

MASS INTENTIONS
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	Stanislav & Vera Mlechko (R.I.P)
Monday 20 th October – Feria	9:00am	Kai & Family (Int)
Tuesday 21 st October – Feria	9:00am	Departed Souls of Mandez Family
Wednesday 22 nd October – Feria	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 23 rd October – Feria	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Friday 24 th October – Feria	9:00am	Reshma D'Souza (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 25 th October – Feria	9:00am	Maria Durcan (R.I.P)

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)

Thought for the week: Message from Late Pope Francis last January on World Mission day 2025

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".



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18th & 19th October 2025

Dear friends,

This week is Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. It is the Catholic Church's only global annual collection supporting 1,124 mission territories facing challenges or persecution. On this day, parishes worldwide unite in prayer and giving to help missionaries build churches, train priests, support catechists, and serve communities in need. Thank you to all our supporters, benefactors, families, and friends for making our work possible. We include you all in our prayers on Mission Sunday. We give thanks for your faith and your continued support. We pray for all missionaries worldwide and give thanks for their vocation.

Pope Leo XIV message for this years Mission Sunday is, this is the missionary spirit that must animate us: not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person.

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:

11th & 12th October 2025

Loose

£585.92

Envelopes

£443.05

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 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.

Havering Street Pastors:

Borough Co-ordinator (Part-time, 8hrs/week - £14/hr)

Role includes Co-ordinating volunteer teams, Organising training and recruitment, Building relationships with the local Church, local authorities & community group. If you are interested, please contact Gary Seithel – gbseithel@gmail.com WhatsApp: 07962 146101. *Apply by 24th of October 2025.*

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.

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

Right to Life:

This Wednesday, we will celebrate the feast day of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

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.