

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Please remember the following :

† Anne Cadman, Brenda Patterson, Agnes Mullins, Tracey Baker, Terence Peter O'Brien, Charles James, Alice 'Maudi' Keenan, James Avery, John Patrick Quinn, Cecil Maurice Fielding, Nicholas Simmonds, Mary Funnell, Anthony Docherty, John Twitchett, Paddy and Eileen Burke, Patricia Worsley, Terry Alexander, Rene Askew, Michael O'Sullivan, Dr Colin Adey, Kathleen Sharland, Paddy Tobin, Vic Duggan, Joan Dowie. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Jesus, you are my salvation; Jesus, you're my inspiration; Jesus, you're the treasure of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. eternal life. Alleluia!

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George's Church at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

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, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock. Margaret Yorke-Starkey, Teresa Gleave.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

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 & Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Esmé Kelly, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Paolo Angeletti, Charlotte Alexander.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Mon 8.30am-5pm; Tues 8am

- 3pm; Weds 8.30am - 3.30pm; Thurs 8am - 3.30pm

Office Closed - Friday

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



The gospel story this weekend is exclusive to Mark. In it, we hear that Jesus makes a convoluted journey from one Gentile (non-Jewish) territory to another, the region of the Decapolis. He's been here before; it was where he cured the Gerasene demoniac. On that occasion, the people begged Jesus to leave the neighbourhood. Now, they come to Jesus in hope, bringing with them a man who suffers from a double affliction. It appears they've had a change of heart!

The man, who is deaf and has a speech impediment, would have been considered an outcast, yet he has some supporters who believe that Jesus can help him. The context of the miracle is now set; supposedly non-religious people daring to believe in Jesus. Interestingly, Jesus wants no public show with this miracle because he takes the afflicted man "aside in private" to carry out his healing.

"Be opened...and his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened." Jesus words have power and effect a transformation with the man's hearing and speech. Speaking with God's authority, Jesus changes things at the very substance of their being; something which is beyond human capabilities.

Like so many of Jesus' miracles, we see that belief (of the man and his supporters) leads to a dynamic connection with the divine where things are changed for the better. The physical restoration of the man's hearing and speech capabilities will enable him to experience life in a new, richer way. The 'moral' of the story is that belief leads to divine encounter which leads to a deeper and more profound experience of life. Let's pray that the afflicted man's miracle encounter will happen for us too.



On Monday I shall be flying out to the US to take a break and visit my dear friends, Donald and Stephanie, in Joplin, Missouri. Fr Joseph Farrell will be supplying for the weekend Masses in my absence. He is a retired priest of the diocese and a lovely chap.

Sharon will be hard at work (I hope!) in the parish office while I'm away, so if you need her for anything she'll be more than happy to help.

I'll see you on my return – be good while I'm away!

God bless,

Fr Brett

8th SEPTEMBER - 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B (Education Day)

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| Saturday 8th | 6.00pm | Intentions of the Gwilliam and Hunt Families |
| Sunday 9th | 8.45am* | 23rd Sunday of the Year Tom Malley RIP (Maureen Malley) |
| | 10.45am | For All Parishioners and Special Intentions of E.D. Attai - very ill (Sylvia) |
| Monday 10th | 9.15am | Feria Eucharistic Service |
| Tuesday 11th | 9.15am* | Feria Eucharistic Service |
| Wednesday 12th | 11.30am | Feria Eucharistic Service |
| Thursday 13th | 9.15am | St. John Chrysostom Eucharistic Service |
| Friday 14th | 9.15am | Exaltation of the Holy Cross Eucharistic Service |
| Saturday 15th | 6.00pm | Vic Duggan and Rob Duggan RIP (Karren Burton and Family) |
| Sunday 16th | 8.45am* | 24th Sunday of the Year (Home Mission Day) For All Parishioners |
| | 10.45am | Mairaid McPhillips RIP - 6th Anniv. (Chris and Tom) |

*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.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Will you be in Year 9 or above from September onwards? If so, we would like to invite you to put your name forward for Confirmation next year. Fr. Brett will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 9th June 2019. All Confirmation sessions will run on various Sunday afternoons in the Church Hall, and there will be some other commitments - details to follow. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website to register your interest.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC AREA FESTIVAL Saturday, 29th September, 2018 *Chelmsford Cathedral.*

A Special One-day Come and Sing Event for Choirs and Individual Singers led by James Davy, Master of the Music, Chelmsford Cathedral and featuring the music of Martin Shaw who died 60 years ago in 1958. All choirs and individual singers are welcome. Registration 10 am. Festival Service 4pm. Registrations and requests for the booklet containing the music (£5) to be used in the Festival to Shirley Timmins - telephone (answerphone) 01277 233302 or e-mail shirleytimmins@btinternet.com

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Father Brett is now taking bookings to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice that you might need if you are applying for a Catholic Senior School place for your child. He can only provide you with this Certificate if you are known to him, and a practising Catholic. A 'practising' Catholic is someone who attends a weekend Mass here every week. If you believe that you fit this criteria please ring or email the Church Office on 292726 to book your appointment. We have various appointments available in early October, and all sessions will take place in The Presbytery. If you practise at another church then please see the Parish Priest of that church for a Certificate. If you are not a practising Catholic, the Certificate of Catholic Practice cannot be given. However, you may still apply to a Catholic School, but your application will be considered under another category.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £806.10 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

AUTUMN SPIRITUALITY TALK

Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Saturday 15th September 2018 - 10.30am-12.00noon.

Topic: **One Bread One Body.**

Speaker: Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood.

