

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. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Sing to the Lord, alleluia, sing to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. 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, Eddie Kells.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Jane Barker, Kitty Grange, Robert Walliker, Sonia Curtis, Julie Stubbs, Colin Bennett, Edith Kemp, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kallogerides, 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.

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ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

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Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

As the 6th August falls on a Sunday this year, we keep the Feast of the Transfiguration. The gospel attached to this feast always appears on the 2nd Sunday of Lent.

Prior to this weekend's gospel, things were becoming a little unsettled in the Jesus 'campaign'. Official opposition to him was growing and the disciples' expectations of being part of a ruling super-power were dashed by Jesus' prediction of the cross; things were not going in the direction the disciples would like them to go.

Peter 'kicks' against Jesus' prediction of betrayal, arrest and crucifixion – "Lord, this must not happen to you!" Jesus responds, "the way you think is not God's way but man's."

It seems that the disciples' understanding of Jesus and his mission has gone a bit awry; they need to get 'in tune' with the spirit of Jesus, they need some sort of insight.

And so, six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain where he was transfigured in their sight. They saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah, representing the teaching of the law and the prophets. They heard the voice of the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." This was such an overwhelming experience; they had gained an invaluable insight into the person of Jesus.

Their minds had been opened to the reality of who he was, seeing beyond his humanity through experiencing his divinity. Peter's previous declaration, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", became a lived experience. The disciples wanted it to last; they wanted to hang on to the moment. But alas, that wasn't to be. Very quickly the vision was over and they were left alone with Jesus to go back down the mountain and continue on their way to Jerusalem and the cross.

Later on, the wonder of the transfiguration soon wore off, especially when the crisis of Jesus' passion and death came. To think God's way went 'out of the window' and they were on the verge of giving up.

It is difficult to think as God thinks and keep consistently faithful to our calling. If we are blessed with a moment of inspiration and enthusiasm about our faith, it can soon wear thin and we become disillusioned, and then so many other things become more appealing. However, we need to keep going, we need to keep trying, asking God to support us and give us strength and courage, that we may be enabled to renew our decision to love and to follow Jesus, no matter how hard it might be for us. Wishing you well for the week.



5th AUGUST – 13th AUGUST 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

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| Saturday 5th | 6.00pm | Mr and Mrs Mimpress and their son Peter RIP (Marjorie and Family) |
| Sunday 6th | | <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> |
| | 8.45am* | For All Parishioners |
| | 10.45am | Gareth Hansen-Chambers RIP - Anniv. (Sharon, Lucas and Family) |
| Monday 7th | | <i>Feria</i> |
| | 9.15am | Percy and May Castle RIP - (Tony and Liz) |
| Tuesday 8th | | <i>St Dominic</i> |
| | 9.15am* | Fr Tony Skillen RIP - Anniv. (Sharon) |
| Wednesday 9th | | <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> |
| | 11.30am | Domenica Cameron RIP (Margherita and Ian) |
| Thursday 10th | | <i>St Lawrence</i> |
| | 9.15am | Eucharistic Service |
| Friday 11th | | <i>St Clare</i> |
| | 9.15am | Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah |
| Saturday 12th | | |
| | 6.00pm | Stanley Smith RIP (Marjorie and Family) |
| Sunday 13th | | <i>19th Sunday of the Year</i> |
| | 8.45am* | For All Parishioners |
| | 10.45am | Filomena Kettlewell RIP (Margherita and Ian) |

*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.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL NEWS

The next important stage of the Stewards of the Gospel discernment process is upon us!

On Monday 7th August a document setting out in draft a vision and strategy to take our diocese forward will be published at: -

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/>

We will also be getting hard copies of the document to share and read so that we can pray about the contents and discuss them before responding to it.

PARISH NURSING

Our friends at Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church are funding a 'Parish Nurse.' Her name is Catherine Bannister and she will be running a Drop In Clinic every Friday, 10am - 11am, at the Baptist Church on the corner of Thorpedene Gardens. These clinics are mainly for blood pressure or weight checks, health education and advice and support. All are welcome and this service is free of charge.

There will also be a clinic on Saturday morning, 2nd September.

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding an exclusive Ladies' Afternoon Tea at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Thursday 21st September. Afternoon Tea will be served at 2pm,

and to add some extra sparkle to the occasion, ladies will be greeted with a glass of Bucks Fizz. You will then be treated to an assortment of finely cut finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones and clotted cream along with a selection of mouth-watering homemade cakes and sweet treats, all served with tea or coffee. Tickets cost £20 per person and as numbers are limited, we would recommend reserving your place as soon as possible. Contact Libby on 01268 784544 or

A FINAL THOUGHT...

