

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please remember the following :

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

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

And like a child at rest close to its mother's breast, safe in your arms my soul is calmed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: 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

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.

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.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear friends,

When I read the following opening lines of 1st Reading I covered into my chair: -

“And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing.”

I felt like God could see into my heart and was talking directly to me. Perhaps God was, but there is also a context to this reading from the prophet Malachi. It was written after the return of the exiles from Babylon and directed against various abuses that marked the restoration of the sacrificial system; the priests were particularly at fault in this matter. Consequently, they get an ‘ear bashing’!

However, I'm relieved to say, that the overall scripture is directed to all the people. Priests and people alike have not been faithful in their religious observance and have therefore not been a good example or witness. Being neglectful of their responsibility means that they are ‘breaking faith with one another’ and dishonouring their covenant relationship with God.

We go from a negative example to a positive one in the 2nd Reading. We hear that Paul's and his disciples' good example and dedication is bearing much in the Thessalonian Christian community. So much so, that the gospel message has become “a living power” among them – wow!

The key to such dedication, and the subsequent ‘fruit’ that flows from it, is laid out for us in the gospel – “The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.” Humility and service are the key ingredient of Christian living. They are, of course, two sides of one coin. Going back to the bad example idea, Jesus warns his followers not to be like the scribes and Pharisees who think, mistakenly, they are the ‘real deal’ – “do not be guided by what they do since they do not practise what they preach”. Their pride and arrogance and wanting to be beholden to no one is the complete opposite of the Jesus' humility and service teaching.

All of us are called to live an authentic Christian life. May the Lord give us the insight and grace to be more faithful.

Have a good week.

Fr Brett



4th NOVEMBER – 12th NOVEMBER 2017

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 4th	6.00pm	Joyce McKeone (Maureen and Jimmy McKeone)
Sunday 5th		31st Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Intentions of the Manjaly Family
Monday 6th		Feria
	9.15am	For the Holy Souls
Tuesday 7th		Feria
	9.15am*	Mark Murray RIP - 8th Anniv. and Birthday (Murray Family)
Wednesday 8th		Feria
	11.30am	Joan Dowie RIP (M and J Borthwick)
Thursday 9th		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 10th		St Leo the Great
	9.15am	Andre Donko RIP - Anniv. (Rita, Simon and Maria)
Saturday 11th		
	6.00pm	Robin Muckley RIP (Doug Woulds)
Sunday 12th		32nd Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Day)
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	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 of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £967.68 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Thanks to all who contributed.

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 6th December, 7.45pm for 8pm, in St. George's Church. Please book with the office.

ACROSS COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who either helped or supported the Coffee Morning in aid of ACROSS. We made a fabulous £175.

SONGS FROM THE MUSICALS

with Elizabeth Upsher

(and presented by Serving the Homeless)

Taking place on Saturday 18th November, 7.30pm until 10pm, at The Parish Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph, Leigh-on-Sea. Tickets are £12 and are available from Theresa on 335122, Jo on 474062, or Linda on 558217.

CONFIRMATION 2018

All forms should now have been received into the Presbytery from those wishing to be confirmed next year. Along with the Application form, we should also have received your Walsingham House Consent Form, payment, and a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St. George's. Just to remind you that the first meeting, for parents and Confirmandi, takes place next Sunday, 12th November, in the Church Hall.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 17th November, from 7.30pm to 9pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

**ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL
6TH FORM OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 23 November, 6pm - 9pm

For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

**WINE TASTING EVENING AT ST.
HELEN'S CHURCH HALL**

To be hosted by Steve Jones (late of the Pipe of Port) at St Helen's Church Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7JP on Friday 17th November 7.30 p.m. Includes delicious refreshments of pate, cheese, bread and chutney which is served after the Wine Tasting. Tickets cost £15 - all profits go to St Helen's Church Lourdes fund (which gives financial assistance to help people going to Lourdes on the parish pilgrimage) and The Parish Mini-bus fund (to pay for the annual insurance of over £1,000). To book please ring Pat 01702 476672 or Elizabeth 01702 347369.

ADVENT RETREAT

'Christmas for Grown-Ups'

Saturday 18th November, 10am to 3.30pm, in Sacred Heart Church Hall. Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided. Led by Magdalen Houlihan. Donation asked for. No need to book.

