

The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Mar-



The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C



This weekend we celebrate the feast of *The Epiphany of the Lord*. Some key players in the gospel story are the “wise men” who make a long journey “from the east”. It is worth reminding ourselves just how challenging journeys in those days must have been. There were no means of modern transport, and yet we know that people migrated from one continent to another. Beasts of burden, like camels and donkeys, carrying not only the travellers but their belongings, made long journeys possible, yet the risks associated with such journeys must have been enormous. The “wise men” obviously thought that Jesus was worth taking the risk for. Would you take risks for Jesus and for love? After all, that’s what faith is, it’s a risk. You never know where it will take you and how it might impact your life. We might, in this New Year, take the time to revisit our faith response and ask ourselves how deep it really goes.



I hope your Christmas celebrations and time spent with loved ones went well, and I hope you had some time to rest. I wanted to thank you all for your great kindness over the Christmas period – the gifts, Christmas collection, cards, kind messages and good wishes.

You have all been amazing, which leads me to a big ‘thank you’ for all those who were involved in delivering such wonderful Christmas liturgies; church cleaners, flower girls & boys, the choirs, ushers, sacristans, readers, the ‘wardrobe dept’ at the children’s Mass, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Sharon and many others. Let us continue to encourage one another in building up this fantastic parish community.

I shall be taking my post-Christmas break this Sunday afternoon and will be away for a couple of weeks. Fr Basil will be covering the Saturday evening Masses and Fr Michael will be covering the Sunday Masses both at St George’s and St Gregory’s. Of course, our lovely Sharon will be here so if you have enquiries or requests then please give her a call.

Wishing you all every blessing for the New Year.

Take care,

Fr Brett

5th JANUARY - 13th JANUARY 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C

Saturday 5th	6.00pm <i>Youth Mass</i>	Colin Kelly RIP and Becky Stone RIP (Michelle and Andy Kelly)
Sunday 6th	8.45am*	The Epiphany of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation) For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Maria Tullio RIP (Tullio Family)
Monday 7th	9.15am	Feria of Christmastide Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 8th	9.15am*	Feria of Christmastide Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 9th	11.30am	Feria of Christmastide Eucharistic Service
Thursday 10th	9.15am	Feria of Christmastide Eucharistic Service
Friday 11th	9.15am	Feria of Christmastide Eucharistic Service
Saturday 12th	6.00pm	Christina Woulds RIP (Doug Woulds)
Sunday 13th	8.45am*	The Baptism of the Lord For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Godfrey Wade RIP and James McDonnell RIP - Anniversaries (Marcelle Wade)

*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.

COFFEE MORNING

Welcome back to our lovely Group 669, who are hosting the Coffee Morning this weekend.

We look forward to seeing you after the 10.45am Mass for the usual tea, coffee and cakes etc.



Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are as follows: -

13th January - CAFÉ Group

20th January - Parish

27th January - Homeless

MASSES NEXT WEEK

As mentioned previously by Fr. Brett, he will be away from Monday 7th January through to Thursday 25th January. That does mean that all weekday Masses will be replaced with Eucharistic Services. Many thanks to the Ministers that help us out by holding the services.

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

For all those who do anything voluntarily around the parish, please come and allow us to say 'thank you' on Saturday 9th February after the 6pm Mass in the Church Hall. Food and drink provided. Please let Sharon know if you are planning on coming for catering purposes.

300 CLUB

Don't forget to return your form for the 2019 '300 Club.' There is a monthly chance of winning a prize, and if we sell over 400 shares, there will be four prizes instead of three! Don't forget, you have to be in it to win it! Please speak to Sharon if you have lost your form and require a new one.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

Just a reminder that the First Holy Communion classes start back in the Church Hall this coming Monday, 7th January, 4pm - 5pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George's Church at 7.30pm.



Please come and join us.

OFFERTORY

The offertory for the weekend of the 22/23 December came to £943.11, and for the 29/30 December came to £739.42 - with both amounts excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Thank you very much to you all for your support.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams, will take place between the 21st to the 26th July. If you are interested in going by air from Stansted, please go to www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood or telephone 01732 886666 for more details.

The pilgrimage in 2018 was the largest that the diocese has celebrated - let's see if we can top that in 2019!

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE

Digital Subscription Offer

For £12 per year, for 52 weeks of the year, you can receive a copy of the Catholic Universe into your inbox.

Their aim is to provide you with the best and most engaging Catholic stories through their paper and on their website,

www.thecatholicuniverse.com, in order to feed your Catholic faith.

For more information please see the website or email andy.drozdziak@thecatholicuniverses.com

HOMELESS NEWS

In January we are asking for Long-Life or Powdered Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Juice or Squash, Smash, Tinned Meatballs and Cooking Oil. A huge thank you to you all for your continued support, which makes such an amazing difference to our local homeless people.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER NEWS

Thanks to the lovely people helping out at the Night Shelter at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday evenings.

