

MASS INTENTIONS
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 25th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 27 th October – Feria	9:00am	Lennon Fernandes (Birthday Int)
Tuesday 28 th October – SS Simon & Jude	9:00am	Anthony Raj (R.I.P)
Wednesday 29 th October – Feria	9:00am	Patrick Jordan
Thursday 30 th October – Feria	9:00am	Fr Slawomir Hermanowicz (R.I.P)
Friday 31 st October – Feria	9:00am	Mg. David Ford (R.I.P)
Saturday 1 st November – Feria	9:00am	Fr Brian McWilliams (R.I.P)

All Saints (Year C)

Saturday 1st November – All Saints	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd November – All Saints	9:00am	Carty Family Deceased
	11:00am	Ann Larkin (R.I.P 1 st anniv.)

Reflection on Why Sunday Matters: We remember our rich tradition in word and song that celebrates Sunday

We bid you welcome, blessed Sunday, a fine lovely day after the week, a fine and lovely day to speak to Christ. Stir your feet and make your way to Mass. Stir your heart and drive from it all spite. Stir your lips and speak words of blessing, look up and see the Son of the blessed Nurse, the Son of the Virgin, for it was he who redeemed us; may we be his in life and in death.



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
25th & 26th October 2025

Dear friends,

Last Sunday's readings were about our need to pray continually. Today's Readings are again about prayer – how to pray, how not to pray and the fruits of true prayer. The Gospel tells of the Pharisee and the tax collector going to the Temple to pray. One is proud, the other humble. The prayer of the first goes unheard, the prayer of the second wins salvation. There is something of the proud Pharisee in all of us. The tax collector's prayer is 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner' In saying this he was simply being realistic and honest.

Having an honest acceptance of ourselves and others is not easy. It is so much easier to puff ourselves up to pretend that we are something different and wholly better than we are, or to go to the other extreme and suffer painful insecurity of thinking ourselves worthless, valueless and unlovable. Both are connected in some way with being unable to recognise our true value and worth. The solution is not easy. But we can be freed from both pride and a sense of worthlessness by fostering an attitude of true humility in which we can be honest and gentle with ourselves as with others and turn to God with open hearts and minds.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION:

Think of the times you have either thought too much or too little of yourself or of other people. This week do something to try to build up someone's confidence in themselves. Try to offer to God in honesty and faith, any aspects of your own life that are troubling you.

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:

18th & 19th October 2025

Loose

£576.29

Envelopes

£390.00

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 8th of November 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 on Thursday the 6th of November 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 every Sunday at 10.10am to 10.45am just before 11am Mass.

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be on Saturday the 8th of November at 4pm.

St Albans School Intake:

Reception 2026 parents are invited to visit the school on 19th November at 9:30am and 20th November from 2pm and 6pm and the 21st of November at 9:30am. Father Maurice will be available to sign the school forms on Sunday the 23rd of November from 5 – 7pm and Monday the 24th 6 – 7pm.

Christmas Bazaar:

29th of November 12pm – 3pm. The success of any Bazaar is holily dependent on the generosity of the whole parish community. We would like to appeal to the parish for various gift items for the Bazaar this year. A Bazaar is not a Jumble Sale, so we do ask for new or nearly new items please. One of the most successful stalls is the 'Bottle Stall'. Toiletries are always popular. Children's toys & cuddly toys, which are in good conditions.

Right to Life:

We pray for all those with disabilities, including the unborn. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of assisted suicide and abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them.

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.

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 every Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Join Our Mission: Become a Trustee and Support Children's Wellbeing:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is currently seeking new Trustees with expertise in fundraising and marketing to help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Your skills and experience could play a vital role in shaping the future for children and young people, ensuring we continue providing essential services to children and families in need.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who might be a great fit, please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher, at bfisher@bccs.org.uk. She will be delighted to hear from you.

Catechists Meeting:

There will be a meeting for all Catechists on the 13th of December beginning with Mass at 9am and finishing with lunch at 2pm. All people who are involved as Catechists in the sacramental life of the Parish are invited to attend for support and for training in this very important work for passing on the faith.

Dates for the Dairy:

- **Parish-School Mass** – Saturday 1st of November at 6:30pm (Feast of All Saints)
- **Youth Sunday** – Sunday 23rd of November
- **Confirmation Retreat** – Friday 28th of November to Sunday 30th of November
- **Christmas Parish Bazaar** – Saturday 29th of November 12pm – 3pm
- **Carol Concert** – Sunday 7th of December 5:45pm
- **Church Carol Service** – Sunday 14th of December 5:30pm

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. *Right To Life UK* has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

Youth Sunday:

23rd November is World Youth Sunday, celebrating the young people of our Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, helping young people grow in faith through retreats, pilgrimages, and leadership opportunities.

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Anglim whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 11th of November at 10:30am at St Albans Church. Also pray for Marie Durcan whose funeral will take place at Our Lady and St Joseph's Church, Mill Rd, Stock, Ingatestone CM4 9LJ on Monday the 10th of November at 11am. May they Rest in Peace.