

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 5th October 2019

6.00pm Mass Brendan Fassnidge RIP (M. Marsh)

Sunday 6th October 2019

9.30am Mass People of the Parish
11.30am Mass Margaret & Arthur Travers RIP (Brittain Family)

Monday 7th October 2019

No Mass

Tuesday 8th October 2019

6.30pm Mass Sallie Greene RIP (B & S Mayo)
Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 9th October 2019

No Mass

Thursday 10th October 2019

9.15am Mass Laurence Pule RIP (C & J Diamond)
Adoration & Benediction

Friday 11th October 2019

No Mass

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 12th October 2019

6.00pm Mass Pauline Brookman's Intentions (Greene Family)

Sunday 13th October 2019

9.30am Mass Jim McCann RIP (A & J Donachie)
11.30am Mass People of the Parish

Anniversaries - We pray for *Josephine Morgan, Dennis O'Shea, Michael Murray, Stanley Frederick Ridley, Alfred Hale, Mary Judge, Christopher Treacy, Gloria Hardy, John Bowles, William Gould, Joseph Forbes, Tony Rawley, Mary Clegg, Mary Redman, Eric Raymond, Peggy Hynes, Michael Peter Cullinan, Mary Copeman, Patrick Francis Corry, Patrick Judge, George Bullimore, Eileen Lodge, Jenny Pierona, John Dunne, William Albert Fleming, George Walsh, Margaret Travers, Francis Rourke, Linda Ann Collier, Angus Ross, Arthur Tucker, John Witham, Elizabeth Mary Therese Kendall, Martin Downes, Dennis Bryan, Berie Root, Elizabeth (Betty) Paterson, Fr Gordon Godfrey, Pope John Paul I, Fr Bernard Wakeling, Fr Michael Hopkins, Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue, Canon Edward Heery, Fr Harold Cahill, Fr Alfred Clements and Pope Pius XII.* **May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom**

MORNING PRAYER	9.00am 8.50am	Weekdays except Monday, Tuesday & Saturday Sundays
EVENING PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY	5.30pm	Every evening except Saturday in the side chapel. Includes music, psalms and intercessions.
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	8.00pm	Every Monday in side chapel except bank holidays

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22nd September – Sunday 6th October 2019

Gospel Reflection on Sunday 22nd September- Luke 16:1-13: The Dishonest Steward

This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live justly here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money.

Is there anything in your life which prevents you from fully serving God?

Gospel Reflection - Sunday 29th September - Luke 16:19-31: The Rich Man and Lazarus

This story told by Jesus occurs only in Luke. It is another of those dreadful warnings about the danger of wealth, for Luke's Gospel is often known as the Gospel to the Poor. Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he teaches us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine - dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption even after death: he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue. Contrast this with Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers: they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling news; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.

When was the last time I turned my back on someone who needed my help?

Gospel Reflection – Sunday 6th October 2019 - Luke 17:5-10: The Reward of Faith

The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's to save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord's action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.

How do I best serve God and others?

MASS TIMES - Please see back of newsletter

CONFESSIONS - 5.00pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays or please see Fr Paul after Mass on Sunday

PARISH OFFICE – CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019

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THE READINGS FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2019:

First reading: Amos 8: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*
Second reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the word of your Son, Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

THE READINGS FOR TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2019:

First reading: Amos 6: 1, 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*
Second reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 21st September 2019

6.00pm Mass Stan Ridley RIP (A. Ridley)

Sunday 22nd September 2019

9.30am Mass Pat Kenny RIP (N. Clifford-Shah)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 23rd September 2019

No Mass

Tuesday 24th September 2019

6.30pm Mass Bernadette Burcham RIP (E. Bullock)

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 25th September 2019

9.15am Mass Margaret Feeney RIP (Jim & Family)

Thursday 26th September 2019

9.15am Mass John Flynn RIP (J & P O'Donnell)

Adoration & Benediction

Friday 27th September 2019

9.15am Mass Mary & Stanley Clegg RIP (Foundation)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY – TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 28th September 2019

6.00pm Mass Mary Clegg RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 29th September 2019

9.30am Mass People of the Parish

11.30am Mass Dora & Charles Revell RIP (Family)

Monday 30th September 2019

No Mass

Tuesday 1st October 2019

6.30pm Mass Franklin Rodrigues RIP (G & J Carvalho)

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

9.30am Mass Fulvia Cagliesi RIP (E. Solomon)

Thursday 3rd October 2019

9.15am Mass The Unborn & Souls In Purgatory (V. Ako)

Adoration & Benediction

Friday 4th October 2019

9.15am Mass Jim McCann RIP (P. Bhanji)

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS: The 'Year of the God who Speaks', which runs from 2019-2020, is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales. Bishop Alan Williams will open the Year at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 12th October. This will be followed by the launch of our renewed evangelisation website www.whatgoodnews.org the main part of the day will be dedicated to two talks by Fr Adrian Graffy entitled 'Beginning with Genesis', which will provide a fresh reading of the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. Copies of the newly-published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church.

