

The Catholic Parish of

# ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th / 8th November 2020

Well folks, this is our first weekend of the new lockdown. I felt so sad when the announcement was made, knowing especially that this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, a time when we like to be together to remember those who lost their lives in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts. Our prayers still stand however, and we pray that they may rest in peace. We also remember in our prayers those families of more recent times who have lost loved ones in conflict. We ask the Lord to support them as they attempt to rebuild their lives.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading this weekend is taken from 'The Book of Wisdom' which was written in the last half of the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, so it is the last of the Old Testament books.

Although the author remains anonymous, scholars think that he was a learned Greek-speaking Jew, probably a teacher. The book was most likely written in Alexandria, the great intellectual and scientific centre of the Mediterranean world and one of the largest Jewish centres outside the Holy Land. The author found himself in a very fluid and progressive society. Discoveries in science were beginning to open up new horizons and challenge the old ways of viewing the world. A variety of religions and philosophical systems offered new wisdom and 'updated' views on the meaning of life: it really was a 'pick and mix' of ideas and religious views. This 'bubbling pot' spawned an individualistic mentality and along with that came scepticism and dissatisfaction with traditional ideas; not unlike our current society!

In writing the book, the author wanted to strengthen the faith of his fellow Jews, some of whom were abandoning their religion and either turning to pagan religions or secular philosophy.

At the heart of the author's writings lies the invitation to pursue 'wisdom', which is personified as a beautiful woman and seen as intrinsically related to God as his gift. This 'supernatural' understanding of wisdom conflicts with the popular understanding which sees it simply as a human quality or a rational prowess.

This divine gift of wisdom is within reach of all, provided the person is willing to seek 'her' out! If one does make the choice to search for her, then she takes the initiative and "makes herself known". The book concludes that such wisdom surpasses everything we could ever know.



Please take care and stay safe in these difficult times. Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Brett

**7th NOVEMBER - 15th NOVEMBER 2020**

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**Saturday 7th**

4pm-6pm

**Private Prayer Session**

**Norman Sach RIP and Deceased Family and Friends**

(Pat Sach)

32nd of the Year

**Sunday 8th**

10am - 12noon

**Private Prayer Session**

**Wojcieck RIP (Wendy Stafford) *and***

**For All Parishioners**

**Special Intentions of Tina and Zizi (Sylvia)**

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Monday 9th**

**Ints of Gwen Hindley (Nuala Haynes) *and***

**Robbie Dixon RIP (Pat and Tony Shead)**

10am - 12noon

**Private Prayer Session**

**Tuesday 10th**

St. Leo the Great

**André Donko RIP - 6th Anniv. (Rita, Simon and Maria)**

**Wednesday 11th**

St. Martin of Tours

**Rachel Irlam - In Thanksgiving for her Success in  
gaining her PHD (Sylvia)**

**Private Prayer Session**

**Thursday 12th**

10am - 12noon

St. Josaphat

**No Private Prayer Session**

**Friday 13th**

Feria

**No Private Prayer Session**

**Saturday 14th**

**Robin Muckley RIP and Eileen Cowling RIP**

(Doug Woulds)

4pm - 6pm

**Private Prayer Session**

**Sunday 15th**

33rd Sunday of the Year (World Day of the Poor)

**For All Parishioners**

**Antonio Tullio RIP *and* Hilary and Family (Sylvia)**

10am - 12noon

**Private Prayer Session**

## VIRTUAL HO, HO. HO'S

Hi everyone - forget about "lockdown" and be of good cheer for the Virtual Ho, Ho's are nearly here 🤖

We have some great prizes including - £100 - £50 and £25 in cash. There will also be at least another seven prizes including Xmas Hampers - Cuddly toys - Seasonal Cake - and assorted collections of drinks to keep you warm on winter nights!

