

## ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Please remember the following :

† Xenia Sullivan, Steve Rose, Doris Woodman, Mary Carson, Stanley Woollard, Robert Wheatcroft, Irene Brown, Richard Worthington, Melita Hartley, Madge Fisher, Honora Smith, Walter Williams, Elizabeth Wildish, Elizabeth Ryan, Edward George Bines, Frances Breen, Innes Perkins, Rev. Fred Wall, Larry Brown, Charles Avery, Rosemary Gravestock, Mary Land, Lilian Fenwick, Mary Boland, Daren Stagg, Thomas Tobin, Peter Wallen, George Singleton, Eileen Needham, Mary Watts, Michael Kelly, John Hamblin, Emily Franklin. †

## MASS RESPONSES

### Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Come to the waters, all you who thirst, come, now and eat my bread.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

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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Office Hours - Mon 8am - 4pm; Tues 8am - 6pm; Thurs - 8am - 6pm

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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



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

The society in which we find ourselves today is much more *fluid* than the one of 40 years ago. It seems that change, and the adaptation that comes with it, is constant. Many of the certainties with which some of us grew up with are no longer certain; for example, there's no such thing as a job for life anymore.

This *fluidity* – coupled with being a little more better off - has also affected people's mobility and given them greater opportunities to do more, which is not a bad thing. Many of the old constraints and boundaries have faded away, and a new-found sense that we are masters of our own destiny has slowly become ingrained societal consciousness. Every area of life has been affected by the changes of recent years, even politics and especially religion and formal religious practice.

In this flux I think that many of the old values and principles have also been affected; our societal list of absolutes (or "no, no's") has shrunk. Relegated to a "maybe", some values have become relative to how we feel or what we are in the mood for: especially if they become constraining or restricting and threaten to compromise our so called 'freedom'.

I feel that psychologically, this has all had a destabilising effect on people; "what's going to come next?" we ask ourselves. This generates feelings of uncertainty, albeit at an unconscious level. The deconstruction of the value system coupled with feelings of insecurity and uncertainty can set us adrift. This may cause us to 'grab' at things, with little thought to the long-term effects on ourselves, on others or on the environment.

Humanity being adrift is nothing new of course, the Israelites found themselves wandering in the desert for 40 years, and through their inability to trust in God, their state of flux was accentuated.

In the gospel, Jesus invites us to anchor ourselves to Him, to invest ourselves in what is true, unchanging and life giving - "Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you..."

In the words of St Paul, let's pray that we will experience a "spiritual revolution" as we strive to live committed, faith filled lives.

Wishing you well for the week.

Fr Brett



**4th AUGUST - 12th AUGUST 2018**  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

<b>Saturday 4th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Stanley Smith RIP</b> (Marjorie and Family)
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	8.45am*	18th Sunday of the Year <b>For All Parishioners</b>
	10.45am	<b>Marion Wainwright RIP</b> (Lorna)
<b>Monday 6th</b>	9.15am	Transfiguration of the Lord <b>Mansi Family and Thomas Augustus Hornsey and Frances Hornsey</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	9.15am*	Feria <b>Joseph and Edith McDonald RIP</b> (Joan and Tony McD)
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	11.30am	St. Dominic <b>Don Everett and Mary Bourne RIP</b> (Margaret Everett)
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	9.15am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Friday 10th</b>	9.15am	St Lawrence <b>Alan Munson RIP, and Margaret and Peter Duffy RIP</b> (Margaret and John Munson)
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Percy and May Castle RIP</b> (Tony, Liz and Family)
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	8.45am*	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year <b>Special Intentions of Ted and Anne Brown</b>
	10.45am	<b>Sean McGrady RIP - 1st Anniv.</b> (Mum, Dad, Chris, Roisin and Siobhan) <b>And For All Parishioners</b>

\*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.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A  
PRIEST?**

There is a monthly vocations group to help those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, a time of prayer and some food.

The next two sessions are held at St. Edmund of Canterbury Presbytery, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ: -

Tuesday 7th August at 7pm

Tuesday 4th September at 7pm

If you would like to join us or find out more, please get in touch with Fr Mark Swires: 07843 758961 or vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**ST. PETER'S PARISH LUNCH TIME  
SPECIAL - NEW MAZENOD HALL**

Rock-n-Roll Party on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, 12noon to 4.30pm  
Tickets-- £8.50, which includes your meal of fish or chicken/chips.  
Children 6yrs & under free entry  
Please bring your own drinks & nibbles.

