mary Hill and her parents RIP</b> (J and T McD and Ian)
<b>Wednesday 31st</b>		<i>Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen</i>
	11.30am	<b>Intentions of Hilary Bliss</b> (Sharon and Family)
<b>Thursday 1st</b>		<i>St Justin</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 2nd</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Betty Wallen RIP - 1st Anniv.</b> (DeViell Family)
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 4th</b>		<i>Pentecost Sunday (Day of Prayer for the Church) / Confirmation</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Tinka McKelvie RIP - Anniv.</b> (Joan and Tony McD)
	10.45am	<b>Debora Callaghan RIP</b> (Sylvia)

\*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.

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

World Communications Sunday takes place on 28 May 2017, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It reflects his mandate that we should “Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news”.

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network.

The CCN is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and seeks to support the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. For more information about the role of CCN, please go to [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk) Please give what you can.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

The new Coffee Morning rota will run for a year from 1st November. If any group would like to be included please email or telephone the office. The rota will be prepared in September.

## THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017

In the porch are copies of ‘A Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops.’ It may be of use to you as you prepare to cast your vote. It makes an interesting and thought-provoking read. Please take one.

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN

I ask all the people of Brentwood Diocese to remember in their prayers particularly this week-end all the people of Manchester and beyond who have been caught up in the recent tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the dead and injured; their family and friends. At this time it is important to stand together and always to seek love before hatred. The response of the families of the people of Manchester has been a great witness for us all – in our turn we need to continue to support our friends in Manchester in whatever way we can.

## A FINAL THOUGHT...

(reaching out to the people of Manchester)  
Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

**Martin Luther King, Jr**

## ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

This is a camping holiday with lots of activities thrown in from the moment they get up each day, to the time they go to bed! It provides a welcome break, especially to those children who may not otherwise have a holiday. The suggested donation for the week's stay is £145 and the dates that the camp runs this summer is : - **Boys** (aged 8 to 13) from 22 - 29 July and 29 July - 5 August. **Girls** (aged 9 to 12) from 5 - 12 August. For more information please see Sharon in the office or go to [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

## YOUTH POLL ON LIFE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Would all our young people between 13-29 contribute their views to this poll at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. It closes on 5 June 2017 and can be completed in less than half an hour. These resources will be used by the Bishops of England and Wales in a report to be sent to the Vatican ahead of the 2018 Synod on: 'Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

## VACANCIES

**Brentwood Cathedral** - Person required for paid position of full time Parish Catechetical Coordinator at the Cathedral. 35 hours p.w. The role requires flexibility, working day-time, evening and weekends. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Brentwood Cathedral on 01277 265235 for a job description and person specification or download from [www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/catechetical/](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/catechetical/) You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Monday 19th June.

**St. Bernard's High School** - The School is looking to appoint an additional Midday Supervisor to assist management and teaching staff with the supervision of students during their lunch break. Hours are 12.30pm – 1.40pm, Monday – Friday, term time only. For more information go to: - [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk) Closing date is 20th June at 9am.

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for Confirmation resources. Come and join us for Tea, Coffee and lots of yummy cakes!  Next weekend our hosts will be 669, our Parish Fayre Fund-raising Team.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following children who all received the Sacrament of the Eucharist this Saturday: - Regan, Richard, Eliana, Phoebe, Lily-Grace, Xavier, Faith, Ruby, Alexander, Joseph, Lyric, Nadia, Eden, Lucy, Isabelle, Amelie. Please keep all of them, and their families in your prayers.

*Holy Communion 2017*



## BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Sebastian John O'Connell into our faith community as his family celebrate his baptism this weekend.  Congratulations to all.



## PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

**Saturday 10th June from 12 noon  
St. Gregory's Church, Thorpe Bay**

Our Summer Fayre is now only *two* weeks away! It is always a fabulous social occasion for our Parish and the highlight of our calendar. The Theme for this year is Seasides around the World.

We are now asking for donations of Bottles, Gifts and Prizes, Toiletries, Chocolate, Teddy Bears and items for our ever-famous Hampers! Please leave any of these items in boxes provided, in the porches of St. George's & St Gregory's Church or drop into the Parish office.

If you would like to help in any way, either before or on the day, please contact Suzanne on 294687 or email [-suzehalvey@hotmail.com](mailto:-suzehalvey@hotmail.com) or Sharon.

**Summer Draw tickets are now on sale after all Masses.**



## POLITE REQUEST

Please try to avoid lengthy conversations during Mass. The acoustics of the church are such that your voice carries and can therefore be a distraction to others, especially when they can hear what you are saying. Also, can parents please ensure that their children are not left unsupervised or unaccompanied in any area of the church during Mass. Please remember to either turn off your mobile phone or put it on 'silent'.

## 400 CLUB

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the May draw: -  
£50 Mrs Rita Donko; £20 Mr Gordon Brownlee; ; £15 Mr Domenico Tullio; £15 Mrs Maria Stocker.



## SSAFA AT THE SUMMER FAYRE

SSAFA will be having a book stall at the Parish Fayre. There will be books for sale, and please also bring any books you do not need, and they will be put into boot sales, and sold on, with the money going to the welfare for veterans. Many thanks.

*Caroline Statham*

## OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £788.16, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone for their care and support whilst I was unable to get to church. It has been very much appreciated.

*Anne Spratt*

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We are very shortly going to finalise arrangements for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22 July. As previously mentioned, the coach will be leaving here at around 6am, and returning here around 10pm. We will be joining with hundreds of other pilgrims from our Diocese, in celebration of the Diocesan Centenary. We are anticipating the cost to be £18 per person, but if anyone feels that the cost would prohibit them going, please speak with Fr Brett in confidence.

So far we have 24 people on the list for the trip. If you haven't yet put your name down, and would like to do so, please speak with Sharon, Graham Alcock (our Walsingham Rep.) or Fr Brett as soon as possible. If we cannot fill a large coach we will either be looking to book a smaller one, or offering places out to neighbouring parishes.

## MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

## ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

This year, both Margaret Munson and Joan McDonald will be taking part in the Sponsored Walk along the seafront in aid of the BCCS on Saturday 1st July. If any one would like to sponsor either of the ladies, please speak directly to them. Alternatively, they will be in the porches of both churches over the weekends of the 3/4 June and 10/11 June. Please support them if you can.

## HOMELESS COLLECTION

A huge thank you to all who have so generously continued to support our local homeless people (H.A.R.P.) Your kindness has been amazing and makes a huge difference to the recipients.

This month we are asking for individual cartons of fruit juice, individually wrapped cakes/biscuits e.g. Kit-Kats, Penguins, Blue Ribands and small packets of Crisps/Potato Snacks (these will contribute to the night packs).

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we now have ample stock of Tea Bags (Coffee is proving more popular).

Again, many, many thanks for your continued support.

