

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



The Most Holy Trinity - Year B - 25th/26th May 2024

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. Through his commission to baptise, “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”, Jesus confirms that God is three Persons in One divine unity. This is one of the mysteries of our faith, something that we can’t, ultimately, fathom. Good job too! As St Augustine once said: ‘If you can fathom it – it’s not God.’ Having said that, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, immerse ourselves into the mystery of the Trinity, glimpsing something of the light, energy and wisdom of the Godhead. Thus, today’s feast is not so much about understanding the Trinity or coming up with some complicated explanation for it – or even a simple one - it is about weaving our lives into the dynamic flow of love and truth which characterise it. In one sense, it is about being open and allowing the Trinity to happen to us, this is what we call contemplative prayer.



There also must be an element of action, thus the spiritual life is both prayer and action.

Lastly, one might think that Jesus’ instruction to “baptise” is the prerogative of the clergy. I suppose in terms of the administration of the sacraments it is, but I want us to look at it more broadly than that. Baptism is about belonging and naming: belonging to the Trinity and the Christianity community; naming reality as gift and God given. The Trinity is about belonging to everything...belonging to the human family and to the creation of which the Trinity is an integral part, because everything is interconnected and interdependent. This profound sense of belonging and naming – which only God can reveal to you - should inspire within us a deep respect for others and creation. In other words, our own sense of ‘religious belonging’, should always be flowing outwards, affirming to others the reality of their belonging. This is the kind of fruit that Jesus would like us to bear, and you all know what it looks like - joy, peace, love, compassion, forgiveness etc.

So, my friends, we remind ourselves that Baptism is not just a one-off event, it is a process of growing in communion with each other and the Trinity, and we all have our part to play in making that process happen – for ourselves and for others. People may or may not formally join our community, but the point is that we have shown them something of what life in the Trinity is about, the rest we leave up to them – and God of course!

Have a good week.

Fr Brett

25th May 2024 to 2nd June 2024

The Most Holy Trinity—Year B

Saturday 25th

Youth Mass

6pm

For All Parishioners

Sunday 26th

The Most Holy Trinity

St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

8.45am

Intentions of Chris Clarke (Gabriella Magee)

10.45am

Intentions of Sylvia Asuquo (Jacquie Paterson)

Monday 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury

10.00am

Betty Compton RIP (Mary and Chris)

Tuesday 28th

Feria

St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

9.15am

Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 29th

Feria

11.30am

Eucharistic Service

Thursday 30th

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass here today

Friday 31st

Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and St. Helen,
Brentwood

9.15am

Eucharistic Service (followed by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until 12noon)

Saturday 1st

6.00pm

Terry Alexander RIP (Dianne)

Sunday 2nd

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (**Holyday of Obligation**)

St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

8.45am

For All Parishioners

10.45am

Maureen Reader RIP—Anniv. (Peter Reader)

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend Frank and Val have put their hands up and volunteered to run a Freebie after the 10.45am Mass. Come along in and enjoy refreshments and biscuits on the parish.



Next weekend Dianne and friends will be raising money for the next ACROSS pilgrimage to Lourdes. She will look forward to seeing you then.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MARCELLE AND MARY!

Marcelle and Mary have been in St. George's Church Choir for over 50 years and have been running it for over 30 years. They have now stepped down from the organising side of things.

We would like to thank them both for their hard work and dedication and wish them many more happy years of singing with the Choir.

THANK YOU

from Marco ...and Gabriella.

Dear all, we would like to express our gratitude for your overwhelming generosity.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support!!

MISSION APPEAL

Sr Ann Ugoh will be joining us this weekend to talk about the work of the Daughters of Divine Love. They are an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school in Kenya provides care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs and HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels the sisters to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions. There will be a retiring collection after Mass to support their work.

THE GEORGIAN

After several years absence, the latest edition of 'The Georgian ' will be available from the weekend of 25th/26th May. Limited copies, only £2 for a 48 page edition! Don't forget to get your copy!

GENERAL ELECTION CORNER

So, it has been announced months earlier than anticipated—the next General Election is on the 4th July. That gives us six weeks to enable our Catholic voices to speak out for the causes that we believe in.

CAFOD/SVP had a training session recently, which they entitled 'A Year of Encounter; using our Catholic voice in the General Election.'

They write: *The Church tells us that "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes..." But in order to arrive at the polling station as well informed as possible, it's important to know our prospective MP's views on the things that matter to us.*

It is not about political affiliations, but rather about strengthening community participation as a local faith group and practicing the culture of encounter that Pope Francis talks about.

I am very keen to hear from anyone who is interested in finding out more and being involved in promoting the Catholic voice. Please email me if you want more details. **Sharon**

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 15th June

12noon - St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

It's nearly that time of year again, for our Annual Summer Fayre, always a fabulous social occasion for our Parish.

We are now asking for donations of Bottles, Gifts and Prizes, Toiletries, Chocolates and any items for our ever famous Hampers.

