

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 Maintenant, David Webber Colman Connolly. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

So rest in God alone my soul, he is the source of my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. 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, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collins, 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, 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.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Dear friends,

This coming Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of *All Saints*, which is also known as *All Hallows*. Having very ancient roots in the early church, this feast has undergone a complex evolution. Today, it is an occasion where we honour all those - known and unknown - who have died and attained heaven. In Christian theology, this is known as the *Church Triumphant*. Those who are living and striving to live the Christian life (which is us) are known as the *Church Militant*. Those who have died and are on their way to heaven are collectively known as the *Church Penitent*, or the 'Holy Souls'. We remember the Holy Souls on *All Souls day* (the day after *All Saints*) and continue to remember and pray for them throughout the month of November.

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in the Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings - "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11).

Praying for the dead is also connected with our belief in the communion between the *Church Triumphant*, *Church Militant* and the *Church Penitent*. As it is usual for us to pray for living people who need guidance, help and support, so we pray for those who have died and are making their way to God. We also believe that we are still very much connected to them all. And so, for the month of November they come into special focus as our love is translated into prayer and thanksgiving for their lives. While we assist them with our prayers, we also ask them to pray for us as we make our journey through life. In the porch of the church you will find 'Holy Souls' envelopes in which you place a piece of paper that lists the names of those you wish to pray for (it is customary to include a donation as well). Once you have sealed the envelope please put it in the brass container which is on the altar and we will remember our beloved departed throughout the Masses of November.

Pope Francis reminds us:

"We are all small and defenseless before the mystery of death, but if we keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts, Jesus will take us by the hand, just as he did with Jairus' daughter when he said: 'Talitha cum' which means, 'Little girl, I say to you, arise'. "Here is our Christian hope: Jesus has come to heal us, to save us from death. He says: 'I am the resurrection and the life'; if we believe in him, even if we die, we will live. In the face of our sorrow, Jesus invites us to faith in him. This is our hope: when we mourn, we know that Christ remains always close to us. And one day, when we too face death, we will hear Jesus's voice: "I say to you, arise."



28th OCTOBER – 5th NOVEMBER 2017
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Intentions of Sharon and the Bliss Family (Pat Sach)
Sunday 29th		30th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marcelle Duncan RIP - 6th Anniv. (Malcolm and Family)
Monday 30th		Feria
	9.15am	In Reparation for 50 years of Abortion (Ted Brown)
Tuesday 31st		Feria
	9.15am*	Intentions of Fr Tony McKentey
Wednesday 1st		<i>All Saints - Holyday of Obligation</i>
	9.30am	Filomena Kettlewell RIP (Margherita and Ian)
	8.00pm	Roy Briggs RIP (Sharon and Family)
Thursday 2nd		All Souls
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 3rd		Feria
	9.15am	Deceased Family and Friends (Pat and Tony Shead)
Saturday 4th		
	6.00pm	Joyce McKeone (Maureen and Jimmy McKeone)
Sunday 5th		31st Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of the Manjaly 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.

CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

As you may be aware, along with six other churches in the Borough, Shoebury and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church host a number of homeless folks through the Churches Winter Night Shelter each year.

On Tuesday evenings / Wednesday mornings they have 20-25 people come to them for food and somewhere safe to stay.

They will be starting at the beginning of December and running to the end of February / beginning of March.

They are very keen in maintaining an ecumenical dimension to this work, and in that regard are reaching out for volunteers for this year.

If you are able to help in any way, or want more details, please contact Candy Taylor, their Tuesday Night Shelter Manager, on shelter@stbbc.org.uk or candy_t@sky.com Or telephone 01702 292620.

ADVENT RETREAT

'Christmas for Grown-Ups'

Saturday 18th November, 10am to 3.30pm, in Sacred Heart Church Hall. Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided. Led by Magdalen Houlihan. Donation asked for. No need to book.

BCYS NEWS

We have been asked to advertise the following on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: - **Summer Lourdes 2018, 22nd – 29th July 2018.** For those wishing to book a place on our Summer Lourdes pilgrimage next year, we are now taking applications and will continue to take these until 31st January 2018. After this date places will be allocated to ensure young people from as many schools and parishes are able to enjoy this magnificent pilgrimage. For more information and prices, and to apply please visit www.bcys.net. All applications must be made online. The pilgrimage is open to all those currently in school year 10 and above.

Advent Retreat, 1st – 3rd December, Walsingham House. Our Walsingham House team will be running an Advent Retreat for those in years 11-13. This will be our last retreat at Canvey Island so will be an extra special way to start the Advent season. We are also now taking applications online for this event, please visit the website www.bcys.net/events for more details.



FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm on the theme Russian Soul, with Griff Rhys Jones as presenter. The music includes pieces by Rachmaninov, Borodin, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky with soloists Boris Giltburg, Duncan Rock and Robert Lloyd. For more details visit <http://nutsconcert.com/> or call 020 7592 1856.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23 November, 6pm - 9pm

For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL MISSION

Brentwood Cathedral invites you to a special Mission and an opportunity to renew your faith. Monday 20th - Friday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral every weekday evening. For more information go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org. Everybody welcome.

