

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Bryan, Genevieve Britto, Florence Meager, Edith Humphreys, Kathleen Davies, Kathleen Gooding, Tony Mander, Louisa Bruce, John Roberts, Peter Zuelchaur, Leonard Carlile, Linda Conroy, Arthur Bann, James Rockell, James Coughlan, Thomas Spalding, Bill Wisbey, Kenneth Dawson, Edith Timmermans, Edward Dean, May Mills, Carmen Kelly, Stephen Dowie, Jim Dixon, Pat McKelvie, Mary d'Eca, Catherine Harman, Jenny Adamson, Michael Sheaf, Maria Coleman, Joan Pollock, Sean O'Sullivan, Barbara Neagle, Brian Hanley, Monica Winn, James Curtis, Barbara McKelvie, Robert Stone, Teresa Pitcher, Shirley Sharrad, Joan James, Manuel Sufredo, Gabby Millar, Barbara Devereux †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation 6pm and 8.45am

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

O that today you would listen to his voice:
harden not your hearts!

Gospel Acclamation 10.45am

Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

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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:

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, John Morton, Tom Grain.

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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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

Welcome to the "Father's House"!

Every week we come to the house of our heavenly Father.

Here we draw close to him in whom we live and move and have our being.

It is above all a house of prayer, a place of connection with God and one another.

Pray is about 'connection', and so we can pray in many ways and at many different levels.

First of all, being here is a prayer, because it is an act of love; that's what prayer is.

So, although we pray with our lips, most of all we pray with our heart.

Unless our heart and mind are behind what we say, then our words are no better than a 'gong booming or a cymbal clashing'.

Here, in God's house, we not only draw close to one another, but we also draw close to those who are a long way off, or those who have died; all those people who have a special place in our hearts.

Therefore, we pray together as members of the family of God. But the quality of our prayer together depends, partly, on the bond that exists between us.

If we are united in heart and mind our prayer will ascend to God and His transformative power will touch our lives.

But if we are not, if we are indifferent to one another or harbour grudges then our prayer becomes disjointed and disconnected.

Lord Jesus, help us to make this house a true house of prayer. AMEN.

Have a prayerful week!

Fr Brett



3rd MARCH – 11th MARCH 2018

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

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| Saturday 3rd | 6.00pm | Intentions of Dianne Alexander (Chris and Tom) |
| Sunday 4th | 8.45am* | Third Sunday of Lent For All Parishioners |
| | 10.45am 4.00pm | Intentions of Michael Chambers on his 17th Birthday Vespers (St. Gregory's) |
| Monday 5th | 9.15am | Feria Ellen and Daniel Crotty RIP (Bridget Frampton) |
| Tuesday 6th | 9.15am* | Feria Intentions of Andrew and Geraldine Hannah |
| Wednesday 7th | 11.30am | Feria Intentions of Fr Tom Jordan |
| Thursday 8th | 9.15am | Feria Eucharistic Service |
| Friday 9th | 9.15am 7.30pm | Feria Filomena Kettlewell RIP (Margherita and Ian) Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 10th | 6.00pm | For All Parishioners |
| Sunday 11th | 8.45am* 10.45am 4.00pm* | Fourth Sunday of Lent (The Second Scrutiny)/Laetare Sunday Thanksgiving for Rosemary (Pat Brosnan) Michael O'Sullivan RIP (O'Sullivan Family) Vespers (St. George's) |

*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.

8TH SHOEBURYNNESS GUIDES

8th Shoeburyness Guides currently have spaces available in their Girlguide group.

We meet every Tuesday night in St George's Church Hall, St Andrews Road, Shoeburyness.

In the past year we have tasted chocolate, carried out experiments

at Gunners Park, endured 'I'm a Celebrity' bush tucker trials and have worked on an 'Apprentice' style challenge. Other trips have included Kids Kingdom, Rope Runners and the local chip shop! We love to go camping and are already planning this year's spring camp.

If you are a girl aged 10-14 who loves adventure, having fun and making friends then why not come along? Please contact us on email - 8thshoeburynessguides@gmail.com



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for those who Gift Aid are now available in the porches of both churches. Please remember to pick yours up when next in church. New members always welcome!

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a programme that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places. Full details online at www.bcys.net

J & P GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone for their support, with a special vote of thanks to Wendy, Pat and Bernard.