Also, any Toys & Teddy Bears for the Toy Tombola.

Please leave any of these items in boxes provided, in the porches of St. George's and St Gregory's Church, or drop into the Parish office.

If you would like to help in any way before or on the day, please contact Suzanne: suzehalvey@hotmail.com or Sharon In the Parish Office.

Parish Summer Grand Fayre Draw
Tickets are available after all Masses



IF YOU USE FACEBOOK...

...then please 'like' us -



JIM FILMER RIP

As Fr. Brett mentioned last weekend, one of our parish greats, Jim Filmer, passed away last Saturday. Up until a few weeks ago, Jim had been our Gift Aid Organiser for a total of 20 years (over two stints), and also sat on our Finance Committee. He was always involved in the setting up, helping/supporting, and clearing away at the Summer and Christmas Fayres. Plus for quite some while he had been volunteering at the SVP in Short Street, and taking our donations there weekly. His sister-in-law, Lesley, writes: - *Jim was a generous man. He was a*



fantastic example of Christ's word to love ♡♡ because of it he was a truly wonderful human being, a fine man and a very loved husband, Dad and brother in law. Life just won't be the same without him.

Those of us who knew Jim would echo all of the above.

Please hold Denise, Laura, Helena, Grace, Lesley, and all of Jim's family and friends in your prayers—as well as dear Jim himself. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

FROM THE FILMER FAMILY

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the lovely people of this parish for the prayers, messages of support and love over these past very difficult weeks. We have drawn comfort from knowing you have all been there for us.

Funeral arrangements are being finalised. We will let you know details as soon as we have them. All are very welcome to join us for Jim's requiem mass. With love, Denise, Grace, Laura, Helena and Lesley xxx

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the Sick Clergy of the Diocese.

**ROSARY AND PRAYERS GROUP
3.30pm on Tuesday in St. George's**



BATTLE OF THE ORGANS IN BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

On Saturday June 29th at 8pm, a one-off event will take place in Brentwood Cathedral...a Battle of the Organs. The mighty Cathedral instrument, originally built by Hunter, and rebuilt in 1990 by Daniel of Clevedon, will go head-to-head with a new Allen GX350. Allen Organs UK are very kindly lending us the instrument not only for the Battle, but also for the following morning to allow the Cathedral Choir to sing one of the great French double organ Masses at the 11.30am Mass. In charge of these instruments on the night will be Donald MacKenzie (Organist of the Odeon, Leicester Square) and James Davy (formerly Master of Music of Chelmsford Cathedral and currently Organist at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook). We can promise you highly entertaining evening as these two amazing organists put these organs through their paces, and 'pull out all the stops' to give us a concert to remember.

Tickets are £15 and £7.50 for under 16s, and are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/83220321803>

Further details available from Richard Nott at organisttraining@brcdt.org

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR ABORTION LAW

Contact your MP today!

Save lives and ask your MP to support pro-life amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that:

Lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks

Reinstate in-person consultations to help protect women and babies

Bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities

Take action: Email your MP through righttolife.org.uk/takeaction before the debate on Tuesday 4 June.

CALLED TO BE PEACEMAKERS

The Catholic Bishops have produced a document 'Called to be Peacemakers' which argues that if Catholics are to take up the call to stand as peacemakers in our troubled world, an integral part of this mission involves working to limit the proliferation of weapons and to advance the cause of global disarmament. The document stresses that every human life lost to violence and conflict is a tragedy for our universal family.

[More details from the CBCEW website.](#)

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 11th July, 4pm—7pm

for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils. The Headteachers talk will begin at 6.00pm. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2025 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening. If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

JOB VACANCIES

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea are looking for a Learning Support Assistant and a Catering Assistant.

Please see their website for more details: www.olol.co.uk

ST. THOMAS MORE ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS - 22nd June

The annual St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass will take place this year in the chapel at St Thomas More High School on Saturday 22nd June at 11.00am to coincide with the SVP Fun Day being held at the school on the same day.

All former pupils and members of staff are welcome, together with their families and current members of the school, to pray for and remember those from the school community who have died.

OFFERTORY

Thank you to everyone who contributed last weekend—the amount collected came to £487.42.

A FINAL THOUGHT in Laudato Si' week...

Prayer for the care of our planet:

O Earth, source of life and beauty, we ask your forgiveness for the damage we have caused and we promise to care for you with love and respect. Give us the strength and wisdom to take concrete actions that will protect your fragility and promote harmony among all living beings. May our hands be instruments of healing and restoration, and may our decisions reflect a deep commitment to your well-being and that of generations to come. Amen.

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, Eileen Glyde, Ernest Quinn, Marion Hayden, Helen Hughes, Major Philip Statham. †

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr. Brett will contact you in due course.

If you know of anyone housebound who would want Communion at home, please let us know.

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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.



Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Office Closed all week

Re-opens Mon 3rd June at 8.15am

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

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