

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Please remember the following :

† Fr. Pat Taylor, Trevor York-Starkey, Nancy Cuffe, Thomas James Hatch, George Ranger, Frederick Bradley, Robert Wicks, Stella Yuille, Catherine Woods, Bridget Du Boisson, Terry Murphy, Adalmair Gabrielli De Amorim, Tony Brown, Joan Clarke, Peter Grant, Joan Skipper, Leslie Skingle, Hannah Hance, Vicky Cutter, Frank Miller, Mary Regan, Mary Cole, Joan Baron, Paul Duddy, Tom Finigan, Lilian Fenwick, Vera Sheehan, Jean Jagelman, Norman Reid, Angelina Vidler, Curtis Sweet, William Raycraft, Alex Jarno, Mary Browne, Robert Wheatley, Michael Kelly, Catherine Doherty, Kathleen Wallen, Cornelius Kelliher, Julia Kalogerides, Bridget Tobin, Bill Cooke, Frank Smith, Suhaila Mana, Philomena O'Sullivan, Bridie Priestley, Rob Duggan †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

The Lord is close to all who call him; the Lord is close to all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

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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, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connoly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, 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 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.

To arrange visits to the sick and house-bound 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 Administrator: Sharon Chambers

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8am - 2pm; Thurs 8am - 3pm; Fri 8.30am - 5pm

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Sea Sunday

FAITH IN FOCUS: WORRYING TIMES?

The current rise in prices is getting on top of Maureen. She's on a fixed income and every time she goes to the supermarket she despairs. Everything seems to be pushing her into a corner and she's not sure just how long she can manage to feed the kids and pay the bills now that she's been widowed. She doesn't know where to turn to.

Ken never seems to settle these days. Several years ago he was convicted of fraud and went to gaol for two years. He recently moved into the parish with his family and set up home. They got jobs locally and their children go to the nearby school. He's deeply ashamed of what he did. He'd do anything to turn the clock back. He feels tied up in knots and his worst nightmare would be if everything went public.

Annie has been a parishioner all her life. People comment on how you can set your clock by Annie's arrival in church with her prayer book and rosary beads. But in her heart she's just going through the motions. Inside she feels spiritually dry and it's hard to get enthusiastic about anything to do with her faith. It's as if in the last years of her life God is taking all comfort of faith away from her.

Tom is the local GP. He seems to spend hours in his surgery and he loves his job but he's beginning to feel worn out. With all the paperwork on top of his medical work he's wondering how long he can go on for. He never lets his patients know how he feels, but it's getting to the point where his lifelong desire to help people in their moments of need is starting to wane. He spends his days telling others not to live such a hectic lifestyle but he knows he's just as guilty himself.

Joan and Alan are having marriage problems. They got back together after Alan got involved with another woman at work. Things seem a bit better now but there's also the problem of their three teenage children. If there's any way they can rebel they'll find it. Joan's sick of being called to the school where they're causing disruption, and Alan's convinced that one of these days the call will be from the police.

On Sunday morning when Maureen, Ken, Annie, Tom, Joan and Alan settle into their places in church they all hear the same words of Jesus in the gospel: "Come to me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest".



8th JULY – 16th JULY 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 8th	6.00pm	Gratitude to Sacristans and Ushers (Sylvia)
Sunday 9th		<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Robert Wheatley RIP (Johanna and Family)
Monday 10th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Clemente Mancino RIP (Margherita and Ian)
Tuesday 11th		<i>St Benedict</i>
	9.15am*	Intentions of the Sullivan and Dyer Families
Wednesday 12th		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	Thomas Augustus Hornsey and Frances Hornsey
Thursday 13th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 14th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Margaret Harrington RIP (Hilary)
Saturday 15th		
	6.00pm	Suhaila Manna RIP - Anniv. (Manna Family)
Sunday 16th		<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Thanksgiving after Ewalefo's Wedding (Sylvia)

*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.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

Dear Fr Brett,

We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. We raised £1108.02. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land .

We don't have a word to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers .

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your work !

Thank you.

Nicholas Khader**Holy Land Christian Community****CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS****Smells & Bells - London's Catholic**

Culture: Monday 10 July 2pm. Meet at St. Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, walking to St. Paul's, via Covent Garden. Cost £5.

For King and Country: Catholics and Politics: St Thomas More. Guy Fawkes, Pugin. Parliament and the Abbey. Wednesday 19 July 6pm.

Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Cost £5.

For more information contact
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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 remaining dates/locations are as follows: - (all start at 7.30pm)

Wednesday 19th July - Brentwood Cathedral; vocations story from Michael Barwick.

