

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Catherine Mair (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Eileen Newman (R.I.P)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Mrs Willson (Int)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September – <b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b>	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	9:00am	Lauren Bramman (R.I.P)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Danny Mainoo (R.I.P)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	9:00am	Anthony Raj (R.I.P)

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<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6:30pm	John Keogh (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

**Thought for the week:**

Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ's grace. In this sense, the Church herself, in all her members, is increasingly called to be "a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity". – **Pope Leo XIV**



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**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

Dear friends,

Materialism, consumerism, and greed are inseparable. They are hallmarks of the decadence which has overwhelmed this civilisation, shifting values away from the attainment of human fulfilment towards the creation of inner impoverishment. They have everything to do with accumulating riches and nothing with finding a meaning and purpose in life. Money is a great servant, with enormous potential for good but it makes a tyrannical master if allowed to take over a life.

Jesus warns us in today's Gospel that money can make a slave out of the possessor. The poor must never be exploited by the rich for the sake of material gain. Money and power need to be put into proper perspective in our lives. The early Christians understood that those who shared in the breaking of the bread were obliged to share with the needy members of the community.

**Points For Reflection This Week:**

Possessions can trap and enslave people. They are most joyous when they are shared and used to build up communities. We are called to remind the world that possessions are to be used in the service of the Gospel and for the benefit of all.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

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

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, 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, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan 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, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, 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:**

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **Loose**

£583.64

### **Envelopes**

£346.20

### **Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

### **Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:**

The next session will take place this Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish hall and Parents in the Church. We also continue the sessions for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.10am to 10.45am just before 11am Mass.

### **Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm**

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese. There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more! Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. **Next date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

### **Confirmation Program**

Application forms are now available for year 2025/2026 for year 10 upwards. Please take a form from the back of the Church and return it by the 28<sup>th</sup> September for the interview with Canon Maurice on that date at 5pm

### **Statue of Mary**

If you wish to take the Statue of Mary home for the week, **PLEASE** make sure you book it in the diary provided in the office.

### **Retrouvaille – Marriage Support:**

Holidays periods can be very stressful for marriages and couples often suffer in silence. Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17<sup>th</sup> October [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or Tel: 07887 296983.

### **Holy Hour:**

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence.

### **Volunteers Needed to Serve the Parish Community from September onwards**

- **We need six volunteers to count the weekly offertory; this will allow a rota system to be established which would minimise the commitment. Please contact the Office, Deacon Ken or Canon Maurice.**

### **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 recommences this year on the Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

### **Secondary school forms:**

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October from 5-7pm and on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.

### **Mother & Toddler Group:**

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or 07774 719 806 for more information.

### **R.I.P:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Smith who died recently, her funeral will take place at South Essex Crematory, Upminster on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October at 11:40am. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Keys. Her remains will be brought into the church on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 4:30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October at 11:30am. Also pray for John Keogh whose funeral will take place at Upminster Crematorium on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 2:30pm. May they rest in peace.

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest:**

Family Fast Day will take place on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. Envelops will be given out next Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water.

### **Job Vacancy:**

**[Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford](#)**

**Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), 29th September 2025**

**[Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch](#)**

**Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 6th October 2025\_**