

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 27th/28th April 2024

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR SUDAN

CAFOD write: The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster.

When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out.

But the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today.

The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms.

"At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan.

Our Caritas and Church networks are there when many aid agencies aren't, where people are in a desperate situation. The Church in Sudan is already responding and asking us to help them do more. Even in this year of economic stretch for many people here, we know that the Catholic community will want to respond with compassion to help people facing famine.

Despite this overwhelming scale, you will have seen how media attention is limited. We are calling on the Catholic community of England and Wales to give the people of Sudan our attention, and our hearts.

How your donations can help in Sudan

Our local partners are already responding. But they need urgent support to drastically increase their emergency response.

Food: Millions of families who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and are now facing yet another urgent crisis – hunger.

Donations now will help provide emergency food packages, as well as other essentials like medicine.

Water: Water pipelines have been damaged, meaning that families are having to fetch water from unsafe locations. With your support, we can work to repair damage to pipelines and build new ones so that clean water can reach the communities who need it.

Sanitation: We are providing emergency sanitation in several of Sudan's largest refugee camps. This is a desperate need especially for the sick, the elderly, those with young children.

THANK YOU FOR ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN SPARE TODAY

27th April 2024 to 5th May 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter —Year B

Saturday 27th	6pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 28th		Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay	8.45am	Geoffrey Alan Azoulay RIP (Ted and Anne Brown)
	10.45am	Mr and Mrs Dorothy Onwudiwe RIP and children (Sylvia Asuquo)
Monday 29th		St. Catherine of Siena No Mass here today
Tuesday 30th		Tuesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse)
St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 1st		Wednesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11.30am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 2nd		St. Athanasius No Mass here today
Friday 3rd		SS Philip and James
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon)
Saturday 4th		
Youth Mass	6.00pm	Nazih Saad RIP (Mike and Hilda Saad)
Sunday 5th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay	8.45am	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Darren Case RIP—2nd Anniv. (Kim, Charles and Louis)

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend 669, our Parish Fund-raising Team, will be providing refreshments and raising



money towards Fayre expenses.

They are looking forward to seeing you after the 10.45am Mass. All welcome!

Next weekend the McEvoy's will be holding their monthly Freebie, where tea, coffee and biscuits will be on the house! Nicholas, from Bethlehem Nativity Group will also be there, selling his olive wood crafts from the Holy Land.

THANK YOU TO FR. GERALD

Grateful thanks go to Fr. Gerald who has been supplying for us over the past couple of weekends. God willing, Fr Brett will be jetting in sometime later on Friday.

That does mean that the Services will continue this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

300 CLUB NEWS

The results of the 300 Club Draw for April are: 1st Hilary Irlam £50.00
2nd Nili Avis £20.00; 3rd Paul Schofield £15.00.

Congratulations to our lucky winners!

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

Nicholas, a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us again on the weekend 4th / 5th May to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated (when you help the poor you help our Lord”).

Nicholas will have a stall set up in the hall after the 6pm and 10.45am Masses.

We are hoping the weather will be dry so that he can also have a stall outside of St. Gregory's.

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Please join Sacred Heart parish for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Alan on Saturday 25th May. The coach leaves the Sacred Heart Church at 7am picking up in the layby at St John Fisher at 7:10am and outside Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh at 7:30am. We will arrive in time for Confessions, the open-air Mass, lunch, the procession to the Abbey Grounds where Benediction will take place. We should arrive back in the Southend area at approximately 8pm. The price is £20 per Adult and Children 15 or younger free of charge. Please contact Sandy Rand 07470 820994 to book your seats on the coach. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend amounted to £467.34 excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The retiring collection for the Promotion of Vocations came to £310.35. Thank you to all.

HANGING BASKETS

I'm not actively involved in the Plant stall on the day of the upcoming Summer Fayre, but I'm willing to support the new team with some colourful hanging baskets, but sadly I don't have any empty baskets available myself! If anyone has any unwanted, nearly new, or baskets in good condition, it would be really helpful and appreciated. If so, please message me on 07766380135. The hanging baskets are always very popular on the day! Many thanks in advance.

Margaret Munson 🌻 🌻

SACRISTY KITCHEN DRESSER

Please note that cups from the dresser will be put into large plastic boxes and left in the Robing Room, along with the contents of the drawers. If anything belongs to you, please remove them temporarily whilst the kitchen is being decorated.

Any unclaimed things will be disposed of after a few weeks.

PLEA FROM ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

We here at St George's School are looking for help please - from any parish members or friends that could spare a couple of hours and start to clear the space with us for St. George's Coronation Garden.