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

Wednesday 27th September - Holy Trinity, Basildon; vocations story from Fr Brian O'Shea

Wednesday 23rd October - St. George's. Walthamstow; vocations story from Fr Maurice Gordon.

Wednesday 29th November - St. Edmund's, Loughton; vocations story from Fr John Harvey.

Wednesday 13th December - Sacred Heart, Southend; vocations story from Fr Graham Smith.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Acquire inner peace and a multitude of people will find salvation near you.

St Seraphim

ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening for Year 5 Students (Prospective Year 7 in 2018)

Wednesday 12 July 2017

6.00pm to 9.00pm

We shall be delighted to welcome to our Open Evening Year 5 girls, together with their parents / carers, who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School's Year 7 in September 2018.

We are also offering an opportunity for prospective parents / carers to visit the School during a normal school day on Tuesday 17 October, Wednesday 18 October and Thursday 19 October between 9.30am and 11.00am. No appointments are necessary: guided tours will be available from Reception between these times.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION

This will be available in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, before and after Mass on Saturday 8th July (5.30pm) and Sunday 9th July (8.00am, 9.30am & 11.30am). Free Admission. All are welcome. Book-stall available.



VACANCIES

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for Qualified Counsellors or Social Workers to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow and Southend area from September 2017.

The main role will be to provide individual/group counselling services to school-aged children.

This will be a part-time job and you need to be qualified up to Diploma level. You also need 1 years experience working as a Counsellor, or 2 years experience as a Social Worker. It is essential you have experience of working with children and families and that you have a full UK driving licence. It is also desirable you have experience of working in a school setting. For further information please contact the Head of Professional Services: - dsealy@bccs.org.uk

HEALING MASS

Final Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2017. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669 is raising money towards the infrastructure of the parish.

Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes and lots of chat!



Next weekend our Senior Justice and Peace Group are raising money for the Mission in Mpuluzi that we support.

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you goes to Maureen Quirk, who has been cleaning at St. Gregory's for many years, and has now decided to hang up her duster. Maureen, we really appreciate the time that you have given the church over the years; again, thank you! If anyone out there would like to join one of our lovely cleaning teams at either church please contact the office.

WALSINGHAM TRIP

Don't forget we still have places available on our coach to Walsingham on Saturday 22 July. £18 per head, payment by either cash or cheque. Please ring the office to put your name down.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Please note that the next retiring collection will be held on the 9/10 September.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Will you be in Year 10 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. At present we are only trying to get an idea of numbers; details of the programme will follow when we know the date of Bishop Alan's visit in 2018. Please telephone or email the office to register your interest. If you have any questions please speak directly with Fr Brett.



HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tins or Packets of Hot Dogs; Tins of Meatballs, Chilli con Carne, Minced Beef or Chicken in Sauce.

Thank you so much to everyone who donates regularly.

MAINTENANCE OF THE GARDENS

St George's - Can we have a few more volunteers to help with a bit of weeding in the gardens around St. George's please? We are a bit low on numbers. Anytime that you could give would be much appreciated. Please either telephone or email the office.



St. Gregory's - Could you spare an hour or two once a month or so? We need help to keep the grounds up to scratch. If you feel you can help, please contact Jim Filmer on: - 01702 585839

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



REPOSITORY NEWS

Serena will be standing by the Repository Stall next weekend and then fortnightly throughout the Summer. If there is anything you particularly want, please speak with her.

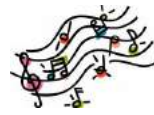
Book Review - 'Across to Lourdes'

Lourdes is central to Caroline Statham's book. (Caroline is one of our parishioners.) We see how personal tragedy led to Caroline setting up a Southend branch of the Across Charity whereby many sick people journeyed to Lourdes. We gain insights into the motivation of those who give of themselves for the good of others in our community.

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.

Also, someone booked a coffee morning for Save the Children on the 20th August. Can that person please contact Sharon.



Save the date!

Free concert "Defying Poverty"
Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm
St George's Church

Featuring the St George's Youth Choir
Hosted by St George's Youth Justice and Peace Group.

Beautiful music featuring many talented, local musicians.

Come along and enjoy!

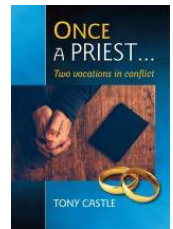
Donations welcome but the concert is free.



MEMOIR 'ONCE A PRIEST'

Bowing to public opinion, Tony Castle has now brought out his memoirs. If you have read any of his earlier books then you will know it will be an interesting read.

If anyone is interested in having a copy they are priced at £12.50 and available from Tony himself, or via his website: - www.tonycastlebooks.com



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £726.20 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. We also collected £315.50 for Peter's Pence. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.