

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 11th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Neil Nagle Anniversary Mass
Sunday 12th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Margaret, Bernard & Henry Hughes
	11:00am	Tony Madden (R.I.P)
Monday 13 th October – Feria	9:00am	Helen Miranda (Int)
Tuesday 14 th October – Feria	9:00am	David Eyres
Wednesday 15 th October – St Teresa of Jesus	9:00am	Thanksgiving & Success in Examination research
Thursday 16 th October – Feria	9:00am	Antony Mathew (R.I.P)
Friday 17 th October – St Ignatius of Antioch	9:00am	Moses Family (Int)
Saturday 18 th October – St Luke	9:00am	Brian Harries (R.I.P)

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 18th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Michael & Christine O'Leary (R.I.P)
Sunday 19th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Met Police Widows
	11:00am	Parish Community

Thought for the week: Prayer for Strength – Pope John XXII (Feast day 11th of October)

Everyday I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome any fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring. And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. **Amen.**



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
11th & 12th October 2025

Dear friends,

Often, like the nine lepers, we fail to give God praise and thanks. We ask Jesus for healing, yet we may neither recognise nor appreciate the healing when he gives it. Even when we know that we have received healing we may fail to acknowledge that the Lord has answered our prayer. Why? Perhaps because we think, unconsciously, that expressing our gratitude will compromise our independence or place us in an inferior and vulnerable position. The streak of self-centredness is very strong in us. Because we do not want to be beholden to anyone, this stops the wellsprings of love and gratitude being released in our hearts. Jesus is hurt by our refusal or inability to give thanks He said: 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God except for this one foreigner.'

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, I do not wish my ingratitude to grieve the Lord. Create in me a heart that is truly grateful, a heart that overflows spontaneously with thanks and praise. **Amen.**

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:

4th & 5th October 2025

Loose

£730.42

Envelopes

£341.00

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 this Thursday the 16th of October 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.

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 6th November.**

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.

Secondary school forms:

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

Second Collection:

Next Sunday is the World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection.

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

Mothers & Toddlers Group:

On 9th – 15th October the Toddler Group will be taking part in Baby Loss Awareness Week. Baby Loss Awareness Week is an opportunity to bring us together as a community and give anyone touched by pregnancy and baby loss a safe and supportive space to share their experiences and feel that they are not alone. The Toddler Group will be creating a ribbon display on the Church gates (if you would like to place a personalised heart on the gate, please feel free to come to the Toddler Group Monday-Friday mornings during these dates). Families can also light a candle in the Church in remembrance.

Assisted Suicide Bill:

Please write a letter to the House of Lords regarding this Bill which had its second reading in the House of Lords on 12th and 19th of September to let them know this is not a good bill for our communities and the welfare of its people. To find the politicians to address the letter to, please visit: <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/peers/#M>

Harry Cambridge is Luther at Campion charity fundraiser:

This exciting charity evening is to take place at Campion School in Hornchurch on 31 October. Harry Cambridge, well-known for his breathtaking celebration of Luther Vandross, will perform to raise money for charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and the James Patterson Memorial Fund, which pays for cardiac testing of students each year. Doors open at 7 pm with a support act at 7.30 pm (some of the school's talented 6th form) and then Luther UK at 8.30. Tickets are £25 which includes five raffle tickets. A full bar will be available. Email: LLuff@thecampionschool.org.uk for tickets.

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.