

MASS INTENTIONS
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 13 th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	John Finan (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am	Graham Wood (Int)
	11.00am	Chuks Onodu (Int)
Monday 15 th July– St Bonaventure	9.00am	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
Tuesday 16 th July – Feria	9.00am	Gregory Adams (R.I.P)
Wednesday 17 th July – Feria	9.00am	Bill & Edward Shorey (R.I.P)
Thursday 18 th July – Feria	9:00am	Rena Carty
Friday 19 th July – Feria	10.00am	Rosetta Reehill Funeral Mass
Saturday 20 th July – Feria	9.00am	Maria Poddington (Ints)

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Saturday 20 th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	Eilish Madden (R.I.P)
Sunday 21 st July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am	People of Parish
	11.00am	Janice Laird (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week: The Pope's Monthly Intention

July – *For the pastoral care of the sick:* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

August – *For political leaders:* We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



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13th & 14th July 2024

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel, Jesus begins to send His disciples out. At this point, they had been with him for some time, and had observed Him preaching, casting out evil spirits and healing the sick. He invests them with His authority and sends them out to do the same. But He gives them some specific instructions: they are not to take with them any bread, a haversack or money, nor are they to be concerned about accommodation. This might seem bizarre to us, if any of us go on a journey, we are anxious to prepare well and make sure that we have everything we need. Jesus tells his disciples in their travels, to carry with them only sandals and a walking stick. Not what you would call being prepared by our standards. We know instinctively what items will give us greater comfort and security – at least in our material journeys. On our spiritual journeys, however, 'being prepared' means abandoning our props and supports and entrusting ourselves to God. It means learning detachment from things, places and not being possessive of others, so that we have the freedom we need to see and love God and each other.

Jesus, help each of us to learn to 'travel light' in our spiritual journey.

PRAYER God of justice, God of salvation, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours is the work we do, yours the message we carry. Keep your Church single minded and faithful to you. Let failure not discourage us nor success enslave our hearts, as you send us to proclaim the gospel. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God Bless
Canon 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:

6th & 7th July 2024

Loose

£638.88

Envelopes

£236.00

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 10th of August 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

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer:

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from this Friday the 19-26th July, Canon Maurice and 5 young people from the Parish will be going on the pilgrimage and if any parishioners would like to give Canon Maurice prayer petitions, he will bring them to the Grotto of our Lady on your behalf. There is a box at the back of the Church so if you would kindly put them in and he will bring them with him.

Rediscover your Marriage:

Retrouville 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

Right to Life

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn.

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Dique who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place this Wednesday 17th July at 12.15pm. Her remains will be brought into the Church this Tuesday 16th at 5.00pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Rosetta Reehill who also died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place this Friday 19th July at 10am. Please also pray for the repose of the souk of Bethel Dike. His funeral will take place on the 26th July at 10am. May they rest in peace.

St Alban's – Reception Class for September 2024

There are currently vacancies in the Reception Class starting this coming September. If you know of any families looking for a Reception space for September, please advise them to contact the school office. Some families who are not practising may have chosen not to apply as they could not complete the Catholic Practice certificate. They would be very welcome to apply. Call 01708 555644 for more information or help with applying.

Vacancy Walsingham House Retreat Manager

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

Ordination anniversary

Many thanks for all your very kind comments, cards and gifts on the anniversary of my ordination. Melon was very grateful for the wonderfully bright flowers. As so many said, where have the last ten years gone? It has certainly been eventful, and I look forward to whatever the future may bring us all as a parish as we move forward. – **Deacon Ken**

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 27th - 28th July to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated (when you help the poor you help our Lord").