

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 23rd September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Breda O’Sullivan (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 th September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Gertrude D’Souza (R.I.P) Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 25 th September – Feria	9.00am	John & Shirley Barulis (R.I.P)
Tuesday 26 th September – Feria	9.00am	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Wednesday 27 th September – St Vincent de Paul	9.00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Thursday 28 th September – Feria	9:00am	Fr Paul Hardy (R.I.P)
Friday 29 th September – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.00am	Chris Burke (Int)
Saturday 30 th September – St Jerome	9.00am	Thanksgiving

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 30 th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Mary & Joe Kelly
Sunday 1 st October – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Frederick Onodu (R.I.P) Bridget & Owen Cullen

Thought for the week:

There are those who give little of much which they have, and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gift unwholesome. And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty. There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. And there are those who give with pain and pain is their baptism. All you have shall someday be given; therefore, give now, that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors. –

Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
23rd & 24th September 2023

Dear Friends,
As we listen to the Gospel today, we remind ourselves that we are all workers in the Lord’s vineyard and we might well ask ourselves the important question, which concerns us all in this difficult time. What is the key challenge of our time? Surely, it is the struggle to live true to our humanity and to Christ. Our wounded world cries out in so many ways. Our dreams and our fears wrestle with one another. Left to one’s own self, each of us can be tempted to withdraw from the crucial struggle. It is Jesus who calls us into community as friends and co-workers in God’s Kingdom. Jesus gives us, through his life-giving spirit, the power to bring real hope to our world. It is from Jesus himself that the great challenges come – the challenges of the Gospel itself: To come and see what Faith might be; to be open to accept forgiveness; to recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread; to ponder on the Word of God and to pray like Mary the Mother of God and our mother for the strength to be faithful to our Baptism calling and always to be totally receptive and open to the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of all believers; to find and follow the Way of Christ in the World of today; to let go of self and give oneself for others; to learn to love the least of people, even our enemies; to become instruments for peace and reconciliation in a selfish, unjust and violent world; to become bearers of a living Gospel that can heal our world. As the words of our first reading today, say: ‘Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near’.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iwan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

17th & 18th September

Loose

£479.95

Envelopes

£344.65

Donations and Gift Aid Form:

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Mother and Toddlers Group:

The Mothers and Toddlers group are expanding their meetings. There are now classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Please call Maria on 07751 236262 to find out more details.

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 14th October in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024

The first meeting for parents, to provide general information regarding the programme, will be held at the Parish Centre this Sunday the 24th of September at 4.30pm.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA)- Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions which commence on Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

Christmas Bazaar 2023:

The Christmas Bazaar will take place this year on 25th of November 2023 in the Parish Hall at 12-3pm. More information will follow later.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School Open Evening

The open evening for the 2024 admissions is on Thursday 5th of October 2023. Tours begin at 6pm. Headteachers address at 7.30pm. Parking for disabled guests only on site.

Primary School Link Adviser

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Readers for Sunday Mass

Would you be able to help with the Readings at 11am Mass on a Sunday? We only have a couple of readers for the 11am Mass and could really do with some more people. If you are able to help, please speak to Father Maurice or Deacon Ken.

Confirmation Programme:

Forms are now available at the back of the Church for those wishing to make their Confirmation this year. If you wish to join the programme, please complete the form fully and bring it to your interview on the 1st or 2nd of October 2023. Please sign up for a time on one of these dates – again, the sign-up sheet is at the back of the Church.

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cecilia O'Connor who died recently. Her requiem Mass will take place on the 5th October 2023 at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Secondary School Forms

Father Maurice will be signing Secondary school forms (for September 2024) on the 8th October from 5pm-7pm and then the 9th October from 6pm-7pm.

Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator:

The successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Full Job description is attached. Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work). Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience) Contract: A fixed 3 year contract. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

Right to Life

Let us pray for peace and justice for all, especially for people who are unable to speak for themselves, including some people in hospital and some people with disabilities, as well as the unborn.