Just in case you've forgotten, we know it's hard to imagine, here are some quick reminders about how to buy your Xmas Virtual Draw numbers. Tickets are £1.00 each and you can buy as many as you like 😊

The lovely Sharon will be running the virtual draw from her "Hot Desk" in the Parish Office. As in the Summer if you would like to buy some numbers its very simples!

Pop an envelope with your request through the Presbytery door. Please include your name, first line of address, a phone number, how many numbers you would like to buy AND CASH OR CHEQUE in payment. Once that's received Sharon will allocate the relevant numbers to your name in our Virtual Draw sheet.

Sales will open over the weekend of the 14/15 November.

Good luck everyone and remember this is all for our Parish in these difficult times 😊

Thanks so much from 669



## PRIVATE PRAYER SESSIONS

Please note that following on from the Government announcement last weekend, there will be no Masses until at least the first weekend in December. We are allowed to open for Private Prayer Sessions, times are as follows:

**Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday** - 10am until 12noon

**Saturday** - 4pm until 6pm

However, please note that the Church will **not** be open next Friday, 13th November, due to the funeral of Mary Borthwick taking place. (please note this is by invitation only, due to a maximum number of 30 people being allowed).

If you are coming to the Private Prayer Sessions please wear a mask, sanitize your hands on entry, and keep a social distance. Thanks to you all for your help and support.

## TOY COLLECTION

The SVP needs your help please.

We are collecting ***new and nearly new*** toys for families in need this Christmas time.

At the new St. Vincent's hub in Short Street we will endeavour to give help to any family struggling this year with providing gifts for their children. If you would prefer to donate a gift voucher, these would be amazing for the teenage children. It would be great if donations could be donated by Sunday 29th November as this will enable us to get the toys distributed in time. You can drop off the toys to our hub any Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening between 6 pm and 7.30pm. ***(alternatively, please drop them into St. George's Presbytery during Office Hours and we will make sure they get the toys/vouchers).***

The hub is run by around 120 volunteers who help with the food bank and deliver food parcels to about 70 families in need a week. We also provide outreach to the homeless at the soup kitchens each night helping them with any food, clothing or any issues they may need help with.

With SVP we turn concern into action and if you know anyone in need please contact us via our Facebook page 'SVP-Short street shelter' or our website [www.svpwestcliff.org](http://www.svpwestcliff.org)

Thanking you in advance,

Daniel and Lucy

*P.S. We are not able to have a Shoebox Collection this year, or one for the BCCS. Instead, it would be nice to help the SVP, and support the vulnerable families that they are involved with. Please give what you can. Thank you.*



## BCYS IN LOCKDOWN

If you receive an email copy of this newsletter, you will be sent a BCYS timetable for this period. Just to draw your attention to the fact that there will be a weekly Youth Mass at 8pm on Wednesdays during Lockdown, which can be found on their usual Instagram channel.

## NEWS FROM THE BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society wishes to thank all family, friends and parishioners of St George's, Shoeburyness for their support of the recent Virtual Fun Walk taken on by Margaret Munson in September. We are delighted to confirm that **£680** was raised in Margaret's name for the benefit of our work and we are very grateful to you all for your support at this difficult time.

**Tree of Angels** - This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual Tree of Angels initiative which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died, while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'. Please visit [bccs.org.uk](http://bccs.org.uk) and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

***Don't forget the BCCS collection that we would have had this weekend. Envelopes can still be dropped through the Presbytery door, as long as they are marked clearly for the BCCS. Thank you.***

## SVP FOOD PARCELS

As well as toys, they are still in need of the following food stuffs. Thanks so much to everyone who contributes regularly:

***Tinned Veg (peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, mixed veg)***

***Tinned meats/ curry/ chilli/ ravioli/ ham / Spam/ Tuna***

***Fruit Juice / Squash***

***Coffee/Tea/Sugar***

***Crisps***

***Tinned fruit/ custard / rice pudding***

Deliveries are made from the Church every Friday.

