

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Reginald Chambers, Colman Connolly, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, Joan Dowie, 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. †

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! Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life; you have the message of
eternal life. 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

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



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

THE MASS - before and after Vatican II - Part 1



We are nearly at the end of our journey!

In a review spanning nearly 2,000 years we have looked at the Eucharistic celebration in first century Jerusalem, celebrated by people who probably knew the Apostles, to the Mass we celebrate following the reforms of the second Vatican Council. As we saw last week, following the Council of Trent, Mass was celebrated in the Tridentine Rite for almost 400 years from 1570 until, in the UK, we introduced the new Missal and other changes between 1965 and Advent 1968. Let's look at what had happened across those 400 years.

In December 1869 until October 1870, almost 300 years after Trent, the Church again came together in Ecumenical Council, this time meeting, at the Vatican. The Council became known as Vatican I (Concilium Vaticanum Primum) It was called by Pope Pius IX in June 1868 after some four years planning and discussion. One of the main questions before the Council was whether to declare Papal infallibility as a defined Dogma (something we are required to believe) of the Church. The practice is also referred to as a Pope speaking "ex cathedra" (from the Chair – this is also a root, from Late Latin, of the name Cathedral. It being the place of the Bishop's Chair.). This concept has existed within the Church from the earliest times but had not previously been reduced to a defined Dogma. Essentially it states - *When the Pope (1) intends to teach (2) by virtue of his supreme authority (3) on a matter of faith and morals (4) to the whole Church, he is preserved by the Holy Spirit from error. His teaching act is therefore called "infallible" and the teaching which he articulates is termed "irreformable".* (©EWTN) Since Vatican I this power has been exercised only once, by Pius XII, in 1950 when he declared the Assumption of Mary to be an article of faith. The Council only published one other document on the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church before its deliberations were cut short by the Franco-Prussian war.



Across the middle decades of the 20th century there was a growing sense, within the Church, that Vatican I had left unfinished business and a feeling so well expressed by Pope St. John XXIII (Good Pope John) when he said it was time to - "open the windows [of the Church] and let in some fresh air." Four future Popes were present at the Council including a young Joseph Ratzinger. **Continued on Page 5....**

3rd NOVEMBER - 11th NOVEMBER 2018

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Saturday 3rd	6.00pm Youth Mass	Lorraine Kelly RIP (Gabriella)
Sunday 4th	8.45am* 10.45am	31st Sunday of the Year Mark Murray RIP - 9th Anniv. (Murray Family) For the Holy Souls and For All Parishioners
Monday 5th	9.15am	Feria Intentions of Dexter Stubbs (Julie and Family)
Tuesday 6th	9.15am*	Feria Domenica Cameron RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Wednesday 7th	11.30am	Feria Sick Family and Friends of Jacquie and Pat and Joan, Les, Steve and Peter Dowie RIP (Mary and John Borthwick)
Thursday 8th	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Friday 9th	9.15am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah
Saturday 10th	6.00pm	André Donko RIP (Rita Donko)
Sunday 11th	8.45am* 10.45am	32nd Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Day) Gisela Stauche RIP (Anne and Ted Brown) <i>and For All Parishioners</i> Antonio Tullio RIP (Tullio 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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

A few words of gratitude from your J&P group:

We were overwhelmed by the support shown at our recent card signing for people who suffer for their beliefs. Words of encouragement were written in each of the 120 cards supplied which will be sent by air mail to various corners of the globe. In addition, a number of parishioners requested details of the Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) "Connect to Encourage" programme as they wished to send further cards. Together with proceeds from the coffee morning a sum of £345 was raised. (Once postage is paid the surplus will help the group in their efforts to make our community and the world in general a fairer place).

One recipient of such a card in the past, Pastor Onel Pardillo Garcia in Cuba, emailed CSW to say he wanted "to pass on his appreciation and gratitude to the community for the words of encouragement received." He said "Thank you to everyone. This encourages us to continue striving to fight the good fight of the faith in our anti-Christian context"

As Christians, we're called to speak out against injustice: to defend the oppressed and take up the cause of those who suffer. #RedWednesday is a fantastic opportunity to build on the messages of encouragement: to stand with those who face injustice because of their religion or beliefs.

On **#REDWEDNESDAY**, 28th November, events will be held all over the country.

Why **RED**? Red evokes the colour of blood, and, therefore, is the colour of martyrs.

At St George and the English Martyrs' church we will be floodlighting the building in red (last year, even the Houses of Parliament got in on the act!)

The entrance to St Gregory's will be dressed in red.

On **REDWEDNESDAY** parishioners are encouraged to:

- wear an article of red clothing or a red badge as a visible sign of solidarity and religious tolerance
- join the members of the Justice & Peace group attending the 11.30 Mass (wearing red)

From 3.30pm to 5 p.m. at Parliament Square CSW will be holding a special event: "**Meet me on the Square.**" MPs will be invited to "pop in" anytime between 3.30pm and 5pm: so you'll be able to meet with them and take a photo with Red Wednesday placards, even eat red velvet cake. Speakers and a rally will start at 5.30pm, followed by a prayer walk to Westminster Cathedral where CSW will join Aid to the Church in Need for their Red Wednesday service with a live link up to Aleppo.

ALTAR SERVERS

Over the weekend of 3/4 November 8 of our Altar servers will receive Guild of St Stephen Bronze medals. This marks their having satisfactorily completed their training and first year of service at the Altar. Well done to:

At 6pm Mass on the 3rd - Joseph McGurk, Faith, Xavier & Lucy Fensom.

At 10:45 Mass on the 4th - Richard & Regan Mutsunge, Lucy Collins and Lily Ward.

Fr Brett and Shawn would like to thank all our Servers, young and old, for their loyalty and dedication.



