

Masses & Services Saturday 26th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024		
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 20th October		
Saturday 26 th	6.00pm	Bob Browne RIP Anniv (Browne)
Sunday 27 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
	11.00am	Bernie Quinn RIP (Scannell)
Monday 28 th	Feast of Saints Simon & Jude	
	9.15am	Patrick Jolly RIP Anniv (Jolly)
Tuesday 29 th	9.15am	Intentions of Nicholas Prosper (SB)
Wed 30 th	12 Noon	Annette Goodchild RIP Anniv (Sr Susan)
Thursday 31 st	NO MASS	
Friday 1 st	ALL SAINTS DAY Holy Day of Obligation	
	12 Noon	Peace in our World
	7.30pm	Tullia Borelli RIP (Mansell)
Saturday 2 nd	10.00am	ALL SOULS DAY
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 3rd November 2024		
Saturday 2 nd	6.00pm	Bob Browne RIP Anniv (Browne)
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
Nov 2024	11.00am	Bernie Quinn RIP (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: 332.39 Loose Plate & £123

in Envelopes. 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.”

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!

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

27th October 2024

The readings this week challenge us to reflect both on the ways we might be blind, and on the gift of new vision that is freely offered.

In the First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah (31: 7–9) speaks of a God who gathers his people to heal them.

The Psalm (126) sings of these and other wonderful works: ‘The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy’.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading Hebrews 5: 1–6) shows that the high priest is one called by God to deal gently with the people, because he himself knows weakness.

And in the Gospel (Mark 10: 46–52), Jesus calls Bartimaeus, a blind beggar of Jericho, to him into discipleship. Though blind, Bartimaeus already has insight into who Jesus is and, when he hears him pass by, shouts in desperation even when told to be quiet. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is now ‘Master’, and his relationship with him brings healing and new life.

Let's pray, this week, that we might recognise the great things the Lord works for us, and that our hope lies in God, who calls to us through our weaknesses and limitations.



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. Many thanks to those parishioners who have already offered.

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.

PETITION: As members of the Catholic community we will be raising a Petition to our local MP, Dr Neil Hudson stating our opposition to the forthcoming House of Commons Bill for “Assisted Dying”. The Petition is, available for signing, at the back of the church.

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 your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Nelle Brett (26/10), John Dubler, Shirley Staunton (27/10), George Rimmer, Fr George, Steadman, Fr Stephen Wyatt, Fr William Loveland (29/10), Edward Rimmer, Marie Smallwood, Canon Thomas Bishop (30/10), Terry Flood, Marie Flood, John Morrall, Canon Richard Gay (31/10), Denise Collett (1/11), Dermot Healy, Thecla Floor, Tullia Borelli, Yvonne Morrall (2/11). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

MASS OFFERINGS: Mass offerings should be dropped off to the Parish Office. If a specific date is required then please give as much notice as possible. Weekend Masses, especially, get booked many weeks in advance.

CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL
The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [//cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISTMAS 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.

PARISH DATABASE: We are currently updating the parish database in readiness for the distribution of Christmas cards. Please let our parish office know if you have moved address or if you are not registered on our database.

COOK (FULL-TIME) – CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12.00- 19.00hrs

Required to work in a unique position within a small religious community, based in Colchester – The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to: caremanager@canonesses.co.uk or call on 07394980188.

Application closing date:13/11/2024

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 3rd November** from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare.

EPHING FOREST FOODBANK needs the usual food and household items. Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the **FOODBANK! WE CAN REFER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF HELP TO THE FOODBANK.** Please contact Fr Martin or our Parish Office.

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