

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. †

LAST CHANCE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE GEORGIAN!

Our next publication of *The Georgian* is coming soon, but NOW is the time for you to start thinking of writing an article for us! The deadline for articles is this Friday, the 15th September.

Email your hard work (please include photos) to, mcevoy@ymail.com

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice: harden not your hearts!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. 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, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, 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 household 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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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



In the 1st Reading this weekend God appoints the prophet Ezekiel as "sentry to the House of Israel". In those days, a sentry's job would be to keep a look out for invaders, those who would wish harm upon the city or town dwellers.

It was Ezekiel's job to warn the people of certain spiritual dangers, i.e. behaviours or attitudes that would be offensive to others and harm the general well-being of the community; individual sin can have a communal impact. I suppose Ezekiel was a kind of moral/spiritual policeman. Not a desirable task, but then, God has a habit of asking us to do challenging things!

This issue of 'communal correction' appears in the gospel too; it seems this is how Jesus wants the Christian community to function. The gospel portrays a step by step procedure, which escalates in the event of failure, leading to the final action of excommunication, dismissal from the community – ouch!

I'm not quite sure how this model would work in our community – not very well I would imagine! Picture someone coming up to you and challenging you on an issue where you were lacking in living your Christian vocation. I'm sure many of us would be quite offended and not many of us would like to raise a challenge in the first place. Generally, we like to mind our own business and would tell others to mind their own business! Sometimes however, bad things happen or escalate, when good people do or say nothing. How should we understand these scriptures then? It is interesting that immediately before today's gospel is the parable of the *Lost Sheep* and immediately after is Jesus' teaching on forgiveness ('forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times'). In other words, mercy, compassion, humility and a generous heart are the 'order of day' when addressing issues or raising challenges. We don't have to be confrontational, judgemental, patronising or negative. If something of importance is not right or unjust then we should be honest, but always in a spirit of humility and love, because we don't always get it right either! St Paul finishes it off nicely in the 2nd Reading where he writes that out of all "obligations" the number one priority is that we 'must love our neighbour as we would love ourselves'.

It's that time of year when I tootle off to see my friends in Missouri and once again I'm leaving you in the very capable hands of Fr Martin Joyce and our dear Sharon. Y'all take care and I'll see you when I get back.

God bless,

Fr Brett



9th SEPTEMBER – 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Saturday 9th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 10th		<i>23rd Sunday of the Year (Education Day)</i>
	8.45am*	Suhaila Manna RIP (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Steve Ferne RIP (Sharon and Mark)
Monday 11th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Willie Cunningham RIP (Margaret and John Munson)
Tuesday 12th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	In Thanksgiving (Betty and Pat O'Sullivan)
Wednesday 13th		<i>St John Chrysostom</i>
	11.30am	Antonia Nappi
Thursday 14th		<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
	9.15am	In Thanks for Safe Delivery of our Granddaughter Eloise Lily (Shawn and Anne)
Friday 15th		<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
	9.15am	Trixie Woulds RIP (Doug Woulds)
Saturday 16th		
	6.00pm	Deceased Members of the Bygrave Family (Sue Turner and Family)
Sunday 17th		<i>24th Sunday of the Year (Home Mission Day)</i>
	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Paddy and Blanche Special Ints (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.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Fruit, Evaporated Milk, Dream Topping and Angel Delight. 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.

P.S. We are inundated with Tea Bags at present! Thank you!

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES!

Could you give 2 hours once to change the lives of 20 students? The Explore project brings together married couples with young people to have an open conversation about the realities of both marriage and family life. This exciting project is running in Catholic schools in your area and this is an invaluable and also fun way for you and your spouse to give back to your local community. Please e-mail anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 07972438179 if you would like to get involved or hear more.

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September, at 1.45pm for 2pm in St. George's Church Hall. All welcome to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the office and Sharon will pass your details on.

OFFERTORY

The Offertory for last weekend came to £937.14, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. Many thanks to you all.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day takes place in Panama in January 2019 and is open to anyone aged from school year 12 to age 27 **at the time of travel**. For more information please visit www.bcys.net where you will be able to learn what the trip entails, timing (how this might impact you), and vitally the cost. The parish will look to help and support **anybody who wishes to attend. Please do not let the cost put you off - we will do all we can to help you raise the money**

CONFIRMATION 2018

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. Bishop Alan will be visiting the parish on Sunday 24th June 2018 and he will be confirming our young people. Please telephone or email the office, or go onto our website.

