

## ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Please remember the following :

† Marjorie Quinn, Hilda Skingle, Helen Rant, Peggy Townsend, Irene Hayward, Lee Walsh, Albert Carter, Walter Whittam, Alice McArdy, Colin Parry, Canon Toft, Fr. Roberts, Bernard Fitzgerald, Ellen and Frank Nathaniel Paice, Michael Sullivan, Trenear Michell, Leslie Townsend, Sr. Margaret Mary O.C., Edgar Butcher, Stanley Blotnys, F. Sleznikas, Florence Weller, Winnifred Manning, James Lowe, Millicent Powling, Kathleen Fotherby, Pat Kenna, Mary Tobin, Bernard Clark, Pam Hatch, Marianne Harcourt, Patricia Key, Olive Phillips, Brian Woodcock, Robert Crothers, Julia Carlile, Michael Fallon, Johanna Howlett, Maureen Reeves, Kenneth Shuhan, Mary Hulbert, Mona Reid, Amalia Zamora, Winifred Burke, John McManus, Vasia Brown, Teresa Malone, John Dodd, Jack Hanley, Maria Dicks, John Dodson, Conrad Douglas-Mackenzie †

## MASS RESPONSES 1st April

### Responsorial Psalm 8.45am

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Gospel Acclamation** - Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

## MASS RESPONSES 7th/8th April

**Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am** - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Responsorial Psalm 10.45am** - This is the day that the Lord has made.

### Parish Priest: Fr. Brett Adams

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**Website:** www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk

### School: St. George's Catholic Primary

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**Headteacher:** Mrs A. Delgado

**Telephone:** 01702 293522

**Website:** www.sgpcs.co.uk

### Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

**Office Closed this week.** Open Mon 9 April 8.30 - 5pm; Tues 8.30 - 5pm; Fri 8.30 - 5pm.

**Email:** stgeorgesrcchurch@outlook.com

**Hall Bookings:** 292726 in office hours

**Gift Aid:** Jim Filmer. Tel. 585839

### Suggestions Email:

suggestions\_stgc@btinternet.com

## 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, 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** - Alleluia, alleluia! You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



## Happy Easter!

Dear friends,

Today we reach the high point of the Church's year and celebrate the essence of our Catholic faith, Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In fact, today is the reason for the Church's existence. This was the event that would not only inspire and motivate those early disciples to enthusiastically proclaim their belief in Jesus as the living Son of God, but also change many lives in the centuries that followed and shape many different cultures.

It could be easy to bracket this great event simply as an historical event; it could be just as easy to bracket it as something relevant only at our moment of death. However, it is so much more than that. It is about Jesus' ongoing presence with us in and through the Church, the sacraments, through our community and through our endeavours to love and live his words of life. The resurrection is the fulfilment of God's promise that he would be with us always. We are so blessed in that we have the greatest power, the greatest love in existence that seeks to embrace us and lead us, eventually, to His eternal dwelling. Of course, our faith is not simply about what happens after our death; it's very much about what happens in life too. Thus, it is our longing that as we journey through life we will be touched by moments of resurrection, moments of new life that will transform us and deepen our faith, hope and love.

**God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to His followers who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold. May the light of the risen Lord dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts so that we may recognise His presence among us and faithfully follow Him, who is our life and joy. Grant this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Wishing you and your loved ones Easter joy and peace!

Fr Brett



31st MARCH - 6th APRIL 2018

The Resurrection of the Lord

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Saturday 31st	8.00pm	<i>Holy Saturday</i> <b>Dianne Alexander</b> (Chris and Tom)
Sunday 1st	8.45am* 10.45am	<i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i> <b>Suhaila Manna RIP</b> (Ted Brown) <b>For All Parishioners</b>
Monday 2nd	10.00am	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Health of Patricia Flanighan</b> (Ted Brown)
Tuesday 3rd	9.15am*	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Modesta Kettlewell RIP</b> (Ian and Margherita)
Wednesday 4th	11.30am	<i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Edgar Butcher RIP - Anniversary</b> (Joan Butcher)
Thursday 5th	9.15am	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Friday 6th	9.15am	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i> <b>Filomena Kettlewell RIP</b> (Ian and Margherita)

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\*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.



WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT  
ABBOTSWICK NEWS

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick** – come and see! The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick). The date of the “official opening” is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!



**Support our fundraising.** Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioner's donations. Thank you. There is £200,000 left to raise – if 500 people each donated £400, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you do that? Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all. Contact [Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations) to make an online donation.

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**EASTER EGG COLLECTION**

A very Big THANK YOU for everyone's generous donations of Easter Eggs collected over the past 3 weeks at St George's School, St. George's & St Gregory's Churches 🏰

We have collected over 150 Easter Eggs 😊🍫😊 Thank You .

