

## 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, 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

Remember your mercy, Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

**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, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collins, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock, Eddie Kells.

**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.

### Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

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The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



## THE OLD WOMAN ON THE BEACH

### From today's Gospel

*'For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it, and believe in him!'*

The children were having a fun day on the beach, jumping in the water, building sand castles, playing games with Joey, the family dog.

In the distance an old woman appeared. Her tangle of grey hair fluttered in the breeze; her clothes were tattered rags; she muttered to herself as she bent down every now and then to pick up God-knows-what from the sand then push it into her shopping bag. As the old woman approached, the parents instinctively moved towards their children, quietly telling them to stay away from the strange woman on the beach. As she passed by, the old woman smiled at the family, but the smile was not returned.

After they left the beach, the father asked some of the locals about the 'strange' old lady who had intruded on their day.

"Oh, that's Maggie" he was told. "She's a kind old soul. Every morning she walks along the beach picking up bits of glass or sharp stones so children won't cut their feet."

So often we can judge people according to our own very dubious standards of what (and who) is good. The externals of dress, speech etc. fail to take into account the true measure of an individual's worth; the love that is rooted in the human heart. Jesus calls us to look beyond labels like 'tax collector,' 'strange old lady,' and see the holiness and goodness that exist in every person, who is like each one of us, a child of God!

**Prayer:** - *Come Lord, and make your dwelling place within our hearts. Let your light illuminate our eyes to all beyond externals and see you in one another. Let your Spirit within us encourage us to become mirrors of your justice and compassion, transforming our lives and communities and world into your reign of peace. Amen.*

**30th SEPTEMBER – 8th OCTOBER 2017**

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

<b>Saturday 30th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Terry Alexander RIP - Anniv.</b> (Dianne, Charlotte and Family)
<b>Sunday 1st</b>		26th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Dr. Colin Adey RIP - Anniv.</b> (Jo Adey)
<b>Monday 2nd</b>		The Holy Guardian Angels
	9.15am	<b>Mr John Kidney RIP</b> (Maria Stocker)
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>		Feria
	9.15am*	<b>Domenica Cameron RIP</b> (Margherita and Ian)
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>		St Francis of Assisi
	11.30am	<b>Joan, Les, Stephen and Peter Dowie RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 5th</b>		Feria
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 6th</b>		Feria
	9.15am	<b>Intentions of Nora and Reg Smart</b> (Catherine and Ned Harrold)
<b>Saturday 7th</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>Vic Duggan RIP and Rob Duggan RIP</b> (Karren Burton and Family)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		27th Sunday of the Year (Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants)
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Julie Lish RIP - Anniv.</b> (Brian Lish)

\*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.

**ABBOTSWICK APPEAL -**

**THANK YOU!**

We have received an email from Fr Dominic and Gabby Fusi, who co-ordinated last weekend's appeal across the Diocese, to thank us for the generous donations to the appeal, and the warm welcome and encouragement we gave to Matt Wallen, our Speaker (despite there being no sound system at the 10.45am Mass - apologies!). There is still some way to go to reach the target of £430,000 so if you would like to donate online at any point the link is [www.bcys.net/abbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/abbotswick). If you know of any companies or trust funds that could support the project financially please email : - [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org)



**GENTLE REMINDER...**

Please make sure that any electronic device is either switched off or on silent. It is very distracting for both the Priest and congregation when



mobile phones go off during Mass. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**COMMUNITY FAYRE**

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) have organised their 2nd Community Fayre at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP, on Saturday 21st October with 20 stands showcasing local charities, local help groups, and local businesses that have something to offer our community. The exhibitors will include Christians Against Poverty, Catholic Clothing Guild, Storehouse Direct, CAFOD Brentwood, Southend in Transition and Southend Older People's Association. The Mayor of Southend will open the Fayre at 10.30am (finishing at 1pm) and we will have a Fairtrade raffle, Fairtrade light refreshments, a 2nd hand book sale, and recycling points for your unwanted spectacles for VisionAid Overseas, unwanted currency, used stamps, and old mobile phones; all for charities. Come and get some help and ideas whilst having a decent cuppa. Entrance is free.

**A FINAL THOUGHT...**

Health is not never being ill. It is being able to recover.