20th PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS

The African Catholic Mission in Britain will celebrate the 20th Pan-African Annual Mass for the African Communities followed by a Reception on 17th September 2017 at 3pm, at St George's Catholic Church, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU. The main celebrant will be Rt. Rev Alan Williams, Bishop of Brentwood. Other Bishops celebrating the Mass are Rt. Rev. Charles J.S. Kasonde, Bishop of the Diocese of Solwezi, Zambia and Rt Rev. Paul McAleenan (Episcopal Vicar for Ethnic Chaplaincies in Westminster) together with African Chaplains. As usual food and drinks will be served and everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the day with the African Communities.

VACANCIES

Three months' contract working for Missio, the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. The role is as a Fundraising Administrator, based at Missio's offices in Victoria in London. For a job description and further information please contact recruitment@missio.org.uk, or visit www.missio.org.uk.

Closing date 15 September 2017.

Graphic Design Opportunity

If you are a Graphic Artist with experience using Quark Express and would like to join us on a Freelance capacity, please contact don@mccrimmons.com to discuss the possibilities, or call McCrimmon Publishing, Great Wakering, on 01702 218906.

THE VICTORS CROWN

Our friends at Friars Baptist Church have invited us to attend their Praise and Worship Concert on Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm. All welcome and refreshments will be served.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for HCPT 192. Come and support our group raising money for their pilgrimage to Lourdes, as well as enjoying some excellent refreshments in good company. Next weekend Group 669 will be raising money for parish infrastructure.



SPUC COFFEE MORNING

Thanks go to everyone who supported the coffee morning last weekend. Whether you made cakes, provided raffle prizes, helped or spent money, Denise and her team are extremely grateful. A wonderful £205 was raised for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service. Next weekend we are being asked to support Home Mission Day. Please give what you can and those that Gift Aid have designated envelopes.

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 on 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.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Meghan Harris and Lawrence Priddle who were married in St. George's this Saturday.

May God bless your union and may his love shine upon you as you begin your married life together.





"Defying Poverty"



Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm
St George's Church

A feast of music to support some of the world's poorest people.

Featuring the *St George's Youth Choir* and a host of talented musicians.

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

Free entry but donations welcome.

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WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK FUNDING APPEAL: Target £430,000.

Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. An appeal will be made on 23rd/24th September. Please support it as generously as you can; in the words of Bishop Alan "This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese." Thank you.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE

Our Youth Justice and Peace Group meet in the Church Hall on Friday 15th September, from 7.30pm to 9pm. This year we are opening it up to all senior school children, so if you are starting in Year 7 in September you are more than welcome to join us!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CATECHETICAL TEAM

I am pleased – and grateful - that Hannah Wallen will be taking over as co-ordinator of the First Holy Communion programme. My heartfelt thanks goes to Annabelle, our previous co-ordinator, for all her hard work over the years in running the programme. The team that help and support has also changed, so my thanks goes out to those that helped before, and we welcome the newbies on board! We must not forget, of course, that parents have their part to play in helping their children understand the meaning and significance of Holy Communion, and in teaching and guiding their children in all aspects of our Catholic faith; it is not the sole responsibility of the school and church. So parents, please be proactive in your children's faith formation.

Fr. Brett

REPOSITORY

Serena has taken delivery of new stock and it could be worth your while to take a look at the new plaques, fridge magnets and porcelain crosses that have various inspirational phrases. One of them could be just the thing for a family member or friend. Take a look after mass at St. George's. Also for those of you who usually purchase an annual diary from the repository stall, these are now in stock for £1.85 and, as well as containing a 2018 diary, the diaries also provide the order of the mass. Parish diaries are also available from the repository stall for a suggested donation of £1, as well as being available on the repository section at St. Gregory's. Serena is hoping to be able to open a Repository stall at St. Gregory's on a monthly basis leading up to Christmas. Watch this space for details.

RCIA COURSE

Don't forget that our course for those interested in finding out more about our faith begins on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. More details from the office, or see last week's newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.