We are going to run four gardening sessions during the school day across Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April and would be grateful to anyone who can spare some time to assist. Please contact the school office on 01702 293522 if you can help.



CARPET SWEEPER NEEDED!

Does anyone have a carpet sweeper that they no longer use that can be donated to St. Gregory's please? If so, please speak with Sharon.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.



SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED...

Don't forget our commitment to bring an item of food for the SVP to Mass every weekend. Urgent items below...



Food Bank Items of Need

URGENTLY NEEDED

UHT Milk	Jams & Spreads
Pasta sauces	Tins of veggie food
Tins of fruit	(macaroni cheese/ veggie ravioli etc)
Tinned Meat pies	Sugar
Mayo	Tuna
Butter	Coffee
Nappies	Biscuits
Wet wipes	Cereal Bars
Crisps/ biscuits	Tinned Tomato
Tuna	Toiletries
Crackers	Cereal

Open to Donations Monday to Friday 11:00am - 4:00pm
and Saturday 11am - 4pm
Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street Southend SS2
5BY
01702 592980
southendsupport@svp.org.uk

Rosary & Prayer Group are looking for Prayer Warriors, to join us in praying for world peace 🙏 🕯️, Vocations, Conversion of sinners, and much more!

3.30pm.

Every Tuesday @ St George's



The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother.

~ Louis de Montfort

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

-St Patrick's Way Pilgrimage 2025

The Community is organising a pilgrimage on 22-27 April 2025. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick's Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers.

If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or Email projects@canonesses.co.uk. Closing date: 10 May 2024.

DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome.

Please call Millie 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

IF YOU USE FACEBOOK...

...then please 'like' us -

@stgeorgeandtheenglishmartyrs

THY KINGDOM COME - PENTECOST PRAYER NOVENA 2024

There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time. For more information, please contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk Sion Community, SENT, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9BX

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Some of you may remember a wonderful Organ Recital given by Barnaby Silverstone at Brentwood Cathedral last summer. Barnaby is meanwhile a second year undergraduate at the Royal College of Music and will be returning to the Cathedral next, Wednesday 1st May from 1pm to 1.45pm, to perform music from Bach, Barber, Ives, Reger and Bednall.

Refreshments in the Song School afterwards.

FR DEREK POWNEY RIP

Fr Derek was born in Bournemouth in 1940 and raised as a Methodist. Fr Powney was an Oxford-trained physician who, after a period of research and teaching at Bristol University, became a science teacher at Bradfield College and Mill Hill School. He married Aileen, an Episcopalian from Edinburgh, and the couple had two sons. After a deputy headship in Basildon he was appointed as Headteacher of Abbs Cross School, Hornchurch.

Called to the Anglican ministry, he was ordained in the Church of England shortly after his wife had become a Catholic. He served at St John the Baptist, Tilbury Docks, and in due course was himself received into the Catholic Church. After a period of training at Wonersh, he was ordained priest by Bishop McMahon on 24 June 2000 and was appointed to St John Fisher, Prittlewell, as well as Catholic Chaplain to Southend Hospital. In 2001 he moved to Sacred Heart, Southend-on-Sea, from where he continued to serve Prittlewell. In 2009 he retired to Edinburgh. We pray for Fr Derek's family at this sad time, and we pray that he may rest in peace.

ECO-THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Buying local goods + supporting local businesses = less fuel used!



Think Planet!

SCREEN SHOWING OF CABRINI

A special screen showing of the film 'Cabrini' telling the story of St.

Frances Xavier Cabrini is being held at Basildon Cineworld next Wednesday, 1st May, at 11.30am as part of their Senior Screen. Tickets are just £4.50, including tea and biscuits.

It is a film released by Angel Studios, who also did The Chosen. Watch the first 19 minutes through [YouTube](#) and be captivated.

Please share to as many over sixties as possible so that other cinemas pick the film up and show it.

PRAYER/WELLBEING GARDEN

This is a plea from the St Thomas More SVP and CAFOD teams for support with our prayer/wellbeing garden. We have been donated some lovely fruit trees for our garden and need some extra-large tubs and potting compost to enable them a growth spurt before they go into the ground. If you have any garden resources that you no longer use or that are going spare, we would be very grateful. Please drop any donations to St Thomas More reception or contact

reception@sthomasmore.southend.sch.uk.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Georgia Sayer—School Chaplain

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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Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado

Telephone: 01702 293522

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 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8.30am—5.30pm

Office Closed— Monday and Thursday

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The Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity Number 234092

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