

The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 8th /9th May 2021

VIRTUAL SUMMER GRAND DRAW NEWS

Hi Everyone - here we are almost a week into our Virtual Summer Draw. There are **only** 34 days to go until the Grand Draw on June the 12th!

We are very, very grateful to those of you who have already made donations towards our prize list, both in cash and goods. For those who may be wondering what they could donate here are some ideas!

Contents of BBQ or Summer Picnic Hampers. These could range from a pot of Strawberry Jam or Scones or Crisps and a dip, to some meat (or a meat voucher) for the BBQ. 🍷

Maybe a selection of Cheese and Biscuits is more your thing? Perhaps a selection of Summer fruits with a little cream might be just the thing your garden blanket is looking for!

Maybe to enjoy all these Summery treats the children might need some games to keep them occupied?

All of that might be washed down with a nice glass of 🍷 or 🍹 Whatever you'd like for your garden soiree. We are sure it would tickle someone else's fancy too!

Please remember any fresh meat or other time-limited items can be promised but should not be handed in until the morning of the 12th. Otherwise poor Fr Brett might have to eat them before they go out of date!!!!

Not forgetting the other really important thing we need you to do!

To buy your tickets, please either drop cash or cheque (made payable to Catholic Church Shoeburyness) into the Presbytery, in an envelope marked with your name, and contact telephone number, plus the number of tickets you want (which are £1 each). Sharon will then allocate your numbers accordingly. If you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, please email the office for details. We will then ask you to screenshot your payment and send it to us so that we can allocate tickets. To avoid an admin nightmare we won't be communicating ticket numbers but rest assured if you buy tickets they will be in the draw!

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.



8th MAY - 16th MAY 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 8th

6pm **Grace Heard RIP** (Mike and Hilda Saad)

Sunday 9th

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9am **For All Parishioners**

10.45am **Antonio Tullio RIP - Anniv.** (Tullio Family)

Monday 10th

Feria
9.15am **Intentions of Hilary Irlam** (Sylvia)

Tuesday 11th

Feria
9.15am **Tony Brock RIP** (Geraldine and Andrew Hannah)

Wednesday 12th

St. John Houghton
No Mass

Thursday 13th

The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)
9.30am **Pauline Fleck - God Bless Her** (Robert Walliker)
7.30pm **Terry Alexander RIP** (Dianne)

Friday 14th

St. Matthias
9.15am **Teresa Malone RIP** (Sylvia)

Saturday 15th

6pm **Mary Woulds RIP** (Doug Woulds)

Sunday 16th

Seventh Sunday of Easter (World Communications Day)
9am **For All Parishioners**
10.45am **Lindy Ncube RIP** (Graham and Joyce Alcock)

MASS BOOKINGS

The online Booking System will be open from 9am on Monday to 12noon on Friday for the weekend Masses of the 15th and 16th May. Please note that the 6pm Mass was nearly full by Tuesday, so remember to book early!

THIS WEEK

Masses are now almost back to normal after Fr. Brett's break- but not quite!

Fr. Brett will be having his day off on Wednesday of this week as it is Ascension Day on Thursday.

There will be no online bookings for the Ascension Masses (9.30am and 7.30pm) but please allow enough time before Mass to give your details to the Stewards for the Track and Trace paperwork.

MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS

For those of you who are not coming to Church regularly, please do not think that you have been forgotten; all parishioners are kept in prayer. Despite various lockdowns, the pandemic has brought its fair share of difficulties, with a full and challenging work schedule for Fr Brett (and Sharon). With all that's been going on, it has not been possible to ring everyone on our parish records. If you fancy a chat and would like to call Fr Brett (or Sharon) then please feel free to do so, obviously being mindful of their office hours (Sharon's are always on the back of the newsletter; Fr. Brett is generally off Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. (although not this week - see opposite page!))

REPOSITORY NEWS

As our Parish Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, 26th May, the Repository will open in the hall at the follow times:

- after 6pm mass, 15th May;
- after 9am mass, 16th May
- after 11am mass, 16th May.

Confirmation cards and gifts will be available for purchase, while there will also be cards and stock for other occasions. If you need anything in particular, please let Sharon know and I'll try to ensure that it will be ready for you in the hall.

Serena



CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity.

In 2020, we experienced the worst global health crisis in a century. The coronavirus pandemic has devastated lives and shattered families in Britain and across the world, with disastrous consequences for people's jobs and livelihoods. The pandemic exposed many of the inadequacies of how our world currently works. It has proved that we need greater cooperation between nations, solidarity between people and a greater focus on the poorest in society.

