

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Avery, Alfred Braithwaite, Joyce Brown, Mary Bushell, Conner Campbell, Kathleen Coleman, Gladys Coombes, Samuel Cottham, Ella Crawford, Anne Cusack, Mary Denney, Les Dowie, Marcelle Duncan, Lorraine Ellis, Freya Falconer, Adrian Gallagher, Mary Gargan, Anne Goldsworthy, Harry Manfred Gravestock, Bernard Humphrey, Mark Keenan, Violet Linker, Christina McFadden, Kate Mclaughlin, Rosemary O'Brien, Eileen O' Connor, Anna Smith, Stanley Smith, Minnie Standing, Brian Sullivan, John Trainor, Tanya Walton, Fred Wicker, John Corr, Pamela Partington, Simon Zialor†

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.

(Erica Jong)

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

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

THE MASS - PART 3

There are some phrases and words associated with our faith and the Mass which we just accept and almost take for granted. Did you know when you say "Kyrie eleison", "Liturgy", "Baptism", "Evangelize", "Martyr" and "Catechumen" you are speaking in New Testament Greek! Liturgical Greek was a mainstream language in the early Church. It wasn't until the early to mid-3rd century it began to be mixed with and then replaced by a form of Latin.

Have you ever wondered when we started to say the I confess (Confiteor), Kyrie, Gloria, and Holy, Holy, Holy, (Sanctus) during Mass? Have those prayers always used the same words?

The Confiteor was originally part of a group of prayers said by the Priest as he approached the Altar. In the very early Church it had no set form of words, the Priest silently petitioned God to forgive his sins. We do know that around 400 A.D. the prayers were said at the foot of the Altar while the Priest gave a profound bow or knelt. There are records showing that by 1080 a basic form of the words we use was in regular use at the Abbey of Cluny in France. In 1184 words similar to "and I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin," were added by the Cistercians. In 1570 after the Council of Trent a form of words normally used in Rome appeared in the Tridentine Roman Missal. Those words remained until the Confiteor was re-written in 1969 after the second Vatican Council when the words we now use became part of the Penitential rite.

The Kyrie, a Greek prayer, literally asks The Lord to grant us forgiveness for our sins. Its purpose is to prepare us to come into the presence of God. Its origins are rooted in the Psalms and various Gospel stories as told by Matthew. There are no records as to how we first started to say or sing the words however by about 500 A.D. it appeared in the Roman Rite with a suggestion that it had come from "the East". The words "Christe eleison" were added and it was sung alternating between the Clergy and the faithful. By the end of the first millennium the Litany had developed to a triple repetition of Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie. During the Middle Ages complex Gregorian melodies developed and varieties of texts were inserted to fill up the melodies. The Council of Trent stripped away all the additional texts and restored a triple repetition. That remained until 1969 when the form with which we are familiar was established.

The Gloria has a very long pedigree! Its first half is attributed to Pope Telsphorus who is said to have added the words to the Mass of Christmas between 128 and 139 A.D. By 360 A.D. St Hilary had translated the balance of the words we use today. In 498 A.D. Pope Symmachus extended the use of the Gloria to all Sundays and the births of Martyrs but restricted its use to Bishops! By the 11th century that restriction was removed and all priests were given permission to use the same Gloria as Bishops. During the Middle Ages many additional parts were added, against the wishes of Rome. In 1570 after the Council of Trent all those additions were abolished. The prayer has remained unchanged to this day. **Continued on page 3.....**



29th SEPTEMBER - 7th OCTOBER 2018

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 29th	6.00pm	Terry Alexander RIP - Anniv. (Dianne, Charlotte and Family)
Sunday 30th	8.45am*	26th Sunday of the Year Gary Phillips RIP (Jean and Helen) <i>and</i> For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of Brian and Serena
Monday 1st	9.15am	St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux) For the Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 2nd	9.15am*	The Holy Guardian Angels Kathleen Davies Intentions (Ted Brown)
Wednesday 3rd	11.30am	Feria Domenica Cameron RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Thursday 4th	9.15am	St. Francis of Assisi Eucharistic Service
Friday 5th	9.15am	Feria (Harvest Fast Day) Filomena Kettlewell RIP (Ian and Margherita)
Saturday 6th	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 7th	8.45am*	27th Sunday of the Year Sister Josephine Miller - Golden Jubilee of Profession (Caroline Braybrook) <i>and</i> For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Maureen Reader RIP - Wedding Anniv. (Peter Reader)

*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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever felt you'd like to help destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this & volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate with compassion so we can keep helping them at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. Next Trip 30/11 to 02/12/18. Sign up to volunteer or donate on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', or on our website calaislight.com or email us: - calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE CHANNEL

Saturday 20th October 2018

This is a one day event in St Paul's Catholic Church, Dover, focusing on the journey of refugees, with powerful testimony and witness from those working in Calais and Dunkerque. For more details have a look at the poster in the church porch or email office@southwarkj&p.co.uk.