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - milk, coffee and sugar as usual; extras are – Cooking Oil; Tins of Meat (Spam, Pork, Corned Beef, Ham); Meals in Tins (Chilli, Spaghetti Bolognaise; Curries; Stews).

A huge thank you to the parishioners who donate to our HARP collection – you really are so generous and are exceeding all hopes at the moment, both with the food and also the men's boxers etc – many, many thanks – you are all stars!

REPOSITORY NEWS

The Repository stall will be closed over the weekend of the 10/11 November. Please make sure you take time to look at this weekend if you need anything urgently.

THANK YOU!

To all who helped and/or supported the Missio Coffee Morning a couple of weeks ago. £152 was raised!

PRAYING FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is a time when we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us. In the porch of the church you will find 'Holy Souls' envelopes in which you can 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 either the container which is on the altar or post it through the presbytery letter box and we will remember our beloved departed throughout the Masses of November.

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this weekend is being run by the Friends of St. George's School. Everyone welcome after the 10.45am Mass to join us for tea, coffee, and plenty of cakes!



Our hosts next week are: -

11th November - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

JOAN BUTCHER RIP

05.05.30 - 01.11.18

There are people who, hearing of anyone's needs, will act immediately. There are people who will respond to any request for involvement in our parish and work tirelessly to raise funds to buy much needed items.

Such a person was our own 'treasure' Joan Butcher, who died very peacefully early on 'All Saints' Day', November 1st. How appropriate a day to be called to her Reward.

Joan, a friend to all she knew, worked tirelessly for our parish until ill-health forced her to relinquish 'Joan's Stall' famous at every Fete and Bazaar and Parish Hall for years. That she now rests in peace there can be no doubt.

Notice of funeral arrangements will be published in due course.

COME AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE....

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters have been running for eight years from December to March. 20 beds are made available in church halls in rotation every week (i.e. each church does the same night each week).

Sacred Heart Parish have been asked to provide a Night Shelter in Sacred Heart Hall on Wednesday evenings from Wednesday 5th December 2018 through to Wednesday 20th March 2019. This is for every Wednesday during this period including Wednesday 26th December (Boxing Day) and Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday). They would supply beds for 20 people and a hot meal for another up to 10 "dinner only" guests. Around 25 – 30 volunteers will be needed each week and they will only be able to proceed if they have enough people willing to help. We would ask any potential volunteers to contact Sue Tockley in the Sacred Heart/St John Fisher Parish Office (01702 465720 or parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) in the first instance.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £748.92 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Grateful thanks to everyone for their generosity.



WE ARE PART OF BATTLE'S OVER
 – commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI
 November 11th 2018

St. George's is playing its part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

It begins at 6am with **lone pipers** playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals in the country, following which a specially written tribute will be read out. At the same time, over 1,000 pipers will be playing the tune in individual locations within their local communities.

At 6am at the Shoebury War Memorial in Campfield Road there will be 2 players performing Battle's O'er.

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the **Last Post** at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm beacons will be lit in a tribute called **Beacons of Light**, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Then at 7.05pm over 1,000 church and cathedrals will ring their bells as part of **Ring-ing Out for Peace** organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which represents 65 societies of ringers from the British Isles and overseas. Also at 7.05, more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written **Cry for Peace Around the World**, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

At 6.45pm on Sunday 11th November we will gather in St. George's Church. At 6.55pm we will have a cornet player from the Salvation Army play the Last Post. This will then be followed, at 7.05pm, by the ringing of the bell 100 times. We will then hold a short prayer service to remember all of the fallen souls that gave so much to the rest of us.

FREE TO GOOD HOME!

Don and Chris DeViell are looking for a home for a solid pine cabinet, suitable for DVDs, Videos, Books etc. It is in good condition, and measures 13.5 inches deep, by 24 inches wide, by 32 inches high. Give them a ring on 07530 282193 if you can make use of it.

MICHAEL RYAN RIP

One of our parishioners, Michael Ryan, passed away a few weeks ago, with no family to mourn for him. Fr Brett is conducting Michael's funeral at the Crematorium on Tuesday 6th November at 11.40am. Please come along if you can.



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Next week we are delighted to be welcoming a representative from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society who will be speaking about the work they do throughout the Brentwood Diocese. There will be a retiring collection and would ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause.

PPC AGM

Don't forget the Pastoral Parish Council AGM on Sunday 18th November Meeting starts at 6pm; refreshments served from 5.30pm.

SHOEBOXES

All shoeboxes need to be brought back no later than the 18th November. Thank you!

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH and HCPT GROUP 192 FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Saturday 10th November

St Gregory's Church Grounds The Broadway Thorpe Bay.

Gates open at 6pm for BBQ, hot drinks mulled wine, cookies etc. Firing at 7:30 pm.

Help needed!

We are looking for a few people to help us set up and clear up after the event, as a few of our team are unavailable. Also we are looking for help serving food on the BBQ and Refreshments. If you can help in anyway, please let us know. Contact Suzanne or Brian through the Church Office on 292726 or Ollie Shallis 07850695191, or leave message on Facebook.

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On the 11th October 1962 Pope St. John XXIII presided over the opening session of what became known as the Second Vatican Council or Vatican II (Concilium Oecumenicum Vaticanum Secundum). This was the 21st time the Church had met in Ecumenical Council including that held in Jerusalem in 50 A.D. In sessions stretching over 3 years from October 1962 to December 1965 the Council deliberated on and published – Four Constitutions, Three Declarations and Nine Decrees. The Constitutions are probably the most well known documents of any Council. We'll look at them and the Mass of the modern Roman Missal in more detail next time.

If God created shadows it was to better emphasise the light. Pope St. John XXIII