MICHAEL DOPP – EVANGELISATION WHY/WHAT/HOW? on Friday 4th October, **Workshop** 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm & **Presentation:** 6.30 pm - 9 pm; **Location:** Cathedral Hall, Brentwood. Sign up: Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/evangelisation-whywhathow-michael-dopp-tickets-66879385041 or email adeleangelevangelisation@outlook.com. Content - What is Evangelization/New Evangelization; Why Evangelize? What holds us back (why we don't evangelize and how to overcome), Witness/Proclamation, Kerygma; Testimony, Genesis Model; Evangelization in a parish, parish renewal. Michael Dopp is dedicated to evangelization and mission projects all over the world. He has presented to 18 Diocese and over 50 parishes, he has led presentations for priests, deacons, university students, prayer groups, RCIA, sacramental preparation groups, adult faith formation, and more. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. We ask for a donation of £5 per person for one or both sessions.

FORMATION COURSE – A DAY ABOUT COMMUNICATION - Playing my part in the changing Church: On Saturday 19th October from 10 am – 3 pm. Location: English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ. Sign up: Eventbrite: eventbrite.com/e/formation-course-communication-tickets-66996742059 or email edeleangelevangelisation@outlook.com. In these times of rapid change, how do we discover God's desires, communicate effectively with one another and work together with genuine hope? This day will help you: learn the basic skills of discernment; understand better the challenges that we face in times of change, develop some practical strategies for more effective communication and better collaboration. Ruth Holgate & Fr David Smolira, Jesuits from Farm Street will lead the day. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. The event is free.

CAFÉ FORMATION DAY – LET IT BE: On Saturday 23 November from 10 am – 3 pm. **Location:** The Blessed Sacrament, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU. Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caffe-formation-day-tickets-66323010911> or email adeleangelevangelisation@outlook.com. Day input from: David Payne, Director of Catholic Faith Exploration. An engaging and inspirational day for Deacons, Catechists, Evangelisation and Ongoing Formation Teams, and those who want to grow in faith. Experience the series message of evangelisation with the CaFE team to answer questions. Each booked attendee receives a free course book! **Places are limited**, to book your seat register at Eventbrite as above. One place will be reserved for each parish until the 30.09.19. Event is free, confirmed booking for entry. An offering will be taken to cover expenses.

THE READINGS FOR TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2019

First reading:	Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i>
Second reading:	2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel:	Luke 17: 5-10

NOTICES

FIRST COMMUNION 2020: Fr Paul will meet the prospective First Communion children and their parents on Sunday 22nd September at 1pm or Wednesday 25th September at 7pm in the parish hall. You will need to bring with you:-

1. Completed Application form (available from the church porch)
2. Copy of the child's baptism certificate.

Details of the course dates and expectations will be in the welcome letter if your application has been successful. Priority for places on the course will be given to parishioners of The Blessed Sacrament there will be no other opportunity to sign up for the course and attendance at the meeting does not guarantee a place on the course.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The confirmation program will start again soon. Anyone in year 10 or above from September 2019 wishing to be confirmed next year, please take an application form from the back of the church and return as soon as possible. Any questions please contact Annette Cavanagh on 07554965142.

EVENING PRAYER: Please note there is no Evening Prayer on Sunday 22nd September, Friday 27th September or Sunday 6th October.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: Friday 27th September 2019 at 10am in the church hall. Donations of cakes would be gratefully accepted please contact Liz Allen on 07791 860113 if you are able to donate cakes.

JUSTICE & PEACE NEWS: The Justice and Peace group will be holding a simple soup lunch at 12noon in the church hall on Friday, October 4th ... Family Fast Day. All the money raised, and the money collected from the parish envelopes which will be given out at the weekend Masses on 28th/29th September, will be sent to Cafod for the purchase of solar powered pumps, which have transformed the lives of those living in isolated rural communities. Children like Fabiano who used to trek miles for water each day until Cafod installed one of these pumps in his drought stricken Ugandan village. Now he and his friends can collect water safely and quickly and get to school on time. Please come and join us to raise money so that other children, and their families, living in desperately dry communities can benefit from safe, clean water.

FOODBANK: the Food Bank require the following: Tinned meat, fish, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding, Sachet soup, dried pasta, instant mash, long life milk, fruit squash, instant custard, sponge puddings, jam, honey. Please keep to this list as requested THANK YOU. Person responsible for September Sheila & Tim Gillies. Person responsible for October is Noreen Clifford-Shah.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Organiser for September – Liz Allen 07791 860113. Organiser for October – Jean Sporle 01245 263747.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Please keep hold of your newsletter as it covers 3 weekends. The parish office will be closed during that time and re-open on Tuesday 8th October.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS: Fr Paul will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice on Sunday 6th October at 12.45pm in the church. You need only to see Fr Paul if your child and your family are known to him and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass on a Sunday. If your child and your family are not known to him and do not attend Sunday Mass, please complete the forms required by the school and return them directly to the school.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Parish Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November. More details to follow shortly.

