

MASS INTENTIONS
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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| Saturday 22nd June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm | Michael O’Dea (Int) |
| Sunday 23rd June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | Mark Finnegan |
| | 11.00am | Susan & Martin Marsh 25 th Wedding Anniversary |
| Monday 24 th June – Nativity of St John the Baptist | 9.00am | Marie Lawlor |
| Tuesday 25 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Mick Finnegan (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 26 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Olaf Lobo (Good Health) |
| Thursday 27 th June – Feria | 9:00am | Frank Ellis (R.I.P) |
| Friday 28 th June – St Irenaeus | 9.00am | Sinjin Shinto (Int) |
| Saturday 29 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Margaret Kelly (R.I.P) |

SS PETER & PAUL (B)

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| Saturday 29 th June – SS Peter & Paul | 6.30pm | Jim Muldoon (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 30 th June – SS Peter & Paul | 9.00am | Susan Williams (R.I.P) |
| | 11.00am | Susan Pritchett (R.I.P) |

Thought for the Week: Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen. – World Day of Prayer for Priests (7th of June)**



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22nd & 23rd June 2024

Dear Friends,

When things are going well, it can be easy to say we have faith. But it is the difficulties of life which really call upon faith. This applies also in our everyday lives. We might find ourselves in a sudden tragedy, or we might hit rock bottom with an illness like depression or addiction. In all cases, we find ourselves confronted and threatened by dark forces that we cannot control. A man called Bill Wilson hit rock bottom with his addiction to alcohol. At that point, he recognised that his only hope was to trust in the power of God, which is greater than his own strength and that of his addiction. He prayed the words of Psalm 129, ‘Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord, Lord hear my voice’. His life was changed. In the wake of that prayer, he never drank again, and this experience, of handing his life over to God was the basis for the 12-step programme, which alcoholics and other addicts all around the world use to help them overcome their addictions.

When faced with our own weakness, it is natural to be frightened. But Jesus says to the disciples, and He says to us, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ Let us have the humility to recognise that we are not self-sufficient. Many storms threaten us, but we do not need to be afraid. Our Lord has authority over all things, and we should not even fear death itself. He has the power and authority to save and redeem even those situations, which to us, seem hopeless.

PRAYER

In the beginning, O God, your Word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fears into faith by your saving presence. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*God Bless
Father Maurice*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Anne Dunn, Rose Dique, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, 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, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Joanne Gardener, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Bernie Whoriskey, 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:

15th & 16th June 2024

Loose

£453.51

Envelopes

£478.50

Mother and Toddlers Group:

We are excited to announce that our Baby & Toddler Group are finalists in the Havering Small Business Awards! Please do vote for us online under the 'Best Social Enterprise or CIC' category.

<https://havering-self.achieveservice.com/service/LBH-Voting-for-Small-Business-Award>

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 13th of July in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024

A couple of last-minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

Youth Mass, Thursday 4th July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024:

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](https://www.brentwoodlourdes.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

Right to Life

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist. We pray that like St John the Baptist leaping in his mother's womb, we may recognise Christ in our neighbour, especially the unborn

New Lectionary:

You may have heard that a new translation of the scripture readings for Mass has been authorised and will come into use from Advent this year. Various editions of people's missals will be made available from the usual publishers; if you are looking to buy one for yourself or as a gift do take care to make sure you get the new version which will typically only be on pre-order at present.

Battle of the Organs – Brentwood Cathedral

On Saturday June 29th at 8pm, a one-off event will take place in Brentwood Cathedral...a Battle of the Organs. The mighty Cathedral instrument, originally built by Hunter, and rebuilt in 1990 by Daniel of Clevedon, will go head-to-head with a new Allen GX350. Allen Organs UK are very kindly lending us the instrument not only for the Battle, but also for the following morning to allow the Cathedral Choir to sing one of the great French double organ Masses at the 11.30am Mass. Tickets are £15 and £7.50 for under 16s, and are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/83220321803> Further details available from Richard Nott at organisttraining@brcdt.org

The General Election 2024:

This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The bishops remind us: *"We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead."* The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Foodbank:

There is now a permanent container in the porch of the church for the Foodbank, and for baby milk for the baby bank. Items will be picked up fortnightly, or when full. Contact info: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org / 01277 373959

Rediscover your Marriage:

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email :

retrouvilleinfo@gmail.com – or visit: www.retrouville.org.uk