

## ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Please remember the following :

† Caterina Gravestock, Margaret Stacey, Earnest Stacey, Trenette Betts, John Brown, Marie Cogan, Anna Goral, Mary Hudson, Danny Burr, Thomas Enstone, Ellen Griffiths, Robert Plantin, Jeanne Lawton, Samuel John O'Rourke, Christine Rigg, Bernard and Jack Collins, Rose Hatch, Peter Bannon, Arthur McLoughlin, Evelyn O'Connell, Marjorie Dixon, Harry Quinn, Albert Mayer, Joan Katnic, Mrs Nena Spalding, Sheila Baker, Fr. Ignatius St. Lawrence, Danielle Key, Martin Browne, John Barker, Olive Harvey, Elena Newland, Donald Seaman, Alice Wheatcroft, Maria Edwards, Patricia Fazakerley, Michael Burke, Harry Adamson, Agnes Harman, Yvonne Shepherd, Alex Jordan, Maureen Reader, Rose Murphy, Mary Parkins, Ernest Standing, Tinka McKelvie, Michael O'Flaherty, Betty Wallen.

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm 8.45am and 6pm

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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 Kallogerides, 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.

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Dames Fontein, South Africa



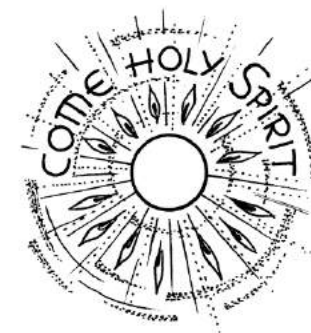
## Pentecost Sunday - Year A

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The word *Pentecost* comes from a Greek word meaning '50<sup>th</sup> day', since the feast is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday.

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading describes the familiar story where the Holy Spirit, preceded by a "powerful wind from heaven" and a "noise which filled the entire house", descends upon the apostles in what "seemed like tongues of fire". However, this is not the first time the Spirit has made an appearance because we hear in the gospel that on Easter Day the risen Jesus came to his disciples, breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, and then commissioned them as messengers of God's peace and forgiveness. Although the two pieces of scripture raise intriguing questions, they both have the key theme of mission.

The Pentecost event is considered the 'birthday' of the Church; the moment when Jesus' followers were inspired and transformed, finding new energy and purpose. As the Spirit effected individual transformation, it also stimulated community formation, and thus the Church begins to grow in earnest. We shouldn't be surprised at this as the nature of the Spirit is very much along the lines of binding together.

In the world of advertising we see many products pitched to us in such a way that our lives will be revitalized or reinvigorated if we have that particular product. Of course, it's all talk; with God's Spirit however, it is real. Let us welcome the Spirit into our lives this Pentecost, renewing hearts for love and empowering us for mission.



This weekend I have the privilege of Confirming 14 young people from our community. Although the Sacrament of Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Church, we pray that it will inspire new beginnings for them on their journey of faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with them on this special moment in their lives. May they grow in faith, hope and love, living joyfully in the Lord who promises us life to the full.

Have a good week and God bless,  
Fr Brett

**3rd JUNE – 11th JUNE 2017**

Pentecost Sunday - Year A - Day of Prayer for the Church

<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	6.00pm	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 4th</b>		<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Tinka McKelvie RIP - Anniv. (Joan and Tony McD)</b>
	10.45am	<b>Debora Callaghan RIP (Sylvia)</b>
<b>Monday 5th</b>		<i>St Boniface</i>
	10.00am	<b>Kathleen Alice Barrett RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Intentions of Mary and Bernard Parkins (Caroline and Family)</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	<b>Rina Savo RIP - 6th Anniv. (Fabiola Tredgett)</b>
<b>Thursday 8th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 9th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Penny and Family (Sylvia)</b>
<b>Saturday 10th</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>Mairaid McPhillips RIP (Chris and Tom)</b>
<b>Sunday 11th</b>		<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Emmanuel and Precious Ewalefo - Wedding Blessings (Sylvia)</b>

\*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.