Attached to this newsletter is their 'Advent Calendar' suggesting you put aside a food item a day during November. Please help if you can.

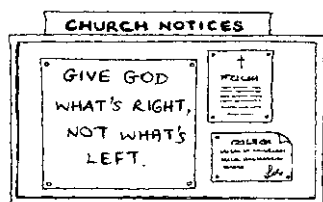
## DAILY HOPE LINE

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The Freephone line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the lockdown. Well worth a listen!

## REAL LIVING WAGE WEEK

9th – 15th November 2020

After months where key workers and care workers have been at the “front line” it remains the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is actively committed to the Real Living Wage, which lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For lots of information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. From 9th November there will also be a specific campaign to ensure workers in care homes are paid the real living wage. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Alan. Find out more at [www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)



## FREE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE/TIMES

This is the last weekend that free papers will be available from the Universe/Times. Please help yourself when you come to the Private Prayer Sessions. As there will be no more copies available in church after this weekend, have it delivered to the comfort of your own home. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. **SPECIAL OFFER** - 3 Months £22.00/ 12 Months:- £80.00

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Pope Francis writes, “Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need?” This is a challenge for us all; today is a day to think and pray about the many works of charity in our parish and the Diocese. You may be inspired to volunteer, or know someone in need of help – have a look at [www.caritasbrentwood.org](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org).

To read Pope Francis message for today go to [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200613\\_messaggio-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html)

*We will not be having a collection on this particular weekend, but will be having a retiring collection in January towards the work of the SVP in our area. Plus we will continue to support their efforts in making up food parcels for people in need.*

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

“I have always felt that marking Remembrance in the original way - at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month - was a full tribute to those who have died serving their country, fighting to preserve freedom and sustain justice. It is good to see this coming back into use once more, but however it's done,

11<sup>am</sup>  
day  
month



whether on weekday or Sunday, putting ourselves out in a small way - by making time to be still and to 'remember' - not only honours the fallen; it gives us an opportunity to commit ourselves to work for peace and justice in our own lives. The solidarity of mourning can turn into the solidarity for peace and the determination to find a better solution than war for the ills of the world.”

*(Idris Jones, Retired Primus of Scottish Episcopal Church)*

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### ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL

2020 marks 150 years since the First Vatican Council and the solemn definition of papal primacy and infallibility. In this live streamed event Professor John Morrill, emeritus professor of history at the University of Cambridge, will take as his theme 'St John Henry Newman and Vatican I'. John will explore the reaction to the Council in the writings of Newman and set it in today's context.

The study day will take place on Saturday 21st November from 11 am. Due to coronavirus this will only be a live streamed event. To access go to [www.sppilford.org.uk](http://www.sppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services.

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk))

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(Wis 6:12-16 1 Thess 4:13-18

Matt 2:1-13)

#### Always be ready

Jesus said we must always be ready for His second coming, ready to meet Him. Being 'ready' doesn't mean spending all the time doing religious things. For married couples, being 'ready' means being ready to listen to each other, sharing thoughts and feelings. Keep your 'love tank' full by thinking of ways he or she can be surprised by love.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

† Jack Askew, Mary and William Bryan, George Burton, Joan Butcher, Reginald Chambers, Colman Connolly, William Dickens, Christopher Docherty, Joe Dore, Peter Dowie, Joan Dowie, Christopher Fagan, Tom Gallimore, Sheila Gaunt, Marie Hanley, Cathy Heffernan, Adelaide Hodges, Diane Hogan, Christopher Holden, Bernard Humphrey, Peggy Kateley, Anthony Maurice Henry Maintenant, William Marrs, 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, Phyliss Wallhead, David Webber, Michael Wilks, Tom Woodman, Martha Zuelchaur. †



## 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.

Please be aware that given the increase in Covid-19 cases, at present we will not be allowing people into the Presbytery without an appointment, and would ask that you wear a mask. Thank you.

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