We raised approximately £630 for the Mpuluzi Project.

Now where did I put those quiz books?

Brian



**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE,
28th May 2018.**

Last Few Seats....

Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. Contact 01 268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER
GROUP**

We invite you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on Sunday, 8th April. Arrival 10.30am for 11am start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis 01277 658783 for more information. All are welcome.

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. The third one is as follows:-
8th March - **'Here I am Lord'**
Fr Graham Smith, Parish Priest of Southend and Prittlewell, and Diocesan Director of Vocations.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S
PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Sunday 22nd April 2018, 10.30-17.30

A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. "When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England". Pope Leo XIII, 1887. For more information visit: - www.catholicman.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669 will be our hosts, raising money for Parish infrastructure. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, and cakes, plus meet up with your parish friends.



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

11 March - CAFOD

18 March - CAFÉ Group

25 March - Youth J & P

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Vegetables - peas, carrots, assorted beans etc., plus Breakfast Cereals. Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed. Thank you to everyone who donates, it is much appreciated.

THIS WEEK

Vespers and Benediction continue this Sunday at St. Gregory's at 4pm. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7.30pm in St. George's, and this coming week we have our Youth Justice and Peace Group leading us.

PARISH SUMMER FAYRE 2018

We will be holding a meeting to discuss plans for our **Parish Summer Fayre for 2018** on Thursday the 8th March at 7pm in the Committee rooms at the rear of St George's Church (just behind the Church Hall). If you are / have been / would like to be a stall holder do please come along.

As you may know our 669 group have run the Fayre for a number of years. This year and going forward they would like to pass that role onto another group. We hope to discuss how we can manage that transition. So, if you would like to be involved in the planning/running of this years and future Summer Fayres this is the time to let us know.

PS. we might even tell the closely guarded secret of what "669" actually means .

LOURDES 2018

The Southend Across Group has two spaces on the Jumbulance for any male pilgrim who, through illness or disability, requires care and support.

We leave for Lourdes on Thursday June 14th and return on Saturday June 23rd. For more information on costs etc, please contact Sheila Hussey on 07929241469.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £672.87 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for CAFOD (Lent Fast Day) raised £551.32 excluding Gift Aid. Many thanks to you all.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Thanks to all who supported and helped at both the ACROSS coffee morning a couple of weeks ago, and the Parish one last weekend. £130 was raised for ACROSS, and £132.75 for the Parish.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

CAME LENT BREAKFAST

Please join the Churches Together in Wakering for the next breakfast (the last one was very successful). Taking place in the Methodist Hall (behind the church) in Wakering High Street on Saturday 24th March at 8.30am. All welcome.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

CATHOLICS PLAN MASS-ROSARY

PRAYER AROUND THE BRITISH COAST

On Sunday, April 29, at 3:00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend Deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act coming into effect. Organisers say the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the "present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace", and encourage a "re-flourishing of our Faith". The organisers said. "We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of



events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God,"

If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>

CHARITY CURRY NIGHT

Maureen Woodcock is holding a Charity Curry Evening at the Polash in West Road on Wednesday 14th March in aid of funds for her 16 year old Granddaughter, Caitlin, who is going to Mexico with a group called M10 Mission, which is a charity with Christian-based values. Tickets are £18 each and all monies to be paid in advance of the event. Please speak with Maureen on 295437 to book your place.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 9th March, from 8pm, immediately after Stations of the Cross. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

THE GEORGIAN

Wanted! Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian'. Please send by email any items for inclusion in our next edition to Frank McEvoy at: mcevoy@ymail.com
Closing Date: 17/18 March.
Don't forget!

SWIMATHON 2018

John Smith is participating in the Swimathon 2018 to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. If you wish to donate please go to the just giving page at:- www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Smith130

REPOSITORY NEWS

You will find Mother's Day cards, as well as some items for St. Patrick's Day, on the Repository Stall this weekend.
Yes, it is Mother's Day next weekend! Don't forget!

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We meet in the Committee Room of St. George's Church on Tuesday 27th March, 1.45pm for 2pm. Come and hear about the projects we support. All welcome.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Henry James Gillies into our faith community as his family celebrate his baptism this weekend. Congratulations to all.

'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5

