

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Avery Alfred Braithwaite, Joyce Brown, Mary Bushell, Conner Campbell, Kathleen Coleman, Gladys Coombes, Samuel Cottham, Ella Crawford, Anne Cusack, Mary Denney, Marcelle Duncan, Lorraine Ellis, Freya Falconer, Adrian Gallagher, Mary Gargan, Anne Goldsworthy, Harry Manfred Gravestock, Bernard Humphrey, Mark Keenan, Violet Linker, Christina McFadden, Kate Mclaughlin, Rosemary O'Brien, Eileen O'Connor, Anna Smith, Stanley Smith, Minnie Standing, Brian Sullivan, John Trainor, Tanya Walton, Fred Wicker, John Corr, Pamela Partington, Simon Zialor †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. 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, 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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Dear friends,

What a beautiful 2nd reading we have this weekend! St Paul is writing to the Christian community in Philippi, a city which was located about 110 miles northeast of Thessalonica in Greece (which was then Macedonia). In 31 BC, Philippi was made a Roman colony, and many Roman army veterans settled there. Paul had a special 'attachment' to the Christian community there in that, not only did he establish it, but they were subsequently very supportive of him in his apostolic work, probably more so than any of the other communities that he established. Also, unlike other cities of Paul's mission, Philippi seems not to have included a synagogue or any large Jewish population – so he didn't have any people there to rub up the wrong way! It's worth noting that a number of the Christian community's founding members and leaders were women.

It is thought that the letter we have in the bible is actually two or more letters which have been edited and put together. Scholars think that they were written while Paul was in prison at Ephesus around AD 55.

In the 1st line of the reading today, Paul urges the Christians not to worry, but to trust in God through prayer and thanksgiving. It is not clear what the cause of their anxiety is, but it prompts Paul to deliver his assurance that the "peace of God...will guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus." It is easy for us to be overwhelmed by concerns and worries, so Paul's words are worth bearing in mind! Paul then succinctly sums up the Christian objective in one sentence: "Fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise".

I know it is difficult to find 'spare time' these days, but I really think it worth sitting down with this piece of scripture and just soaking up these encouraging and thought-provoking words from Paul.

Happy reflecting!

Fr Brett



7th OCTOBER – 15th OCTOBER 2017

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 7th	6.00pm	Vic Duggan RIP and Rob Duggan RIP (Karren Burton and Family)
Sunday 8th		27th Sunday of the Year (Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents)
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Julie Lish RIP - Anniv. (Brian Lish)
Monday 9th		Feria
	9.15am	Intentions of Joan Butcher (Serena and Brian)
Tuesday 10th		Feria
	9.15am*	Arthur Woulds RIP (Doug Woulds)
Wednesday 11th		St John XXIII
	11.30am	Ellen and Fred Wicker RIP, and Paul David Wicker RIP (Pamela and Laura)
Thursday 12th		Ss Ethelburga, Hildelith and Cuthburga
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 13th		Feria
	9.15am	Joan Dowie RIP (Bob and Sarah Dowie)
Saturday 14th		
	6.00pm	Stanley Smith RIP - Anniv. (Marjorie and Family)
Sunday 15th		28th Sunday of the Year
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Maureen Reader RIP - Wedding Anniv. (Peter Reader)

*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.

MASS INTENTIONS

You would have noticed in the Newsletter, names beside the various Masses that occur over the course of a week.

This is what is known as the **Mass Intention**.

So, what is a *Mass Intention* about?

We believe that each Mass makes present for us the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ which He offered to the Father for our salvation. Thus, through the action of the Mass spiritual graces are offered to us and for us; this comes into special focus in the context of the *Mass Intention*. Here, the priest applies the particular Intention to the self-giving love of God who came, in Jesus, to give us life 'in all its fullness'. In other words, the Intention is directly and formally placed into the realm of the blessedness and love of God.

According to an ancient custom of the Church, people make a financial offering to a priest, asking him to apply the special fruit of the Mass for their intention. By making an offering, we associate ourselves in a special way with the sacrifice of Christ and we also contribute to the good of the Church by supporting the priest.

As the priest begins Mass, he keeps the special intention in his mind and heart, and so it forms part of his prayer for that particular Mass. The intention is printed in the Newsletter as an invitation to the congregation to keep the intention in their prayers too. In this way, those for whom the Mass is offered have a very special share in the graces flowing from that celebration. We can have a Mass offered for our loved ones – living or dead – or for all sorts of special intentions.

If you would like to book a Mass intention, then please contact the parish office.

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY - 4th November 2017

All Confirmation and First Holy Communion Catechists are warmly invited to attend a Catechist Training Day on Saturday 4th November 2017 at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster, running from 10:30am until approx 3:30pm. We are delighted to welcome input from CAFOD, Million Minutes, Field of Dreams, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce and Alpha, as well as music from Edwin Fawcett. For more information please visit www.bcys.net/events. To book your place please speak with Sharon in the office.