These will bring a huge smile 😊 to Children in our local area, who may not have received an Egg this Easter 🐣

**A FINAL THOUGHT...**



## VACANCY

**Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh** - The Governing Body is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated KS1/2 Class Teacher, for our wonderful children, to start in September 2018. This post would suit either an experienced teacher or an NQT.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Visits to the school are very welcome. Please contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) via the school office (01268-785741). Application forms and further information are available on the school website [www.olorcps.net](http://www.olorcps.net).

Closing date : Thursday 26th April, 2018 (4 pm)

# 400 CLUB

The lucky winners of our March draw are as follows: -

£50 Mrs M. Stocker; £20 Ms S. Chambers; £15 Mr J. Filmer and £15 Mr N. Folkard. Congratulations!

## REFRAME

### *A Catholic Voices Initiative*

It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue...Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics.

Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home.

*Find out more about the programme by coming to one of our Workshop days: -*

Saturday 28 April 10 am – 3 pm  
at St John Payne School, Chelmsford  
<https://doodle.com/poll/xcatfin63p9e57d4> to sign up,  
or

Saturday 2 June 10 am – 3 pm  
at The Champion School, Hornchurch  
<https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvqkyfyvi8shc5> to sign up.

**For more information on Catholic Voices, visit [www.CatholicVoices.org.uk](http://www.CatholicVoices.org.uk)**

7th APRIL - 15th APRIL 2018

### Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	6.00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b> (Monica Spalding)
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		<i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>
	8.45am*	<b>Pat Davison RIP</b> (Peter and Margaret Sullivan)
	10.45am	<b>Peggy and John Gillies RIP</b> (Gillies and Spratt Families)
<b>Monday 9th</b>		<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
	9.15am	<b>Shane Munro RIP</b> (Ted and Anne Brown)
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	<b>Douglas Woulds Senior RIP</b> (D. Woulds) <b>and</b> <b>Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>		<i>St. Stanislaus</i>
	11.30am	<b>Maria Stocker 80th Birthday Intentions</b> (Pat and the Wednesday Crowd))
<b>Thursday 12th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 13th</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	<b>Mr and Mrs J. Smyth RIP</b> (Mrs N. Haynes)
<b>Saturday 14th</b>		
	6.00pm	<b>Special Intentions of Penny and Family</b> (Sylvia)
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.45am*	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Intentions of Shawn Clarke</b>

**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.

## HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Sandwich fillers – Jam, Marmalade, Chocolate Spread, Marmite, Peanut Butter, Paste. Also, as mentioned previously, Long-Life Milk is always appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone who donates, either through food stuffs or cash. It all gets put to good use.

## EXCLUSIVE BOOK SIGNING

Jane Barron de Burgh will be giving a talk about her latest novel 'Not All There'. A tale of loss and acceptance. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll come for the glass of Prosecco (or non-alcoholic alternative). St. George's Hall Friday 13th April 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Tickets, on the door, £10 including a signed copy of 'Not All There' and refreshments.

Questions? Requests? Plaudits?  
07910572969 or

jane@janebarrondeburghbooks.com

## OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £770.85 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

Many thanks to you all.

## END OF WORLD WAR I

### EVENING

Sat 21st April

7.30pm St George's Hall

3 course meal

Music, Bingo, raffle

Bring your own drinks

£15 per ticket

In Aid of Across

Contact Dianne /Charlotte

## 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 April, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office. To have your child Baptised at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic and needs to be practising.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To our four Catechumens, Maudy, Wallace, Ola and Sam, who have been received into the Church this weekend. We welcome you all into our church community.

## COFFEE MORNING

There is no Coffee Morning this week, but from next weekend we will be raising money as follows: -  
8th April - BCCS  
15th April - 669  
22nd April - Guides  
29th April Family Group



## OFFICE NEWS

Please keep your newsletter with you as there will not be one produced next weekend. The office will be closed all of next week to allow me time to go and lie in a darkened room to recover, and will re-open on Monday 9th April at 8.30am



(hours on the back of this newsletter). Thanks to all who have helped this week. **Sharon**

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS

On Saturday 21st April at 10am there will be a special Mass taking place at St. George's Church, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will then finish with Benediction at 4pm.

We will be offering up our prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

All welcome to come in and stay for as long as you want.

## SIGNED SOUTHEND UNITED SHIRT

A very kind parishioner has given us a Southend United football shirt signed by the current team for fund raising purposes. The shirt is a small size but given it is signed is more likely to be framed and displayed in a fan's bedroom.

We feel the best way of raising monies from it is to offer it for sale by sealed bids. The starting bid is £15 and any bid should be handed into the office in a sealed envelope marked "Shirt" no later than Friday 20th April.

These will then be opened by Fr Brett and Graham Alcock on Monday 23rd April and the highest bidder advised.

## CHURCH PEW FOR SALE

As part of our gradual tidy up policy we are offering for sale a pew which has been kept in the sacristy at St Gregory's for many years and is merely used for storing boxes on. It is in good condition, around 7 foot wide, but sadly cannot be used anywhere else in either church.

If a parishioner would like this for use in their home / garden please put your offer, along with your details, in a sealed envelope marked "Pew" and hand it into the office by Friday 20th April.