As Catholics, we are called not to stay silent and not to be passive. **What action can we take?**

This is why ***Reclaim Our Common Home*** is a call to action! It's a call to participate both individually and collectively in rebuilding a more dignified and sustainable world after the pandemic.

To do this we need to do 3 things:

RECLAIM nature so that everyone can breathe clean air and be protected from the threat of climate disasters.

RECLAIM the world's land and resources so they are more fairly distributed and all our brothers and sisters around the world can live in dignity.

RECLAIM power so that everyone can be involved in decision making and have control over their own lives.

Why 2021 must be a year of transformation

As the host of two major international conferences, the British government has a crucial role to play in 2021. Britain this week hosted the **G7** annual meeting where the leaders of the seven richest countries gathered to discuss how to rebuild after the pandemic. This will be followed by the **UN ‘COP26’ climate talks** taking place in Glasgow in November, where world leaders will come together to agree how they will work towards ending the climate crisis.

As the eyes of the world will be on Britain this year, it is vital that we all come together to raise our voices and ensure that our government listens.

“Global society is suffering from grave structural deficiencies that cannot be resolved by piecemeal solutions or quick fixes. Much needs to change, through fundamental reform and major renewal.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, #179

As a result of the pandemic, 150 million people are set to fall into extreme poverty and an additional 130 million people will be left hungry.

Let's do something about it.

Wherever you are, you have a role to play in helping to address these issues:

So as a first step, we ask you to **TACKLE THE CLIMATE CRISIS** by urging world leaders to use this year's climate talks to agree ambitious goals that address the scale of the climate emergency and ensure that those countries least responsible do not end up paying the highest price.

Urge our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, to put people hardest hit by the climate crisis at the heart of COP26

Either, sign the online petition on CAFOD website

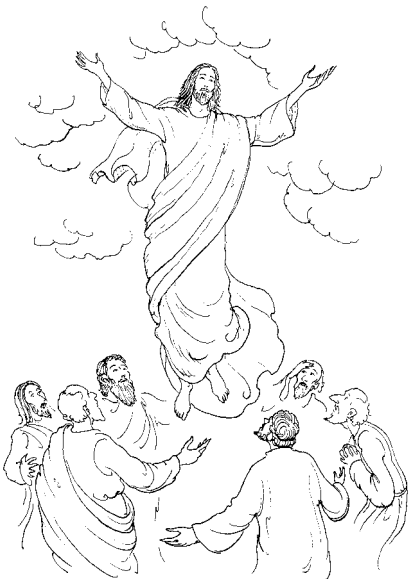
or

take, sign and return one of the green cards which will be available in the church porch from next week

This is the first of 3 articles about our response to Pope Francis.

ASCENSION

O Lord, your ascension into heaven marks the culmination of the Paschal Mystery, and it contains an important teaching for us. May we live life as an earthly reality, and develop our human potential to the fullest. May we make use of the results of science to achieve a better life on this planet. But in our best moments we know that there must be more than all of this: a transcending reality. As Christians, we know that this reality is your loving Father who awaits us with you and the Holy Spirit. Where you have gone, we ultimately will come - if we are faithful.



NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK

- *Are you concerned about injustice in our world?*
- *Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?*
- *Would you like support and encouragement?*

If the answer is yes, then please look at what the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has to offer. You can subscribe to their free e-bulletin, which comes out around fortnightly; plus membership is available.



Details from:

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 29th May

Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19.

Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.



SVP NEWS

Due to the large amount of food parcels we are distributing to struggling families and individuals in temporary accommodation with restricted or no access to cooking facilities we are in URGENT need of the following, If there is anyway you can help us we would be so grateful!

Pot Noodles; UHT Milk; Instant Mash; Microwaveable Rice; Mug Shots.

Either bring goods to the Presbytery, take them to Short Street or make a donation via Just Giving (please indicate what the donation is for)

<https://>

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpwestcliff



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MARRIAGE MATTERS

(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 15:9-17)

Called to reflect God's love

"Love one another as I have loved you". With these words Jesus spells out God's plan for marriage. As husband and wife we are called each day to give our lives to each other as completely as we are able. From today let us decide to reflect this 'sign' of God's love to our children, our family and our friends.

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, Ronald Silk, Barbara Porter, Ernest Quinn †



"If God is supposed to be everywhere, why can't I find him on facebook?"

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.

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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