PRIESTS AND PEOPLE REVUE

As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a **Priests and People Revue** with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. **All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.**

SOME OF THE ACTS SO FAR:-

Abbot Hugh Allan, Fr. Stephen Morrison and the Norbertines (Chelmsford)
Fr. Dan Mason (Billericay)
Fr. John Jesus Moloney (Forest Gate)
Fr. Andrew Headon (Ilford)
Fr. Paul Fox (Rayleigh)
Fr. Lee Bennett (New Hall)
Fr. Paul Cracknell (Melbourne, Chelmsford)
Paschal Uche (seminarian)
Brentwood Catholic Youth Service
Stewards of the Gospel
The McGahan Lees Irish Dancing
Various Teachers from our Schools
School Mums
Ceili Band
and many more!

COMMUNITY FAYRE

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) have organised their 2nd Community Fayre at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP, on Saturday 21st October with 20 stands showcasing local charities, local help groups, and local businesses that have something to offer our community. The exhibitors will include Christians Against Poverty, Catholic Clothing Guild, Storehouse Direct, CAFOD Brentwood, Southend in Transition and Southend Older People's Association. The Mayor of Southend will open the Fayre at 10.30am (finishing at 1pm) and we will have a Fairtrade raffle, Fairtrade light refreshments, a 2nd hand book sale, and recycling points for your unwanted spectacles for VisionAid Overseas, unwanted currency, used stamps, and old mobile phones; all for charities. Come and get some help and ideas whilst having a decent cuppa. Entrance is free.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Thanks to all who supported the parish coffee morning on Sunday. With your help we raised £115.50.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for CAFOD. All welcome to come and join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes. It will be lovely to see you. Next weekend 669 will be our hosts.



HARVEST FAST DAY

6th October 2017

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please leave your envelope this weekend - or just donate cash!

DEFYING POVERTY

It was a beautiful night filled with amazing music, talented singers, musiciansand lots of love. Love and desire to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have desperate need of help! The Youth Justice and Peace group would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported this amazing fundraising event. We raised over £2,200 that will go to Kenya Orphans Funds and Uganda projects (KOFUP) and DEC for the East Africa Famine Appeal.

HCPT SUNDAY LUNCH

HCPT Group 192 will be hosting a 'Sunday Lunch' fundraising meal on Sunday 15th October at 1:15pm to raise funds to take children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter 2018.

The cost is £17 per person and £12 for under 12's. There will be a choice of starter and main course and a selection of homemade desserts, and coffee. Tickets are available from Olwen Shallis or Suzanne Halvey after Masses or please call 07850695192.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND!

If you are thinking of becoming an Altar Server IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Please stay behind after the 10.45am Mass this weekend. We take anyone of any age, as long as you have made your First Holy Communion.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcome Elsie Sue Gould and Emilia Constance Rose Ponzini into our faith community as their families celebrate their baptisms this weekend. Congratulations to all.

'one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism'

Ephesians 4:5

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will be handing out covered shoeboxes at the end of each Mass over the weekend of October 28th/29th.

Our grateful thanks go to Roy & Thelma Raven who have so generously covered and donated them. We hope that we can have all the shoeboxes filled and returned and that we will exceed last year's total of 213.

Thank you all for your generosity. Please return your shoebox to St. George's School if possible.

Anne & John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS!

Forms are now available in the porches of both churches for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Your child must be going into Year 3 or above to take part.

The initial Parents Meeting will take place this Monday, the 9th October, at 7pm in St. George's Church and we expect at least one parent from each family to attend.

The Children's Sessions will take place on Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm, beginning on the 2nd November. All other details are on the form.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Sharon is now taking bookings for Fr Brett to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic school place for your child. Fr Brett can only provide you with a certificate if you are known to him, and are a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe you fit this criteria please email the office to book your appointment. Appointments will take place this month.

If you are not a practising Catholic, the *Certificate of Catholic Practice* cannot be given. Of course, you may still apply to a Catholic School but your application will be considered under another category.

KEYS TO THE PRESBYTERY

A new alarm system has been installed in the Presbytery which could be activated if anybody enters the Presbytery through either the front door, or the office door from the church, before Fr. Brett or a key holder has switched it off.

If you hold a key to either of these doors please speak to Sharon as soon as possible.

POWER TO BE

On behalf of the Parish Justice & Peace groups I'd like to express my gratitude to all those involved in the Power To Be presentations at the masses on 30th September/1st October. The message that "One in six people, i.e. 1.2 billion, or one thousand, two hundred million, are still living without electricity" was conveyed with great style. Thanks to all who signed the petition cards, nearly 300 of which were delivered to the CAFOD office on Monday morning. If you would like to know more about the work of the J&P groups (or even get involved) please contact Brian Fitzgerald by e mail : bfitzg6306@sky.com



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Cereal, Sugar and Long-Life Milk. Again, if anyone has any new or well-laundered pairs of Men's Boxers in an Extra Small or Small that they would be willing to donate, HARP would be very grateful to receive them. Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TIME

- Your Parish needs you!

We are approaching that time of year again.

Since the 6th June 2009 (just in case you wondered!) the 669 team has been running our Parish Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre. Both of these events are large fundraisers for the Parish. Now after 8 very successful and fruitful years 669 would like to take a step back.

So, here's where you come in, we are looking for some new blood to help with this and other social events. If you are interested in helping with, or organising, one or both of these events, in any way, please speak to us. We will be very glad to assist and offer advice. We, 669, will of course continue to fundraise for the Parish and be very happy to work with new group/teams of people. **The 669 team (Suzanne, Denise, Grace, Jim, & Brian)**

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £741.41 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Thanks to all who contributed.