

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 5th September – Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Denis Woods
Sunday 6th September – Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Gary Palmer (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 7th September – Feria	9:00am	Patricia Kathleen North (R.I.P)
Tuesday 8th September – The Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am	Lee Palmer (R.I.P)
Wednesday 9th September – Feria	9:00am	Father Maurice Special Int
Thursday 10th September – Feria	9:00am	Daniel & Family
Friday 11th September – Feria	9:00am	Rodger Tisi (R.I.P)
Saturday 12th September – Feria	9:00am	Philomina (R.I.P)

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Sunday 13th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Annamma Francis (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (15th September):

O Mother of Sorrows, most afflicted of all mothers! I look to you with confidence and love. As I meditate upon the swords of sorrow that pierced your immaculate Heart, obtain for me the grace of true repentance and the courage to bear my own sufferings with patience. Holy Mary, stand by me in my trials, care for me in my many needs, and pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.



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5th & 6th September 2026

Dear Friends,

The readings today emphasise the importance of the Christian Community and how we are all responsible for one another. The children went back to school this week for another academic year. Education is not only a matter of sending your children back to school, it is also a family matter. Much success of any child or young person depends on the interest, support, encouragement and sharing on the part of the parents.

This is at all stages – even when your child or children 'outgrow' your knowledge. Learn to listen to them and learn from them. All this is true of the education of children in the way of Faith. They receive the Spirit of the Lord many times in their lives, but do they allow it to affect their lives? 'Spirit of the living Lord fall afresh on me.' These words of a hymn, which is often sung at Mass or in prayer groups, asks for the continued gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christ promised that he would send his Spirit and this coming was made real at Pentecost. But we receive the Spirit when we were born again at our Baptism. We have been temples of the Holy Spirit ever since. We pray for all our children who returned to school this week. Send your Holy Spirit upon them as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. May they learn and grow strong in wisdom and knowledge. May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and minds, so that they may face the future in confidence and hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God Bless,
 Canon Maurice*



Online Version

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, Martha Dwyer, Zain Falzon, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Mary Williams, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Kathleen McGuire, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, 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, Graham 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:

29th & 30th August 2026

Loose

£504.50

Envelopes

£378.45

Monthly Youth Mass:

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 1st October** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on **Friday 11th September** at 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 12th of September at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Hour:

Please note Holy Hour continues **every Sunday 6 -7pm**. To pray for the intention to Stop Assisted Suicide in the vote in the House of Commons next Friday.

Bank Details:

Parishioners have been asking for the Bank details for their donations. Please make sure if you want to pay directly to the Bank you go to the office to fill out a gift aid form. If you do not pay tax please still see the office as we need details for the records.

BANK: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 31019848

Holy Communion Programme 2026/27:

Application forms are available from the back of the church until next Sunday 13th September 2026. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday 13th September at 4:30pm in the Parish centre for all parents wishing their child to receive First Holy Communion in May 2027. Applications are open to children who will be in Year 4 or above from September 2026.

Retreat for Ministers of Communion:

There will be an afternoon retreat for all Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday 20th September from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, beginning in the Parish Hall. All ministers are expected to attend. Please speak to Deacon Ken if you have any questions.

Stop assisted suicide - postcards available:

Thank you for signing the postcards last week at the Masses. I have posted them all on Thursday. If there are any parishioners who haven't signed it there is more at the back of the Church. Please post them to your MP after. Thank you.

Retrouvaille:

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: **2nd - 4th Oct.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

Confirmation Expression of Interest:

If you will be in Year 10 or above in September 2026 and wish to join confirmation, could you please let us know by e-mailing the parish using 'Confirmation' as the subject and send your name, and contact information. We will be in touch after the summer with an update. There is also a hard copy of the form at the back of the Church. These needs to be submitted by **Sunday 20th of September 2026.**

Gift Aid:

If you are a taxpayer and are putting into the Church collection if you fill out a form and give it into the office the Church can reclaim from the taxman 20p in every pound you donate.

200 Club:

If you wish to join the 200 club, please ask in the office. It is £5 a month and a way for the Church to make up funds for our expenses with an added bonus of a monthly draw whereby a member's name will be picked out and half the 200 monthly income will go to that member. You will be helping the church and possibly getting a little bonus once in a while.

World Apostolate Of Fatima:

This Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the **Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood**. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass (10:30am), this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan. As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosina Cahill who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on 30th September at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or call 07774 719 806 for more information.