*(Jonathan Sachs)*

## PRIESTS AND PEOPLE REVUE

As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a **Priests and People Revue** with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: [hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk) detailing names and number of tickets required. **All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.**

### ***SOME OF THE ACTS SO FAR:-***

Abbot Hugh Allan, Fr. Stephen Morrison and the Norbertines (Chelmsford)  
Fr. Dan Mason (Billericay)  
Fr. John Jesus Moloney (Forest Gate)  
Fr. Andrew Headon (Ilford)  
Fr. Paul Fox (Rayleigh)  
Fr. Lee Bennett (New Hall)  
Fr. Paul Cracknell (Melbourne, Chelmsford)  
Paschal Uche (seminarian)  
Brentwood Catholic Youth Service  
Stewards of the Gospel  
The McGahan Lees Irish Dancing  
Various Teachers from our Schools  
School Mums  
Ceili Band  
and many more!

## ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL

Open Days, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2017 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933 - for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018 - come and see the school during a normal school day. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2018 should complete the Local Education Authority single application form (SAF) and fill in the supplementary information form (SIF) that can be collected from the school or downloaded from the website:-  
[www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

### **VACANCY**

**Mid-Day Assistant** - St Bernard's High School is looking to appoint an additional Midday Supervisor to assist management and teaching staff with the supervision of students during their lunch break. This may be in the Dining Hall, playground or around the school buildings.  
Hours: 12.30pm – 1.40pm,  
Monday – Friday, Term time only  
Pay Scale: 1:71 (£7.50 per hour)  
Further details from  
[www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk)

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for the Parish. All welcome to come and partake in Tea, Coffee and cakes. It will be lovely to see you.



Next weekend we are raising money for CAFOD to coincide with Harvest Fast Day.

## HARVEST FAST DAY

**6th October 2017**

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can. Envelopes to be collected next weekend.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING STARTS THIS WEEKEND!

If you are thinking of becoming an Altar Server, please stay behind after the 10.45am Mass this weekend. We take anyone of any age, as long as you have made your First Holy Communion. Shawn and his team look forward to welcoming you.

## JOAN DOWIE RIP

Please pray for the soul of Joan Dowie who died on Monday, 25th September. Wife of the late Les, and beloved sister of Mary Borthwick, Joan was always ready to contribute to the life of the Parish Community. She acted as Parish Hall Booking Secretary for many years, until her early nineties. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## POWER TO BE

Every child has the power in them to achieve great things. But with one in six people still living without electricity, the hopes of millions of the world's children are too often a distant dream. Renewable energy can transform lives for children – so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources

At all masses this weekend, the parish Justice and Peace groups will be presenting CAFOD's "Power to Be" campaign and asking for your support to help all children fulfil their God-given potential.



## SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Sharon is now taking bookings for Fr Brett to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic school place for your child. Fr Brett can only provide you with a certificate if you are known to him, and are a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe you fit this criteria please ring or email the office to book your appointment. Appointments will take place in early October.

## MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

## CONFIRMATION 2018

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. Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish on Sunday 24th June 2018 and he will be confirming our young people. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS!

Forms are now available in the porches of both churches for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Your child must be going into Year 3 or above to take part.

The initial Parents Meeting will take place on Monday the 9th October at 7pm in St. George's Church and we expect at least one parent from each family to attend.

The Children's Sessions will take place on

Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm, beginning on the 2nd November.

All other details are on the form.



## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Cereal, Sugar and Long-Life Milk. Again, if anyone has any new or well-laundered pairs of Men's Boxers in an Extra Small or Small that they would be willing to donate, HARP would be very grateful to receive them. Thank you so much to everyone who donates food regularly, and for the cash donations we have also received.

## HCPT SUNDAY LUNCH

HCPT Group 192 will be hosting a 'Sunday Lunch' fundraising meal on Sunday 15th October at 1:15pm to raise funds to take children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter 2018.

The cost is £17 per person and £12 for under 12's. There will be a choice of starter and main course and a selection of homemade desserts, and coffee.

Tickets are available from Olwen Shallis or Suzanne Halvey after Masses or please call 07850695192.

## HCPT THANKS!

A big thank you to all who supported or helped at the HCPT Coffee Morning on the 10th September. £150 was made which will go towards taking young pilgrims to Lourdes at Easter.

## 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 4th October, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE TIME

- **Your Parish needs you!**

We are approaching that time of year again.

Since the 6th June 2009 (just in case you wondered!) the 669 team has been running our Parish Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre. Both of these events are large fundraisers for the Parish. Now after 8 very successful and fruitful years 669 would like to take a step back.

So, here's where you come in, we are looking for some new blood to help with this and other social events. If you are interested in helping with, or organising, one or both of these events, in any way, please speak to us. We will be very glad to assist and offer advice. We, 669, will of course continue to fundraise for the Parish and be very happy to work with new group/teams of people. ***The 669 team (Suzanne, Denise, Grace, Jim, & Brian)***

## OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £650.74 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for Abbotswick raised £455.22 excluding Gift Aid. Thanks to all who contributed.