

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Please remember the following :

† Frank Axson, Vivienne Axson, Maureen Baker, William Bliss, Ada Braithwaite, John Breen, Kathleen Burke, Stella Byrne, Archie Carmichael, Catherine Collins, Michael Cox, Timothy Crowley, Mrs. L. DeViell, Keith Dixey, Bonita Dodd, Simon Dodd, Kathleen Dowling, Anne Downey, Anthony Drozdicki, Bernard Feeney, John Gillies, Samantha Glover, Frank Glyde, Kathleen Gooding, Malcolm Goodwin, Susan Hickey, Ronald Horstead, Maeve Knights, Alice Elizabeth MacKereth, John Maguire, Mary Michell, Elizabeth Murray, Heather Notarianni, Donny O'Rourke, Denis O'Sullivan, Leslie Paterson, Harry Pither, Florence Porter, Jillian Saunders, Katy Smith, Mary Tinson, Walter Watson. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Jesus, you are my salvation;
Jesus, you're my inspiration;
Jesus, you're the treasure of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

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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, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Margaret 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.

To arrange visits to the sick and house-bound 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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

In the 1st Reading this weekend we hear from the book of Job. A series of terrible disasters has befallen Job and his world has crumbled around him. He feels broken and depressed, and compares his life to a slave, whose life is one long drudgery; he waits for an end, death, which can't come quick enough. Also, not only have his human friends deserted him, but his divine friend has done the same. Job has hit rock-bottom, he is desperate!

Desperation can push the human person in all sorts of directions, some that might be helpful, and others which make matters worse. The latter we often see in TV soaps, where someone finds themselves in a difficult situation and is confused as what to do. In their confusion and desperation, they make a bad choice which makes matters worse. Sadly, this happens in real life too.

However, desperation can occasionally be a 'wake up call' and push us in a positive direction, sometimes towards God; many of the saints' lives will attest to this. The spiritual process of this – which is in a sense a process of religious conversion/renewal - is that we are stripped of our pride and fierce sense of independence which in turn puts us in touch with our helplessness and vulnerability; a fertile seed-bed for spiritual growth. The process will come to fruition when we then turn to God in faith and trust, knowing that He can help us. The reality is that we are dependent on God, but this, in normal living, is very difficult for us to realise.



In the gospels we hear many stories about people turning to Jesus because they have hit rock-bottom, and their trust in his power and love always produced a life-giving result.

Sometimes our brokenness makes us better people; sometimes it's possible to turn our scars into stars. Never underestimate God's power to repair and restore!

Have a good week.

Fr Brett

3rd FEBRUARY – 11th FEBRUARY 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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)
Monday 5th	9.15am	St Agatha Intentions of Pat and Rosemary Brosnan (Tony and Joan McD)
Tuesday 6th	9.15am*	St Paul Miki and Comp. Gloria Smith RIP - 1st Anniv. (Sharon)
Wednesday 7th	11.30am	Feria Barbara Sheaf RIP (Pat and Tony Shead)
Thursday 8th	9.15am	Feria (Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it) Eucharistic Service
Friday 9th	9.15am	Feria George Wallen RIP (Christine and Don DeViell)
Saturday 10th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 11th	8.45am*	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day for the Sick) Family and Friends of Betty and Pat O’Sullivan
	10.45am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy O’Connor RIP (Sylvia)

*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.

CREATING A PRAYERFUL SPACE FOR MASS

To help us pray, listen and focus effectively on what is going on at Mass, we need to create an environment/space that is conducive to that. We can all help create that space in a variety of ways:



Ensuring our mobile phones are switched off or on silent.

Avoiding loud and lengthy conversations in the main body of the church prior to Mass starting.

Avoiding the temptation for a chat with our ‘pew neighbours’ during the Mass, it can be a distraction for others around you.

I appreciate that for some of you, bringing and managing younger children might be quite a challenge; Mass is long for them. If you’re trying to keep them entertained, it might be helpful if you could bring ‘soft’ toys rather than hard ones, as hard ones can be noisy, especially if they get thrown down. As your children get older you might want to think about (if you don’t already) sitting near the front so they can see what’s going on. You could also guide them through the Mass with the help of a children’s missal, so they begin to understand the things we do and why we do them. If you have a very young child who becomes agitated during the Mass, please feel free to leave your seat so that you can walk them up and down a little if that will help to soothe them.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN AGED OVER 30

The Beda College in Rome together with St Beuno’s Spirituality Centre in North Wales, are running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September 2018. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Ideally bookings should be made before Easter. Check out www.pathwaystogod.org and look under Courses/Retreats.

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.



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.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Parish Gardening Group will be raising money towards the upkeep of the gardens.

Everyone welcome after the 10.45am

Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments, whilst raising money for the church.

The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -

11 Feb - 669

18 Feb - ACROSS

25 Feb - Parish

4 March - 669



THANK YOU!

Thanks go to everyone who so generously supported the J & P Coffee Morning in aid of the Homeless last weekend, We raised £195, which was made up to £200, and which will be sent off to HARP.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Alicia Marie Lawrence into our faith community as her family celebrate her baptism this weekend. Congratulations to all.



'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church community.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Diocese of Brentwood by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.



We ask this through our Lord.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be having a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Pilgrimage Helpers Fund. Please give what you can.

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 in 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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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.

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

As previously mentioned we are having our annual get together for all of our lovely volunteers next Saturday, straight after the 6pm Mass, in the Church Hall.

We ask that you let Sharon know that you are coming for catering purposes please.



REQUIEM MASS FOR BARBARA SHEAF RIP

Barbara will be brought into Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh-on-Sea, on Sunday 18th February at 6:15pm, and her Requiem Mass will be there on Monday 19th February at 11am, then onto the Crematorium.

Reception afterwards in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, all welcome.

" I never knew that about London"



Join the J&P group at 7.30 pm. on Saturday 24th February for fantastic food, facts and fun in a London themed "Cockney Quiz Night". Test your knowledge of people, places, music and history (and the Cockney vernacular) which has contributed to the world's most dynamic metropolis.

£10 each Fish & Chip supper included Bring your own drinks

All proceeds to our project at Mpuluzi , our twinned parish in South Africa.

Reserve your ticket by email at bfitzg6306@sky.com or mobile: 07817842604

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £913.67 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. In addition the 2nd collection for HARP raised £460.71 excluding Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who contributed.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 9th February, from 7.30pm to 9pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

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 would like the heart that you wrote on, please take it from the basket.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Meals - curries, stews, hot dogs, meat balls, and pepper and salt please . Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed. Grateful thanks to all of you who donate regularly.