

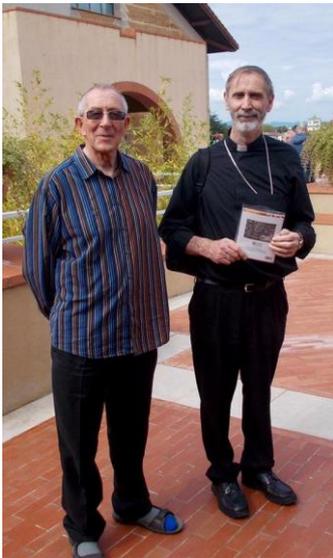
CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Gerald Gostling on his GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Fr. Gerald was ordained as Priest on Saturday 12 July 1969, and has shown devoted service to his flock since that date. Thank you, Fr. Gerald, very much, and again: Congratulations!

Fr Gerald has given this information about how he started to learn BSL. "The bishop asked me to help with the Deaf; I studied for a year at the North London Polytechnic to get the Certificate in Deafness Studies, and then was mentored for a while by Clive Palmer (who became a great supporter of the Deaf Service) in the Social Service Dept of Newham - this was part of my study. It was after this that in 1981 I worked with Sister Gwyn for some 20 years as the Pastoral Service for the Deaf developed. Up to this time Brentwood shared the service for the deaf with Westminster. You may remember people like Fr. Peter Sharp. I have met so many absolutely wonderful people within what some call the Deaf Community and those who help and assist. Marvellous and exemplary faith and love and commitment. I went to the Dundee Diocese in South Africa in 2004. Bishop Thomas put out a request and I volunteered as no one else put their hand up! It is because we are twinned with the Dundee Diocese. The Sunday mass at Brentwood Cathedral for my 50th was beautiful. "



We also celebrated several birthdays! **David, Michael, Eugene, Neil** all had their birthdays, some celebrating 60 years old – here is **David** with **Zita Wilby**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Samuel Anderson**, who received a Schools' Annual Citizenship Award from Bishop Alan, at the Cathedral, on Friday 24th May. Sam is a pupil at St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School in Dagenham, he has started giving Sign Language lessons at the Lunchtime Club!

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Fr Gerald around 1986 signed Masses at St Angela's Centre in Ilford (with Sr Marika and after Mass with tea – Sr Gwyn and Irena in the photo. Middle row – Fr Gerald has conducted, weddings, anniversaries, baptisms and funerals for the Brentwood Deaf Community. Here are photos from the 1990's - Michael Ryan's son Jack being baptised. Also group photo at Lilian Stewart's 100th birthday Mass, Sr Marika's consecration in 1995, Pam and Ken Eaves' 40th wedding anniversary.



Here is a trip down Memory Lane as we look back on some of Fr Gerald's wonderful service with the Deaf 1980's onwards and his work in South Africa. And below – his 50th anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on 14th July



Always ready to help (!) big numbers to feed you need big pots and very big spoons!! Lovely new clothes for the children...a sprinkling of them here....

