

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

† Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wicker, Kathleen Fallon, Audrey McAuliffe, Dorothy Locker, Anna Cohen. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

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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, Margaret Everett.

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, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Lucille Parker.

To arrange visits to the sick and household please contact Sharon in the office.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

SAY IT NOW!

The real tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we can wait too long to plunge into it.

A priest had just finished a Requiem Mass, and the husband embraced a photo of his beloved wife. He said, "Father, I loved my wife."

"I know you did," the priest responded. The husband repeated, "Father, I loved my wife." Hugging his parishioner, the priest again said "I know you did."

A third time, he said "Father, I loved my wife....and one day, I almost told her so."

Too often, we live as if we have unlimited time with those we love, but without warning, our lives can be turned upside down by illness, loss or death. All we can do is look back with regret over putting off that well-rehearsed conversation with our parents, expressions of genuine concern for someone in need, time spent with our children, hospital visit with loved ones, or, like the bereaved husband in the story, simply saying the words "I love you."

There are more than twenty references to love in today's readings. Every day we're given the opportunity to embrace special moments. Since we have such a limited time, we need to make that time count. Don't wait to tell your family and friends how you feel. Do it today.

Thanks go to Fr Martin Joyce, who will be supplying in the parish until Thursday 17th May, whilst Fr Brett enjoys a well-earned break.



5th MAY – 13th MAY 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Saturday 5th	6.00pm	Mairaid McPhillips RIP (Chris and Tom)
Sunday 6th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Brian Whelan RIP (Eliza)
Monday 7th	Bank Holiday	Feria
	10.00am	Ann Norton RIP (Serena and Brian)
Tuesday 8th		Feria
	9.15am*	Maura and Ian - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Barbara McGurk)
Wednesday 9th		Feria
	11.30am	Beth Llamoso
Thursday 10th		The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)
	9.30am	Intentions of Joan Butcher (Betty and Pat O'Sullivan)
	8.00pm	Thomas Swann RIP (Sharon and Family)
Friday 11th		Feria
	9.15am	Kathleen Alice Barrett RIP
Saturday 12th		
	6.00pm	For the Intentions of Sara (Pat, Susan and Family)
Sunday 13th		Seventh Sunday of Easter (World Communications 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 is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

JUSTICE & PEACE

News from
Damesfontein, Mpuluzi



In June last year our Parish Justice & Peace group committed to support a project in our twin parish of Mpuluzi, South Africa. Our aim was to provide 2 adult showers on a piece of ground at the rear of

Damesfontein crèche and children's day centre which is used for deanery gatherings at weekends. Simply built with breeze blocks and a tin roof, basic water pipes and shower curtains, the total cost was estimated at 15000 Rand, approximately £900. We are delighted to announce that we have surpassed our target and that the showers can now be tiled and painted.

We are also delighted to report that a generous anonymous donor, touched by the plight of our friends in Damesfontein/ Mpuluzi, has presented us with over **£9,000**, which has been gift-aided, (totalling **£11,331.25**) to support further projects in the twinned parish. The money is being transferred to our twinned parish whose current project, in formation, is to build a care home for disabled children on the same site.

Fr Gerald Gostling writes " Sincere thanks for such a huge help - and the love, faith, prayer and generosity that accompanies it."

See mcare-sa.org for details of the various projects run by

Mpumalanga Catholic Aids Response in that area.



**WALSINGHAM WITH WESTCLIFF
PARISH**

Saturday 26th May

Join Bishop Alan and parishes throughout the diocese of Brentwood as we come together to honour Our Lady of Walsingham. Last year Brentwood had 3000 pilgrims attending the centenary pilgrimage and we hope to have a similar number this year as well.

11am Arrive at the RC Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

12.00 Holy Mass 1.30 Lunch (bring packed lunch)

2.30pm Procession to Little Walsingham village.

3.30pm Vespers and Benediction

4.30pm Conclusion and departures.

Price £15 per person. If you are interested in going to Walsingham, either phone Carmen O'Brien on 01702 305172 (evenings only) or email

westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

25th - 27th May 2018

A retreat weekend for young women considering the vocation to religious life. Contact Sr Lynne fcJ :- lynnefcj@hotmail.com

**SHIPS – STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL
HOST IMPROMPTU PRAYER
SUPPORT**

Taking place on Wednesday 9th May at St. Helen's, Westcliff, between 7pm and 10pm. The evening will include Mass, a shared Fayre in the hall to present all the related groups from our Deanery, including Knights of St. Columba, Legion of Mary, and our own Justice and Peace Group. We finish with Adoration, intercessions and a simple Benediction. Please direct all enquiries to Andrew Downey 07722 043074.