They are very much appreciative of our donations. At present they do not need clothes, but new (not used) underwear is much needed.

They have had both women and men at the shelter, so anything that you can afford to donate would be gratefully received. Also, please keep the toiletries coming...

Many thanks

HELP WITH THE GARDENS

Do you have some spare time you can donate to the church? If so, please call the office on 292726. At St. Gregory's we are in particular need of people to help with the grass cutting.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

(Senior Group)

A thought for today:

If you were arrested and charged with being a Christian, would your prosecutors find enough evidence to convict you? Do you read the newspapers and watch television and find yourself moved by injustice, persecution of minorities, causes of hunger etc., and wish you had the power to change things? Why not join us in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.45pm on Tuesday 15th January. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Brian Fitzgerald on 07817 842604.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism Course takes place on Wednesday 6th February, 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.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Stop living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

1. Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes. Keep seeking God.
2. Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution. Stop repeating the past and start creating the future that Christ has promised you. Stop playing it safe and start taking risks.
3. Expand your horizons. Consider the lilies. Seek God's Spirit and enjoy the journey. Find every excuse you can to celebrate everything you can. Live like today is the first and last day of your life.
4. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshipping what's right with God. Burn sinful bridges. Criticise by creating. Worry less about what people think and more about what God thinks. Don't try to be who you're not. Laugh at yourself.



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions/guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

FR ROGER BARRALET OFM

I recently had the sad news that Father Roger Barralet OFM died at the Little Sisters of the Poor, Bristol, on 11 November 2018. Educated at St Antony's Primary School, Woodford Green, and Chigwell School, he was ordained for the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1957. Of his sixty-one years of priesthood, thirty were spent in the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate (1961-1975, 1984-1987) and St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green (1975-1980, 1994-2002). He served as Schools Adviser/Director of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies on the BRES Team (1995-2002) and was also sometime National Catholic Scout Chaplain based at Gilwell Park, Chingford. We pray that he may rest in peace.

Fr. Brett

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Saturday 12th January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our live saving work see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

VACANCIES

Admin Assistant for the Young Vincentians Team. Based at the SVP Society Head Office in London SE1. Full time job providing administrative support. £19, 207 pa, fixed term contract until July 2019. Please see poster in the porch, or for an application pack and further details contact Moira Dawe on 0207 703 3030 or E-mail: moirad@svp.org.uk

Various jobs available at New Hall School: - Class Teacher; Head of Economics; Head of French; Head of Biology; Director of Music; Teacher of Learning Support; Assistant Housemistress/Housemaster; House Matron. For more details please go to: - www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities. Or contact the HR Department on 01245 467 588.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 'WOVEN'

Taking place at Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church on Saturday 2nd February, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Cost £18 incl. lunch. More details from alifelessordinary@stbbc.org.uk or 01702 292620.

FR. PHILIP GOLEX RCJ

The bishop has recently appointed Fr. Philip Golex RCJ Assistant Priest at Westcliff-on-Sea. We welcome Fr. Phillip, who joins us from the Rogationists, to our Deanery and we wish him well for his ministry here.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

The Epiphany of the Lord

(Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

Gifts to each other

Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have 'gifted' ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the 'gold' of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Leo Buscaglia

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Please remember the following :

† Carmela Avery, John Stacey, Jamie Turner, John Keller, Jessie Morris, William Coleman, Victor Wyatt, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, Mary Janda, Gordon Simmonds, Mary Parisio, John Downey, Annette Griffin, Kathleen Barrett, Eleanor Robinson, Kathleen Gunther, Rene Montague, Gerhard Zuelchaur, Frank Edward Paine, Maria Camp, Arthur Shailer, Luciano Giardino, Hubertine Burton, Dorothy West, Hugh Mac Gregor, Eddy Linszen, Valentine Collins, Mary Boulton, George Carey, Marion Horne, Bernard Murray, Christopher Willis, Jean and Tony Tonking, Godfrey Wade, Gary Follett, James O'Donovan, Norman Sach, Cathleen Lawrie, Michael O'Donovan, Kate Bobbin, Celine Marimba, Brian Whelan. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

A child is born for us today, alleluia.
He is our saviour and our God, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

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.

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.

Parish Priest: Fr. Brett Adams

96 Ness Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9DH

Telephone: 01702 292726

Website: www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk

Facebook: @stgeorgeandtheenglishmartyrs

School: St. George's Catholic Primary

Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, SS3 9RN

Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado

Telephone: 01702 293522

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Mon 8.30am - 3pm; Tues 8am - 4.30pm; Thurs 8am - 5pm.

Office Closed - Wednesday and Friday

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

Gift Aid: Jim Filmer.

Tel. 07775 898409

Church Email: -

shoeburyness@dioceseofbrentwood.org