

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October - <b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Bernard Kienan (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Osyth</b>	9.00am	Bridget Fowley & Family (Int)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St John Henry Newman</b>	9.00am	Jenny Jones (R.I.P)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October - Feria	9:00am	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Marykuty Chacko (R.I.P)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga</b>	9.00am	Eddie & Martha Dwyer (Int)

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	Neil Nagle Anniversary Mass
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Thanksgiving

**Thought for the week:**

The Rosary is not an optional extra. It has the potential to transform our lives if we are willing. So where does that leave those of us who genuinely find it difficult to concentrate whilst praying the Rosary? Despite feeling I don't pray the Rosary particularly well, over the last few years in which I've been praying it on a daily basis, there are several things I've come to realise. Whilst we can pray the Rosary to varying degrees of perfection, it is not really possible to pray the Rosary badly. Although we should always hope that we might learn to pray the Rosary better, we are never worse off for praying it. – **Fr Robert Verrill OP**



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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Dear Friends,  
 Many of us were raised in the romantic era of the fairy tale when boy and girl met, fell in love, overcame an obstacle, married in a gorgeous ceremony of white lace, flowers and sunshine and then lived happily ever after; and were never heard from again. Today we are exposed to the cold winds of chat show and media coverage, which shatter those dreams as romantic illusion.

No wonder that some fear committing themselves to marriage as they feel torn between the powerful attractions of romance and the fear that their love will disintegrate. Even wedding day conversations among guests can include comments like; 'well they should know each other well enough' 'let's hope it works out for them' You can almost smell the uncertainty. Of course, neither the romantic idealism nor the fear of commitments is an adequate view of marriage. Both are extreme. Marriage is a new beginning not an end. There is life after marriage, and life continues to confront us with pleasure, obstacles and challenges.

If we are side-tracked into committing ourselves to circumstances or to behaviour – then our commitment is conditional and constantly changing. Commitment is to the present moment, whatever is before you. Commitment is walking through today with the partner and circumstances you have – not the ones you think you should have or deserve. Christ's commitment to the Father was from moment to moment, not a sentiment about the future; 'I always do the things that please him' Marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance work goes on down here on earth.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

***Please pray for all who are sick, including:***

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Anne Dunn, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, 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, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, 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, Melon Vigo, 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:**

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Loose**

£549.50

**Envelopes**

£270.50

**Right to Life:**

Last week we celebrated the feast days of both St Thérèse of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. Let us pray with their powerful intercession for our that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm. Parents meet at the Church and Children will meet in the Parish hall.

**Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm**

With guest speakers, new workshops, exciting resources and fresh ideas. Open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including First Holy Communion / Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy, especially any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the Parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.

**Job Vacancies:**

**Recruitment - Cook** (Job share):

Two cooks required to work via a job share in a unique position within a small Religious Community based in **Colchester** – The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. Shift pattern: **1200hrs to 1900hrs**. Two days per week and alternate weekends.

If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to:

[caremanager@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:caremanager@canonesses.co.uk) or 07932657038. **Application closing date:**

**15/10/2024**

**Vocation Programme:**

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 8 October at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Mark Reilly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

This Sunday we continue with our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 to 7pm, everybody's welcome for as long as you want to come, please feel free to pop in for a quiet prayer for family's intentions etc. as we begin a new week.

**Confirmation Programme 24/2025:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at 4pm. We have 21 young people preparing for the sacrament. Do keep them in your prayers as we begin the programme.

**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 session which is at 7:30pm in the Presbytery every Monday.

**Baby & Toddler Group:**

The Mothers and Toddlers group meets every day (Mon – Fri) and this includes Zumba exercise class every Monday at 9:30am, which you can also bring your child to! The cost is £6 per person. To book please contact Diana on 07886 159 647.

This group offers a variety of fun and engaging classes and playgroup sessions for under 5's. Check out our website for more information - <https://stalbanscic.my.canva.site>

For any further information please contact Maria on 07751 236262

**Unite in 'compassionate action' to oppose assisted suicide, says Bishop:**

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, is encouraging Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action as Parliament prepares to renew the debate around assisted suicide:

For more information, please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/)

**Dates for your Diary**

- St Albans Parish and School Family Mass is on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November at 11am.
- The Bazaar will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 starting at 12.00pm. Please remember to bring donations of drinks, toiletries, raffle prizes for the day.
- The Choir concert will be on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm.
- The Christmas Nativity Service will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.

**Secondary school forms:**

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October from 5-7pm and on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.

**Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism Course will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Readers Day:**

There is a meeting arranged for all readers at Sion Community Brentwood on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. The meeting is focused on the new lectionary and start at 10:00am and is scheduled to finish 2 to 2:30pm. Lunch is provided. Please let Tom McManus know if you will be going. Email: [tom.mcmanus7@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mcmanus7@gmail.com) Mobile: 07840 760907. It is important that all readers attend.