

Masses & Services Saturday 12th October to Sunday 20th October 2024		
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 13th October		
Saturday 12 th	6.00pm	Intentions of Ann Fitzpatrick (Browne)
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
	11.00am	Intentions of Joan Holland (Scannell)
Monday 14 th	9.15am	Sir Evelyn Russell RIP Anniv (Hoare)
Tuesday 15 th	Feast of St Teresa of Jesus	
	9.15am	Mary & Francis Fletcher RIP (FM)
Wed 16 th	12 Noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion - NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 17 th	NO MASS	
Friday 18 th	Feast of St Luke the Evangelist	
	12 Noon	People of our Parish
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 20th October		
Saturday 19 th	6.00pm	Derek Flack RIP 1 st Anniv (Flack)
Sunday 20 th	9.00am	Mary Cooney RIP Anniv (Keeling)
Oct 2024	11.00am	Intentions of Maria Quinn (Scannell)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm.

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly offerings. Last week you gave: £310.33 Loose Plate, £162 in Envelopes & £340.70 CAFOD Harvest Fast. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: Father Martin will usually have his day off on Thursdays. In cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388. This would also apply if Fr Martin is on holiday.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: “St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

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Today's readings stress the need for wisdom when discerning our priorities. They challenge us to see the world and our place in it through the lens of wisdom.

The **First Reading** (Wisdom 7: 7–11) says that wisdom, God's greatest gift, is more valuable than anything else; having wisdom means possessing all things. Wisdom is personified; she is God's own self for us.

The **Second Reading** (Hebrews 4: 12–13) shows how God's word can read our deepest thoughts and intentions.

It is the Word of God, enfleshed in Jesus of Nazareth, that discerns the priorities of the rich young man in the **Gospel** (Mark 10: 17–30). Because nothing is hidden from God, the wealthy man is seen, and sees himself held accountable. He is invited to perceive the distractions his great wealth brings, and to receive the riches of deep relationship with Christ.

This week, let's pray that we might be open to the irresistible Word and Wisdom of God; that we might let ourselves be discerned and challenged; that we may become truly rich in Christ.



COMBONI MISSION APPEAL: Many thanks for your warm welcome and generosity shown to Sister Asmeret last weekend. The magnificent sum of £694.81 was raised.

MASSES NEXT WEEK: Next Wednesday there will **NOT** be Mass but a Service of the Word & Holy Communion at 12 noon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025: The next session for the children will take place on **Saturday 9th November** at 4.30pm in our church hall.

PRAYER PARTNERS: We are seeking parishioners to become Prayer Partners with our First Holy Communion group. Please speak to Fr Martin if you would like to help.

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER: There are sheets and envelopes in church for the names of deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. The names are placed at the altar with our Death Register and remembered and prayed for at all Masses during the month of November, and Masses offered for their Holy Souls.

NOVEMBER SERVICES FOR THE DEAD: On **Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00pm**, our Annual Bereavement Service will be held in our church followed by refreshments in our hall. We will have a Cemetery Service & Blessing of Graves at Epping Cemetery on **Sunday, 17th November at 3.00pm**.

CONFIRMATION: An Information Evening will be held on **Friday 23rd November 7pm-9pm** in our Church Hall. It is not too late to register your interest. If you intend to attend then please inform our Parish Office if you have not already done so.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Cynthia Margaret (Catherine) Cullen**, who died on 18th September. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place in our church on **Friday 25th October at 11.30am**.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to families and all who mourn. May the Lord send his Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and give them the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:

Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas P Ryan, Fr John Dempsey, Fr Patrick Malin, Lorraine Tutt (12/10), Michael Weaver (13/10), Sir Evelyn Russell, Jim Welch, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Mgr Michael McKenna (14/10), Geoffrey Thompstone, Canon Roderick Grant (15/10), Catherine O'Reilly, Bernadette Jeffries (16/10), Hester Foster, Jovita Darbyshire, Charles Harrington (17/10), Ted Flanagan, Eve Codling (18/10), Annette Goodchild, Richard Byrne (19/10). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Aurelia Faith Maggonage, baptised in our Church on Saturday 5th October. May the Lord bless them and their family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISMTAS MARKET:

SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER – 10am – 2pm: Christmas market preparations are under way, but as always we rely on our generous parishioners for their time and donations. If you have any new or unused items that would be suitable for the gift stall or raffle please leave in the church porch or in the office for the attention of Adriana or Emma.

If you think you might be able to spare some time to help set-up the event or at the event itself, please contact Adriana on 07828 118 909.

SEEKING WORK: One of our parishioners is looking for employment. Please speak to Fr Martin or our Parish Office if you think you can help.

YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, East Mersea, **26th - 27th October**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Travel, meals, accommodation and activities are all included in the price.

Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/yg24/

THE NEXT MARANATHA AT THE SION COMMUNITY, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, is on **Thursday 15th October**. The evening begins with Mass at 7pm followed by Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our Celebrant is Fr. Paschal Uche. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us and we would encourage you to bring a friend if you wish.

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Mondays **October 14th - 28th from 10am-12pm** in the Epping Forest Civic Offices.

HALL HIRE: Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please contact our Parish Administrator for further information and to book.

PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL:

Angel of God, my Guardian Dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

God of peace,

Whose son Jesus Christ taught us

To love our neighbour as ourselves

Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.

Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –

Peace that will transform,

Peace that will heal,

Peace that will last.

For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace, Amen