For further details: tel. 01277265285 email:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

FR DOMINIC ON BBC ESSEX

The lovely Fr Dominic Howarth, whom many of you know through the Youth Service, will be presenting the BBC Essex's Sunday Breakfast programme on the 9th and 16th September between 6am and 9am.

Don't forget to tune in!

SPECIAL MASS

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 9.15am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

CHARITY MEAL IN AID OF NAZARETH HOUSE

The Knights of Saint Columba are organising a charity meal to support the exemplary work of the Sisters of Nazareth. The meal will take place at the **East Asian Restaurant, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend SS1 1BW, on Tuesday 25th September, 7pm for 7:30pm.** Eat as much as you like buffet style Asian cuisine (some English dishes available) - £16 per person. Drinks extra available from the bar. Spectacular raffle, tickets sold on the night. Please book your place by contacting – Liam Rand 07952 954833 – Mark Moulding 01702 344965 – Sandy Rand 07875 124159

AN INTELLIGENT PERSON'S GUIDE TO CATHOLICISM

Are you aged from 18 - 35? Are you intellectually curious about who God is and what the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection means?

Do you want to be able to speak to others about Christ and the Catholic faith in a coherent and confident manner? If so, please come along to Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre on Wednesday 19th September from 7.30pm to 9pm for an eight week course.

More details on www.cathedral-brentwood.org

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this weekend will be run by 669, in aid of Fayre expenses and parish infrastructure. Come and join us after the 10.45am Mass for tea, coffee and cakes, and there may even be some bacon rolls. Look forward to seeing you there! Our hosts for the next few weeks are as follows: -



16th September - Youth J & P
23rd September - HCPT 192

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, the 15th/16th September, we will be collecting for Home Mission Sunday.

WANTED!

Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian.' Please send me any summer holiday stories, articles, jokes, etc. Deadline: 16th September
Send to: mcevoy@ymail.com

COME AND PRAY FOR VOCATIONS AT OUR DEANERY HOLY HOUR

This coming Wednesday, 12th September, at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1NG. All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those who are. This event will include a Vocations testimony from Rev Mgr. Canon Kevin Hale VG.

ENRICHMENT DAY FOR READERS

As you know the Vicariate for Evangelisation are organising a **Diocese-wide day of Recollection and Enrichment for Readers** planned for **Saturday 20th October** at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green. The day will be led by Dr Marian Tolley of Shrewsbury Diocese (Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running work-shops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy).

It will cover the spiritual dimension of the ministry, including:

- The Real Presence in the Word of God;
- Relationship of the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist;
- Preparation;
- Technical aspects/difficulties of reading the Scriptures as Proclamation;
- Pointers to reading aloud; Using a microphone and much more.

Rayleigh parish are running transport and may have spaces.

Please contact Sharon or Fr Brett if you are interested in attending.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - small cartons of juice (for night packs); meals in tins e.g. curries, hotpots, chilli, casseroles; plus coffee and sugar please. Thanks very much for your kind donations of food and money.

400 CLUB

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our most recent draw: - £50 Mr. A, Shead; £20 Mrs. J. Butcher; £15 Miss M. Spalding and Mr. N. Folkard.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND OUR LADY OF PHILERMO

The 8th September 1565 saw the end of the Siege of Malta by the Ottoman forces of Suleyman the Magnificent. It brought to a halt the Ottoman advance in southern Europe. The Knights of St. John (Knights of Malta) attributed their success to the intercession of Our Lady of Philermo. This day is dedicated to her.

As a young man and as the new Sultan Suleyman successfully defeated and evicted the Knights of St. John from the island of Rhodes in 1523. They had been on Rhodes since 1307. Previously they were based in the Holy Land where the Order was founded to care for the sick and poor. The Order was acknowledged by Pope Pascal II in 1113. After Rhodes the Knights were 'homeless' and eventually settled on Malta in 1530.

The chalice used during this Saturday's Mass was a gift to the parish from the Grand Master of the Order of Malta when he visited our parish in July 2013, the 900th Anniversary year of the Order. The Chalice bears his Coat of Arms. He expressly asked for it to be used on this special day for the Order dedicated to Our Lady.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

The Application Packs to apply for First Holy Communion are now available in the porches of both churches. This is open to children who will be going into Year 3 and above.

A few useful dates for your diary -

Monday 15th October at 7pm - Parents Meeting and Registration.

Monday 5th November, 4pm to 5pm, Children's Sessions start.

Saturday 22nd June at 10.30am - First Holy Communion.

CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH BETWEEN GENERATIONS

In the Church Hall on Friday 14th September at 7pm there will be a small gathering to put some ideas on paper as to what needs to change for generations to work together for a faith that does justice. All welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.

STEWARD OF THE GOSPEL

This weekend Lucille Parker will be introducing herself as the new Steward of the Gospel for our parish. Lucille replaced Paul Gwilliam to whom we are indebted for his work over the last two years.

ACROSS COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped at the Coffee Morning last Sunday. £137.75 was raised in aid of ACROSS.

JOAN BUTCHER

Joan is very grateful to everyone who has gone into see her, but as there have been so many, would you mind ringing first before turning up please. She would be very pleased to hear from you on (01702) 436708.

BUT YOU, HE SAID - WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Christian? Are you already a Catholic, and have thought about being Confirmed? Are you interested in learning about the beliefs and Traditions of the Catholic Church?

Our annual programme, for which the posh name is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), will start on Monday 1st October in the Committee Room at the back of St. George's Church at 7.30pm. It is designed to help you consider these questions in the context of a caring and supportive group of fellow travellers. We are all on a journey of faith; feel free to come and see if you would like to share yours with us!

If you think you might want to come along please speak with Fr Brett or Sharon to register your interest, or to ask any questions that you might have. It is a weekly course, with breaks for the school holidays.