REPOSITORY NEWS: There is a beautiful selection of Christmas cards and gifts now available in the repository.

LITTLE2BIG VOICES: Hi, I'm Jane who leads the music in the Church. I am starting a singing/music class called Little 2 Big Voices. This will be on Tuesdays in the Church Hall. There are two age groups 4-11years from 4-5pm and 11-18 years from 5-6.30pm. This is a fun interactive vocal group, teaching reading of music using Stave House plus singing all kinds of music as well as give opportunities to sing solo's or small group singing. We then sing in the Community often raising money for charity. Within two years we have already raised £2000. For more details and fees see www.little2bigvoices.co.uk or contact Jane on Tel: 07952610223 - www.janeparkermusic.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY: This year our community theme is CLIMATE CHANGE – a crucial issue of our time of which Pope Francis has said a great deal. Addressing world leaders, he declared a global “climate emergency”, warning of the dangers of global heating and that a failure to act urgently to reduce greenhouse gases being “a brutal act of injustice toward the poor and future generations”. Our first session on the theme is taking place on Sunday 6 October & everyone is welcome. We are showing the film, ‘An Inconvenient Truth’, which is described as ‘a wake-up call that cuts through myths & misconceptions to deliver the message that global warming is a real & present danger’. The film lasts an hour & a half. It will be shown in our Colchester house, 72, Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD & arrivals are from 2pm with a prompt 2.15pm start. The film will be followed by tea & then Evening Prayer – whole afternoon likely to be over by 4.45pm. If you would like to come please let us know in person or via. 01245 604108 anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk. Thanks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Weekend 14th/15th September: Envelopes £267.15, Loose Plate £290.79, Bankers Order: £291.52, total £849.46. Second Collection – Home Mission Sunday £198.28. Thank you for your generosity.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to announce that it will be holding a Christmas Craft and Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Rayleigh on Sunday 3rd November 10.30-4pm. Admission is only £1.50 and free for children under 14. If you are interested in having a stall at the event to sell your crafts or Christmas goodies, these are charged at £27. Please contact Libby if you are interested in being one of our stallholders: lpillips@bccs.org.uk

SAINT JOHN PAYNE PTA PHOTOMARATHON 2019 (NO RUNNING INVOLVED!): Following the success of last year, you are warmly invited to attend the 2019 Photomathon at Saint John Payne on Saturday 28th September. Entry to the competition is £5. Registration is from 9:30am for a 10:00am start. Competitors will have 4 hours to take 8 photos on topics given to them at registration and must be back to Photo HQ by 2pm. Digital cameras and mobile phones are permitted for the taking of the photos. Please invite all friends and family as this is a whole community event. Please contact Joe Kelly at school for further info on 01245 256030.

YOUTH GATHER 2019: An amazing encounter for your young people (aged school year 9-13) 26th & 27th October 2019. As well as all the outward bound activities over the weekend (zip wire, high ropes, archery and much more) at Mersea Island (near Colchester, Essex), we are delighted to be joined by a panel of “BCYS alumni.” Part of the BCYS over the last 10-15 years, this interesting group includes a strategist in the Home Office, a Metropolitan Police Sergeant with a very special role, a press officer at HMRC, dealing with tax evasion and crime, a classroom teacher and a school lead practitioner. Two of the panel are married to each other, and one is engaged. Come and hear them tell their stories, and share how they navigate the (sometimes very difficult) balance of decisions in their working life and living their Catholic faith. It will be a fascinating encounter for teenagers considering their own pathways in life. Full details and booking information at www.bcys.net/events and the cost of £50 includes food, cabin accommodation, and coach transport from Stratford, Romford, Brentwood, Basildon, Southend or Chelmsford.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will take place at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EY, on Saturday 28 September at 2.30pm. Father Bob White of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (and formerly Vicar of St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood) will speak on ‘From Anglicanism to Catholicism.’ All are most welcome.

COME AND SING COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT: A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St. Luke based on the liturgy used for centuries by monastic communities. A serene and contemplative end to the bustle of the day in psalmody and hymnody at Corpus Christi, Collier Row, RM5 2AP on 18th October, 2019 Come and sing with us (Rehearsal time 7.30 p.m.) or join us for the service (9 p.m.) Rehearsal Time: 7.30 p.m. Musical director James Davy. Retiring Collection. For further information or to book if singing please contact Shirley Timmins by e mail to shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302. Or book on the RSCM Website rscm-eel.org.

THE CRASH COURSE, Catholic sexual morality explained to young people. Course starting October 2019, go to www.crashcourse.org.uk for full details and free registration. Come and be surprised at the beauty of our Catholic Faith in some of the most challenging areas of life!