UNITED HARVEST SERVICE

Taking place at the Mallards, Great Wakering High Street, on Sunday 14th October at 3pm. All welcome to come and join in with our fellow Christians in Wakering.

MICHAEL RYAN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Ryan who passed away on the 24th September.

Requiescat in Pace

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY

10th November, 10.30am to 3.30pm, at Sacred Heart School Upminster. It is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists in the Diocese of Brentwood and will be an opportunity for input on resources and best practice. The day will also include the Diocesan launch of the Faith in Action Awards, with guest speakers Phil Sparke, Chief Executive of HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust, and Sarah Barber, former BCYS Director and now CAFOD Youth Team Leader.

VACANCIES

National Justice and Peace Network

are looking for an **Administrator** for 15 hours per week to arrange meetings; network with members and partnership organisations; develop effective communications between members and the wider public; co-ordinate the Annual Conference etc. A good knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and an understanding of Church organisations is required. More details from: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk
Closing date for applications: 5 pm Monday 15 October 2018.

Pax Christi are looking for a **Director** to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating the work of Pax Christi and taking forward its strategic plan to 2022 and beyond. Applications on a job share basis considered. Details from: - <http://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/>

Brentwood Diocesan Education Service are looking for a **Governance Development Officer** for 17.5 hours per week/40 weeks per year. A job description and details are available on the Diocesan Website in the Education section under Vacancies.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October 2018 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2019 should complete the Local Education Authority single application form and fill in the supplementary information form that can be collected from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this weekend, in a change to the advertised one, is being run by Amelia Frampton who is fundraising for her trip to the World Scout Jamboree 2019. She has been selected to represent Essex and the UK! Come and have a natter after the 10.45am Mass, whilst enjoying tea, coffee and cakes. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our hosts for the next few weeks are as follows: -

7th October - CAFOD

14th October - 669

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The Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy! It was originally introduced by Pope Sixtus I around 119 to 128 A.D. and sung at solemn feasts. Since 529 A.D. it has been "sung" at all Masses.

Next time - how the Mass developed from 380 A.D (when Nicene Christianity became the official religion of the Empire) until the Council of Trent 1570 A.D.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive.

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners like you in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On **Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October)**, CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal or skipping the Friday takeaway – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Fast Day envelopes will be available at all Masses this weekend and your offerings collected the following weekend.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a taxpayer your contribution will be enhanced by 25% via **Gift Aid**. Those enrolled in the Parish Gift Aid scheme please use your special envelope provided in the pack. Other taxpayers are asked to collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this weekend, complete the necessary details and give what you can.

BUT YOU, HE SAID -

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you already a Catholic, and have thought about being Confirmed? 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 on Monday 1st October in the Committee Room at the back of St. George's Church at 7.30pm. It is 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!

If you think you might want to come along please speak with Fr Brett or Sharon to register your interest, or to ask any questions that you might have. It is a weekly course, with breaks for the school holidays.



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - milk, coffee and sugar as usual; extras are – Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Baked Beans, Super noodles/ Instant noodles/Pot noodles, and Biscuits please. Thank you very much to everyone for their contributions.

WELCOME BACK!

This weekend we welcome back Fr Brett, and hope that he brings some warmer weather back with him! Obviously it will take him a few weeks to settle back into the routine, so please be gentle with him in the meantime.

LIVING FAITH DAILY DEVOTIONALS

These are now available in the letter rack for those on the list. There are a few spare in the porch of St. George's if anyone wants one.

MISSING UMBRELLA

The wrong umbrella was mistakenly taken home by someone after the 10.45am Mass last weekend. It is a man's black umbrella, made by Totes. It has sentimental value, so we would ask that whoever took it brings it back and reclaims their own one. Many thanks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Many of our current Parish Pastoral Council members are now coming to the end of their three year term of office. This weekend we are handing out nomination forms and information about the role of a Pastoral Parish Councillor. Please note that these nomination forms need to be returned by the 14th



October, and all Nominees will need to provide some information about themselves, as well

as a photograph, to be put on the noticeboard in both churches by the weekend of the 20th/21st October.

Voting slips will then go out the weekend of the 27th/28th October.

ROTA FOR TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

All Ministers should have now received their rota to take Communion out. If you have not received yours, or would like a hard copy, please speak with the Office. Many thanks to you all.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to come and join our merry band of Servers? The training course starts on Sunday 7th October in St. George's Church, immediately after the 10.45am Mass. Please stay behind then if you are interested and Shawn will tell you all about it. You can be of any age, but you must have made your First Holy Communion. Many thanks to everyone who serves at Mass on a regular basis. We are extremely grateful for your service.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £562.90 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Will you be in Year 9 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019. All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.