**LAST CHANCE FOR THE 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'.

**SUMMER CONCERT**

The Deanery Orchestra presents  
**Music for a Summer Evening**  
24th June 2017 \* 7.30pm \*  
*Popular and Classical Music*  
Taking place at The New Mazenod Hall, St. Peter's Church, Eastwood. Please bring your own food and drink to enjoy during the evening. Tickets £5 (16 and under FREE). Please contact Penny on 07810707910 or visit our website. <http://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com>

**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.

**YOUTH MASS**

All young people are invited to attend the monthly Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 8pm on Wednesday 7th June, followed by refreshments. A great chance to meet with other young Catholics.

**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 to those 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)

**A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.*  
**Amen**

**THE FRIENDS OF NAZARETH HOUSE  
COFFEE MORNING AND NEARLY  
NEW SALE**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

11am to 12.30pm in Nazareth House Hall. All proceeds go to the Sisters of Nazareth House for the benefit of the residents. The Friends of Nazareth need new members, please text Edward Hayden 07434 190135 or email [edwardhayden77@gmail.com](mailto:edwardhayden77@gmail.com)

**30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
Abbotswick Diocesan House of  
Prayer, Brentwood**

**11.30am - 4.30pm 8th July 2017**

Please join us for this wonderful event. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Mc Mahon. You are invited to bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit our website [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org).

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES**

(1<sup>st</sup> of 4): Taking place at Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 June: Father Stewart Foster (Diocesan Archivist) will speak on 'The Foundation and Early Years of the Diocese, 1917-1951 (Bishops Ward & Doubleday).' Admission Free.

**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 669 will be our hosts and we are raising money to cover Parish Fayre expenses. Come and join us for Tea, Coffee and lots of yummy cakes! Next weekend we will be raising money for Cancer Research.



**CONFIRMATION 2017**

This Sunday the following young people will be Confirmed by Fr Brett at the 10.45am Mass: -  
Zoe; Keeley; Chloe; Lewis; Megan; Amelia; William; Christopher; Amy- Louise; Emeka; Megan; Eve; Kieran; Danielle.  
Please hold them in your prayers as they take this important, independent step in their faith journey.



**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. They will be in the porches of both churches this weekend and next weekend collecting sponsors. Please support them if you can.



**PARISH SUMMER FAYRE**

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

Our Summer Fayre is now next weekend! It is always a fabulous social occasion for our Parish and the highlight of our calendar. The Theme for this year is Seaside around the World.

Any donations of Bottles, Gifts and Prizes, Toiletries, Chocolate, Teddy Bears and items for our ever-famous Hampers will be gratefully received, but please remember that these must be left this week! Sharon is happy to receive anything into the office if the porch of the church is locked

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.



### 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. KitKats, 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.

### MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

### OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £910.26, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The collection for World Communications Day amounted to £306.17. Many thanks to you all.

### MASS CHANGES

Just to give you advance warning that the Masses on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June will be replaced by the Requiem Masses for Anna Cohen and Dorothy Locker.

### REPOSITORY NEWS

Serena will have the table up this weekend, but it will then be put away until the weekend of the 24/25 June. If you have any event coming up for which a religious gift is required please bear that in mind.

### SCHOOL MASSES

Fr Brett has some school Masses coming up, the first being the 6th June. If anyone would like to book an intention for any school Masses, please speak with Sharon.

### 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*

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We have now booked our coach for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 22nd 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 28 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. We are now collecting payment for the pilgrimage, so ask that those who have put their names down forward payment to the Office as soon as possible.

Any spare seats will be offered out to neighbouring parishes.



### GENERAL ELECTION 2017

#### Meet the Candidates

Following on from the letter from the Catholic Bishops of last week, we now have the opportunity to pose the questions prompted by their



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letter! The election candidates for Rochford and Southend East are

coming together on Sunday 4th June at Belle Vue Baptist Church, Bellevue Avenue, Southchurch from 7pm to 9pm. This will, hopefully, be a forum for Christians to have their say on issues they care strongly about.

### CLEANERS

Is there anyone out there that could give the church a couple of hours once a month to help with the cleaning please? We could do with some more volunteers. Even better if you could bring a friend along to help you!

Also, due to holidays, we will be needing someone willing to fill in during the week beginning the 21st August. Please contact Sharon if you feel you can give a couple of hours of your time during that week.