

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

Saturday 10th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Deceased members of Barulis & Philo Families (RIP)
Sunday 11th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Mary Kitty Chacko (RIP)
	11:00am	Special Intention (St Jude)
Monday 12th October – Feria	9:00am	Bridgit Barulis (RIP)
Tuesday 13th October – Feria	9:00am	Helen Miranda (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 14th October – Feria	9:00am	Deceased members of Barulis & Philo Families (RIP)
Thursday 15th October – St Teresa of Jesus	9:00am	David Eyres (Int)
Friday 16th October – Feria	9:00am	Claudine (Blessing for Health)
Saturday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch	9:00am	Marceline, Anne & Lourdes (RIP)

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 17th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Marie Durcan (RIP)
Sunday 18th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Marla Balicao (RIP)
	11:00am	Ann Larkin (RIP)

Thoughts for the Week:

‘Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.’
Saint Pope John XXIII

‘Modern people listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.’
Saint Pope Paul VI



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
10th & 11th October 2026

Dear Friends,

Through the Gospels during October, God is portrayed as inviting us to a noble life of loving service. God is inviting, not coercing. This notion is worth pondering on at length. God calls us to work in his vineyard and to celebrate divine union. God calls us to life in which social obligations and divine authority go hand in hand. God first loves us that we might pass on his love to others. The idea of God seeking our response has inspired a beautiful passage on prayer in the catechism. The encounter of Jesus with a woman at the well sets the scene. ‘The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there Christ comes to meet every human being.

It is he, who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him'. The Lord calls us all to feast with him. The Eucharist we share on earth reminds us of his loving self-sacrifice for us and is a foretaste of the eternal banquet in heaven. Let us pray for ourselves as we celebrate this Eucharist together. Nourished by the living Christ, may we bring his love and sense of Joy to all we meet.

God Bless
Canon Maurice



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Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloaia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, 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 Gillling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Lorraine Herring, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, 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:

3rd & 4th October 2026

Loose

£701.42

Envelopes

£408.50

Monthly Youth Mass:

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 5th November** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 14th of November at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

World Mental Health Day:

We pray for all those who live with mental health battles and for those that support them, especially the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. May all those in need know that they are loved, valued and never alone, and may our communities be inspired by BCCS to be places of welcome, compassion and hope.

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:

The next session will be on Thursday 15th October at 7pm. Parents will meet in the Church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

St Alban's School:

Tours for prospective families starting school in September 2027 are on Monday 16th November at 9.30am, Thursday 19th November at 1.45pm & 6pm and Friday 20th November at 9.30am.

Confirmation:

The next session for Confirmation is Saturday 7th November at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

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.

Homelessness & the Cost of Living:

There will be a talk on this topic by Monsignor John Armitage on Catholic Social Teaching on Saturday the 17th of October at 9:45am – 12:30pm in our Parish Hall. All are welcome!

The Call to be Human Talks:

There are three more talks remaining by Fr Martin Boland, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre all at 7-8.30pm. 14th October - What has religion to do with morality? 21st October - What does it mean to be a free moral agent? And finally, 28th October Is Love all you need? All welcome, free admission.

Expectant Mothers

This Friday is the feast day of St Gerard Majella, the patron saint of unborn children and expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Lord hear us.

Sunday School:

Sunday School is at 10am every Sunday, the children will meet in the Presbytery and the Parents will meet in the Church meeting room. It is open for children Year 3 upwards and their siblings and this is designed to help children who go to non-Catholic schools to give them a firm foundation in their faith. But children also from Catholic schools are welcome too. And in particular any children that are preparing for their First Holy Communion are most welcome.

Christmas Bazaar:

Our Christmas Bazaar this year is on Saturday 28th November, 12-3pm. If anyone would like to help at the Bazaar please contact Maria – stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com.

Next week we are looking for donations of bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for our bottle tombola, please leave them in the box in the porch.

Post Confirmation Group:

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

Baby Loss Awareness Week:

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. Families can also light a candle in the Church in remembrance.

A Day With Mary:

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>