CAFOD Brentwood Memorial Mass

CAFOD will be holding a Memorial Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 9th November at 9.15am. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams. All are welcome to join us, whether to remember fellow CAFOD supporters or members of your own family, friends and community who've passed away. A Book of Remembrance will be presented and blessed by Bishop Alan at the Mass. If you would like to add a name to the Book of Remembrance you would be very welcome; whether or not you can attend the service itself. Please get in touch with our volunteer centre at: - brentwood@cafod.org.uk or by calling 01277 218730 if you'd like to know more. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for ACROSS. All welcome to join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes, and some good company. We look forward to seeing you there.



Next weekend we will be raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

IT'S HERE!!

The next edition of our parish magazine, The Georgian, is now available, priced at a very reasonable £1. Our thanks go to Frank McEvoy who has put a great deal of effort into producing the magazine, plus thanks to anyone who has contributed in any way.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Next weekend there will be a short appeal and retiring collection to help fund the work of the BCCS. Please give what you can.

PPC AGM

You are all warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6pm on Sunday 19th November in the hall. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

hosted by St. George's Parish and HCPT 192

**Saturday 11th November
6.30-8.30pm at St Gregory's Church
The Broadway, Thorpe Bay.**

The Display starts at 7.30pm and Hot Food can be purchased from 6.30pm - Burgers/Hot Dogs/Mulled Wine/ Hot Chocolate/Tea and Coffee.

Also Mrs Fitchew will be selling her famous sweets .

Entry is by Donation on the Gate.

For safety reasons, space is limited.

If you would like to join us contact Suzanne on the FOSG page or leave a message at the Church office. We need to know the number of Adults and the number of Children you plan to bring.

Please do not bring your own fireworks. You can bring your own Sparklers if you wish, but they can only be used in our designated Supervised Area.

The proceeds from the evening will be divided between HCPT 192 and our Parish.

Look forward to seeing you there.



UNITED SERVICE

CAME (Waking Churches together) invite you to a United Service this Sunday, 29th October, at 6.30pm in the Evangelical Church, Great Waking High Street. (you will find the church close to the British Legion Club). Please come and support this service if you can.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £737.06 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for World Mission Day amounted to £487.06, excluding Gift Aid. Thanks to all who contributed.

DISABLED TOILET AND PORCH AT ST. GEORGE'S

Twice recently we have had a flood in the disabled toilet in St. George's Church, which has been caused by people leaving the sink tap running. Not only is this causing damage, but it also takes a lot of cleaning up. May we ask that everyone ensures that the tap is turned off after they have used the facility, and in particular that ***no child is allowed unsupervised out of the church into either the porch or the disabled toilet at any time.*** Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

A reminder that the First Holy Communion classes for the children begin this Thursday, 2nd November, in the Church Hall.

After talking with some of the parents we have decided to move the start time to 4.30pm, with the class finishing at 5.30pm. If your child is unable to come to any of the sessions please contact the Presbytery.



YOUTH MASS

Next Saturday at 6pm we have our monthly Youth Mass at St. George's. All are welcome to come into the hall afterwards for refreshments, for which we suggest a minimum donation of 50p per person.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel and Long-Life or Powdered Milk.

Thank you so much for all of your past donations of Duvets and Pillows. At present we have received so many that we have run out of storage space for them! Please do not send any more for the time being. Thank you so much to you all.

THE REPOSITORY STALL

At St. George's Church the repository stall will be closed this Saturday, and will open in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 29th October, for one day only. As well as the usual items, there will be a small sale of a few pieces of older stock as well as a few cards, all at knock down prices. Next weekend, Christmas cards, 2018 calendars and items for Christmas will be available from the repository stall through until Christmas. We have two beautiful cribs for sale, just two among other lovely items. Also, weather permitting, Brian will sell Christmas cards and Christmas items at St. Gregory's Church on Sunday, 12th November and again on Sunday, 3rd December.

SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!!

Please be aware that the doorbell at the Presbytery has been changed for one that now has a camera incorporated in it. This is all part of our ongoing security measures that have been recommended through the Diocesan Health and Safety Representative.

JUSTICE AND PEACE ALERT - don't miss this!

This Sunday, 29th October, at 3pm, BBC Radio 3 will be broadcasting the Special Evensong which took place in Westminster Abbey at the end of last month as the National Ecumenical Celebration of the centenary of Blessed Oscar Romero's birth. Lord Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and Patron of the Romero Trust, gave an excellent challenging sermon; the Abbey's Choir was terrific; and the great highlight was a new anthem commissioned by the Abbey especially for the occasion from composer James MacMillan. It is entitled 'A Special Appeal.' It interweaves Archbishop Romero's words from the eve of his martyrdom with lines from Psalm 31. It is simply stunning.

If you are unable to listen on Sunday then do take advantage of BBC iPlayer to listen over the following 30 days.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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