Music by DJ Michael with his fab sound system & Rock-n-Roll music.  
Dress up for the event if you wish.  
For Tickets please contact Bruno 01702 528766, Ian 07503 465249 or Ray 01702 525480

**BCYS YOUTH GATHER**

20th - 21st October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea

*This event is open to those in school year 9 and above.*

*We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather, where there is new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be the lively, humorous and engaging speaker Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.*

***The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities.***

*Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island **are now***

***open!** You can apply by creating an account at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) and applying on the Events page.*



## BCCS BARLEYLANDS FUN WALK

2nd September 2018

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting supporters from all over the diocese to come and take part in the Barleylands Fun Walk on Sunday 2nd September 2018. This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12.00 and with walks due to start at 1pm and finish around 2pm, it is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for 'bccs'. For more information, please go to [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or contact Alison on [arg.cardoness@googlemail.com](mailto:arg.cardoness@googlemail.com).

### MICHAEL SMITH RIP

Some of you will know Michael 'Mike' Smith from Sacred Heart parish. Sadly, Mike passed away suddenly on Sunday. Funeral is to be arranged. Please remember Jessie, Gaynor and Callum in your prayers.

## WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT

ABBOTSWICK

Celebrate the "official opening" of Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, CM14 5SH), Saturday 1st September. Grounds open 11am; Mass with Bishop Alan at 12noon. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music and bouncy castles. You are welcome to bring a picnic; Barbecued food, Cream teas and ice creams will also be on sale. Celebrate the refurbishment of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the prayer, peace and space that is here, and the youth ministry that welcomes 5,000 young people through its doors every year. More information [www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick)

### ARE YOU GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

## COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669, our Fayre and Infrastructure Fundraising Team are hosting the coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you after the 10.45am Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and see friends, old and new! The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -



**12th August** - No Coffee Morning this week.

**19th August** - Free tea, coffee and biscuits on the parish!

**26th August** - This coffee morning is available.

***Don't forget, if you think you want a Coffee Morning in 2019, ring or email the office.***

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to Hilary and Paddy for their sterling work in getting half of St. George's Church floor polished this week. The polished part is gleaming! Thanks also to Dave T and Rory for their help in moving the benches (and also to Tom, Johnathan and Michael who turned up to help, but had been beaten to it!).

Watch this space for details of when the other half of the floor will be done.

## GDPR AND THE CHURCH

One of the biggest changes to UK data privacy law came into effect on 25th May 2018. The General Data Protection Regulation, also known as GDPR, means that you'll have more control over how your data is used and it ensures that organisations protect your personal data better. To reflect these changes and new obligations, we've updated our privacy notice which now tells you what we do with your personal data, how it's used and your rights as an individual under the new law - copies are in the porch at both churches and on our website.

Your data is only used for Church / Diocesan purposes and will not be passed onto any other party.

### REQUIEM MASS FOR ROLAND DE CRUZ RIP

We advertised Roland's funeral last week as being on Friday 24 August. This date has now been changed to Tuesday 28th August at 12noon at St. George's. This will replace the usual morning Mass at St. Gregory's that day.



## HOMELESS NEWS

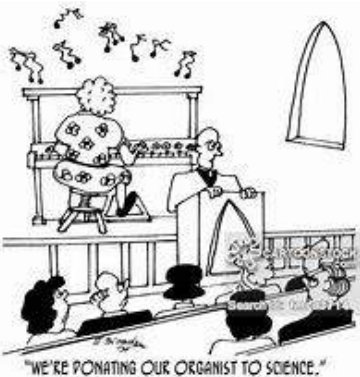
This month we are asking for: - peanut butter, chocolate spread, sandwich pickle, pepper (small pot) and squash etc. (gallons are being drunk at present due to the hot weather!)

Thank you so much to all of you for your ongoing generosity.

## ORGAN AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sadly, the Rodgers organ at St. George's is on its last legs. After 26 years of service, we have got to the stage that, as it was being repaired on Tuesday, more things were going wrong!

Our wonderful Organists will continue to play it, but be warned it may not be quite the sound that you are used to. Please bear with us whilst we are awaiting a quote on the viability of buying a new keyboard assembly for it.



## SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Father Brett is now taking bookings to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic Senior School place for your child.

He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic.

A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery.

If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate.

If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

## OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £1075.75 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks.

## BUT YOU, HE SAID -

### WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you already a Catholic, and have thought about being Confirmed? Are you interested in learning about the beliefs and Traditions of the Catholic Church?

Our annual programme, for which the posh name is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will start on Monday 1st October in the Committee Room at the back of St. George's Church at 7.30pm. It is designed to help you consider these questions in the context of a caring and supportive group of fellow travellers. We are all on a journey of faith; feel free to come and see if you would like to share yours with us!

If you think you might want to come along please speak with Fr Brett or Sharon to register your interest, or to ask any questions that you might have. It is a weekly course, with breaks for the school holidays.



## 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, 5th September, 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. All Godparents must also be Baptised, and at least one must be a regular attender at Mass.

## CONFIRMATION 2019

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. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019.

All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow.

Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.