**MUSIC FOR A SPRING BANK
HOLIDAY**

**7:45pm on Saturday 26th May at
The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon
Rd, Billericay CM12 9LL**

The Most Holy Redeemer Singers present a concert featuring Emma Gibbins (Director of Music at Newport Cathedral) playing the Makin Organ in the Church. The first half will be choral with some familiar classics and the second half will be an organ recital by Emma. Entry will be free - there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

Life is the first gift, love is the second, and understanding, the third.

Marge Piercy

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we are raising money for the Parish. All welcome after the 10.45am Mass to indulge in tea, coffee and cakes - as well as enjoying a good chat with friends.



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

13th May - Friends of St. George's School.

20th May - Cancer Research

27th May - 669

669 FUNDRAISING MEAL

This coming Wednesday, 9th May at 7.30pm. Come along and meet your parish friends at The Polash Restaurant, West Road, Shoeburyness. Cost is £20 per head (£10 deposit required). Please let Suzanne Halvey know by Sunday 6th May, or log your interest through the Parish Facebook page. All profits going towards Fayre expenses.

AFRICAN-THEMED EVENING

More details to follow next weekend, but Alice and Rose are now selling tickets for the African Evening in aid of the parish. Tickets are £10 for Adults, £5 for Children. Telephone: - Rose 07535450092/ Alice 07572464231.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

'The truth will set you free' (Jn 8:32)

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection, which enables the Church to continue the very important work of communication.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Communications Day 2018, speaks of journalists as "the protectors of news." That their task is "not just a job; it is a mission." He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others; "That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace."

If you Gift Aid, please remember to bring your envelope next week.



SUMMER FAYRE NEWS!

Taking place on Saturday 9th June, from 12 noon. We are now looking for donations of Bottles, Prizes, Gifts, Chocolate and food items for the famous Hampers. Please leave in the porch or drop into the office.

MAKING US MORE ACCESSIBLE

We are aware that increasingly we do not have enough space for wheelchair users and have therefore allocated further areas where these can be safely accommodated. Obviously these spaces can be used, if needed, for double buggies which are harder to keep in the porch.

We would ask parishioners to ensure these spaces are only used for the purpose mentioned above and this allocation of space is something we will be keeping under regular review. Many thanks,

Parish Pastoral Council

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Long-Life Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Cooking Oil, and small jars of various herbs and spices (to spice up their meals!).

For those that don't know where to put the food items, there is a big blanket box in the inner porch of St. George's, and a cardboard box under the bench in the porch of St. Gregory's. Many thanks to all who donate regularly.



BOOKINGS FOR FLAME (2nd March 2019)

Open to all young people. Please speak with the office, Gabriella or Kim if you are interested in going. We are hoping to organise a coach.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 18th May, at 7.30pm. Anyone of senior school age or above is welcome to come along and get involved in our future projects.

ST. GEORGE'S GARDEN UPDATE

We are very badly in need of Volunteers to help with the three gardens (front, back and side) at St George's Church. We are a small group and not getting any younger! We meet on Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am.

Last week we planted some new shrubs /plants following the removal of a diseased front hedge. Funds were taken from the proceeds of our Coffee Morning in February. We would appreciate any help with general gardening maintenance / watering. If you can help please call the office or speak to Margaret.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD

Over the last few months, some of us have been attending the inaugural meetings of Caritas Brentwood. This is still very much in the planning stage, but there will be a multi-generational meeting held for all parishioners, both young and old, on Saturday 7th July at Sacred Heart School, Upminster, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Can you please let Sharon know if you are interested in attending or want more details.

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Severino d'Andrea

who passed away this week.

Funeral details to follow.

Requiescat in Pace

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £773.31 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders.

Many thanks to you all.

CALLING MARRIED COUPLE VOLUNTEERS

We are holding a get together for couples keen to learn more about the Explore project in our secondary schools. If you spoke to Anna at the appeal, you will get an e-mail invitation. If for any reason you didn't leave your contact details but would like to come along, any married couples are most welcome. We will be meeting in St George's Parish Hall next Saturday, the 12th May, from 2.30pm. Looking forward to seeing many of you again!

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