

MASS INTENTIONS
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 6 th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am	Richard Mahony (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 8 th July– Feria	9.00am	Francis Thomas (R.I.P)
Tuesday 9 th July – Feria	9.00am	Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)
Wednesday 10 th July – Feria	9.00am	Adele Bruce (R.I.P)
Thursday 11 th July – St Benedict	9:00am	Eliya Mathew (R.I.P)
Friday 12 th July – Feria	9.00am	John Balson (R.I.P)
Saturday 13 th July – Feria	9.00am	Tom Flynn (R.I.P)

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)

Thought for the Week: St Benedict, Abbot and Patron of Europe
Feast Day 11th of July – 6 Inspiring Quotes:

1. 'The first degree of humility is prompt obedience.'
2. 'The sleepy like to make excuses.'
3. 'Be careful to be gentle, lest in removing the rust, you break the whole instrument.'
4. 'Run while you have the light of life, lest the darkness of death overtake you.'
5. 'Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of Divine grace.'
6. 'Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me' (Matt. 25:35).'



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6th & 7th July 2024

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned to his hometown of Nazareth and follows His usual custom of teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. On other occasions we see Him working many great miracles, but here He only cures a few sick people. On this occasion, the people of Nazareth, his own people, reject Him, and He is amazed at their lack of faith. They would have known Jesus as He grew up, and perhaps their familiarity with Him blinds them to His true identity. Hence their astonishment; they say, "Where did the man get all this?" We too must avoid the same trap. Perhaps we are acquainted with Jesus in some sense, but fail to recognise His divine presence, especially in the Holy Eucharist, in the bread and wine that will become His Body and Blood? It is not enough to know of Jesus, we must actually know Him and give our lives to Him. This requires faith on our part. Faith is the virtue which most moves and affects the heart of Jesus. When He sees someone with faith, He always responds. Think of the numerous times in the Gospels when we hear, "Go your faith has saved you" or similar words which commend faith. Likewise, He challenges those who have no faith, "When the Son of Man appears, will He find any faith on earth?" He wept over Jerusalem, because of the people's lack of faith. Our personal weaknesses can be an obstacle to our faith. Like St Paul in the second reading, we will probably recognise a "thorn in the flesh", in ourselves, something persistent, which pulls us down and can discourage us. We might feel desperate to be rid of it, whatever it is for us, as St Paul was (he prayed for it to be taken away many times). But the Lord revealed to him that His grace is sufficient, and that His power is at best in weakness. The lesson for us is that we should be conscious of our weaknesses, because they prevent us from becoming inflated with pride. Paul could have taken pride in his apostolic position, as if his talents entitled him to it. In point of fact, none of us is 'entitled' to anything; all we have is a gift from God. Knowing our weaknesses should rouse faith in us, drawing us into the covenant relationship with God, trusting that His power will work through our weaknesses.

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:

29th & 30th June 2024

Loose

£641.08

Envelopes

£482.20

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 this 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

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 \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

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:

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

We pray for our newly elected Members of Parliament, that their ability to support the most vulnerable in society would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Dique who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place next Wednesday 17th July at 12.15pm. Her remains will be brought into the Church next 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 on Friday 19th 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.

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Vacancy - Campion Secondary School

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), Hours: up to 32 hours per week/ 39 weeks per year, **Grade:** APTC 5 Points 12 – 15, **Actual Salary:** £23,141 - £24,922 (based on 32 hours per week) p.a pro rata, **Contract:** Permanent, **Start:** September 2024 Please apply online via Jobs Go Public (Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Hornchurch) or via our website under - About Us – Work for the Campion School. Please contact hfielder@thecampionschool.org.uk if you require further information. Application forms need to be completed by Monday 8th July at 12pm. Interviews will be held that week.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer:

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 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.