**HEALING MASS OF THE FAMILY
TREE**

To be held at Our Lady of Canvey Church, 224 Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0JS on Tuesday 14th November, starting with Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. For more information please call 01268 682 599 or email: ourladyofcanvey@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE

**Rome, Monte Cassino,
San Giovanni and Assisi**

Monday June 25th - Tuesday July 3rd 2018
Half Board. Cost approx. £1,200.
If you are interested, or for further information, please contact Fr Paul Fox, Our Lady of Ransom, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP. Tel: 01268 742 229.
Email: rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org
The more that come, the cost may well go down.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. All welcome to join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes, and some good company. We look forward to seeing you there. Next weekend our coffee morning will help with the postage costs in sending cards out to the Prisoners of Conscience around the world.



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This weekend there will be a short appeal and retiring collection to help fund the work of the BCCS. Please give what you can.



RACE NIGHT

Taking place in our Church Hall on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm.
£10 per person including a Fish and Chip Supper.
Bring your own drinks and nibbles, and be warned, there will be a raffle! For tickets please speak to Dianne or Charlotte Alexander on 01702 535751.



FIREWORK DISPLAY

hosted by St. George's Parish and HCPT 192

**Saturday 11th November
6.30pm-8.30pm at St Gregory's
Church The Broadway ,Thorpe Bay.**

The Display starts at 7.30pm and Hot Food can be purchased from 6.30pm - Burgers/Hot Dogs/Mulled Wine/ Hot Chocolate/Tea and Coffee. Also Mrs Fitchew will be selling her famous sweets .

Entry is by Donation on the Gate. For safety reasons, space is limited. If you would like to join us contact Suzanne on the FOSG page or leave a message at the Church office. We need to know the number of Adults and the number of Children you plan to bring.

Please do not bring your own fireworks. You can bring your own Sparklers if you wish, but they can only be used in our designated Supervised Area.

The proceeds from the evening will be divided between HCPT 192 and our Parish.

Look forward to seeing you there.



Bring a little light into someone`s life.



It is a tradition each Christmas, for our parishioners to send greetings to prisoners of conscience and those who are being persecuted due to their religious beliefs. At this special time of year we can tell them that they are not alone or forgotten.

Pope Francis has called on us to support Christians facing persecution wherever they are in the world. Sending a Christmas message to prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders is a practical yet powerful way to give hope and encouragement. Showing that they are not forgotten can also lead to better treatment by the authorities.

There will be an opportunity after each of the masses on 11/12 November to sign a card or write a message of encouragement to a prisoner of conscience or a victim of persecution overseas. Cards and addressed envelopes will be available. There will also be an opportunity to contribute towards the postage. (currently £1.17 minimum)

In addition to the card signing, the Senior Justice & Peace Group will be serving teas, coffees, cakes and bacon sandwiches in the parish hall after the 10.45 Mass. Please join us.

“These letters mean so much to us. We know they are from people all over the world and when we hold these cards it is as if the people who wrote them are here in the room with us.”

Pastor Mario Felix Leonart Barroso, Cuba

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Gloves, Socks, Shower Gel and Long-Life or Powdered Milk.

Thank you so much for all of your past donations of Duvets and Pillows. At present we have received so many that we have run out of storage space for them! Please do not send any more for the time being. Thank you so much to you all for your generosity.

PPC AGM

You are all warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 6pm on Sunday 19th November in the hall. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

THE GEORGIAN

Don't forget to pick up your copy of our parish magazine, The Georgian, priced at a very reasonable £1. Stocks are limited so please get yours whilst you can.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL AND PARISH JOINT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 25th November 2017

From 12 noon

This is a wonderful social occasion for the Parish and School to come together, and we look forward to seeing you all there on the day



We are now looking for Donations of Bottles, Gifts & Prizes.

Also any type of Chocolate for a Chocolate Tombola. Any of these items can be left in the boxes provided at the back of St George's & St Gregory's Church and to the School

Please let us know if you can help on the day or before in any way. We thank you for all your donations and support for this event.

There will be lots of Games, Children's Craft Room, Face Painting and lots more for you all to enjoy on the day, plus: -

Bottle Tombola
Mrs Fitchew's Sweet Stall
Grand Draw
Bacon Rolls /Hot Dogs
Cakes and Refreshments
Santa in his grotto

p.s. Raffle tickets will be left in a box in the Church porch. Please help yourself and return the counterfoils and money into the Church Office or the School as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

We have a small number of covered shoeboxes still available if anybody would like one. Please take your filled boxes to St. George's School, if possible. Otherwise please leave them in either of the Church porches. Please return shoeboxes by **November 18th**.



Thank you for your generosity. Anne and John Tel. 586036