A little wisdom from the Letter of James

Be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your temper; God's righteousness is never served by man's anger. Nobody must imagine that he is religious while he still goes on deceiving himself and not keeping control over his tongue; anyone who does this has the wrong idea of religion.

VACANCY

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island, are looking for a Caretaker. Required from September 2017, a practical and cheerful, well motivated person. Duties will include premises management, cleaning, maintenance, security of the buildings and site, storage of cleaning materials, ensuring inside and outside environment are well maintained and meet Health and Safety requirements. Knowledge of swimming pool maintenance an advantage.

Further details and application form from the school office.

Closing date: Noon, 4th September.

Interviews w/c 11th September.

All posts are subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory reference.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

In honour of the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood the Vocations Team are hosting a holy hour in every Deanery of the Diocese in 2017 to pray for Priestly Vocations.

The next one is on: -

Wednesday 30th August at 7.30pm
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead ;
vocations story from David Pearce.

RSCM-EEL Annual Choral Festival

This year our Festival will be a very special occasion celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be held in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 21st October, 10am – 5pm with the Festival Thanksgiving Service at 4pm. The service will be conducted by Andrew Wright, Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral. We invite all singers to join us for a memorable and enjoyable day of singing finishing with our Thanksgiving Service. Individual singers are warmly welcomed, as are members of all choirs, robed or unrobed. The choirs of Chelmsford and Brentwood Cathedrals will be joining us for the Service. The music this year has been specially chosen and is included in a booklet which has been printed for us by the Royal School of Church Music. Copies of the booklet are £5 and further information from shirleytimmins@btinternet.com.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Details of our Gift Aid scheme are available from Jim Filmer on 585839. Alternatively pick up a form from the porches of both churches.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend the Fensom Family and Friends will be raising money for treats for those going to the St. John Bosco Camp. They would love you to come and join them for tea, coffee, cakes and plenty of good company.



Next weekend the Parish will be serving free drinks and biscuits for everyone! Come in and meet with your friends!

MANY THANKS!

The Three M's wish to thank everyone who so generously supported their coffee morning last weekend. £161.61 was raised for Nazareth House. Well done, and again thank you!

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Lucia Susan Tilbury Fernandez, Robyn Ivy Heard and Amy Rossel into our faith community as their families celebrate their baptisms this weekend.



Congratulations to all.

'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5

APF-MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU AND APPEAL

This will take place next weekend at all the Masses when we welcome Fr. Donie O'Connor MHM to our parish. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through the Red Boxes. If you have not yet thought of doing so, perhaps this thank you and appeal might persuade you to think about it! Please see the poster in the church porch for more details.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE GEORGIAN!

Our next publication of *The Georgian* is coming soon (in the Autumn). But NOW is the time for you to start thinking of writing an article for us! The deadline for articles is the 15th September. It may seem a long way off but the summer will go quickly, make a note in your diary. Email your hard work (please include photos) to, mcevoy@ymail.com

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Long Life or Powdered Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Tomato/Brown Sauces. Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

SPONSOR CHARLOTTE!

Charlotte Alexander will be taking part in 'Bubble Rush' on the 6th August, an event in aid of Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford. The charity provides care and support for people who have life-limiting illnesses across Essex. They only get 44% funding from the NHS so all the rest is provided from donations and fundraising events.

To support Charlotte in this, please go to: - www.justgiving.com/Family-Ford or Text BUBS57 to 70070 to donate £5.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

The new Coffee Morning rota will run for a year from the 1st November. If any group would like to be included please email or telephone the office. The rota will be prepared in September.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Dear Friends, we would like to thank you all for all your prayers, thoughts and well wishes to Emma...and Lorna in particular as the chief leader :). Emma is recovering well and our prayers continue to support her every day. Thank you once again and God bless.

The Tredgett family

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm

'Defying Poverty' - a free concert!

Taking place in St. George's, it will feature the St. George's Youth Choir, and is being hosted by our Youth Justice and Peace Group. The concert is free but donations will be very welcome. Please come and support our youth in their endeavours to raise awareness and money for the projects they are keen to support.



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OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £767.51 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all.

YOUTH NEWS

CONFIRMATION 2018

Please note that we have changed our criteria for next year...

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, to register your interest. If you have any questions please speak directly with Fr Brett.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 15th September, from 7.30pm to 9pm. This year we are opening it up to all senior school children, so if you are starting in Year 7 in September you are more than welcome to join us!

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Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.
Nelson Mandela

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Lourdes, Summer 2017 – turn your computer on, and enjoy the “virtual pilgrimage.” Video clips of 2-10 minutes capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all the homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. You can find these via www.bcys.net or search “Virtual Pilgrimage – Lourdes 2017” on YouTube.

World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019. If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a “once in a lifetime” experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net or email: - frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.