

MASS INTENTIONS
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)
Monday 19th October – Feria	9:00am	Deceased members of Barulis & Philo Families (RIP)
Tuesday 20th October – Feria	9:00am	Aleena (Int)
Wednesday 21st October – Feria	9:00am	Christine, Jerry & Family (RIP)
Thursday 22nd October – Feria	9:00am	Clarence Miranda (RIP)
Friday 23rd October – Feria	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (RIP)
Saturday 24th October – Feria	9:00am	Reshma D'Souza (Int)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 24th October – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	John Christmas (RIP)
Sunday 25th October – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Graham Wood (Int)
	11:00am	John Moody (RIP)

Thoughts for the Week:

“Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with Him. Theological insights are gained not only from between two covers of a book, but from two bent knees before an altar. The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and unpleasant atmosphere of the world.” *Blessed Fulton Sheen*

Holy Hour takes places every Sunday 6-7pm in this Church. All are welcome.



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17th & 18th October 2026

Dear Friends,

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal in support of overseas mission. It takes place in every parish worldwide where the Church is present.

World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are one global family in Christ. Through prayer and generosity, all Catholics are encouraged to help share God's love, and to support the Church where it is young, or where it is facing great challenges.

The Church's mission remains the same: to proclaim Christ and to serve humanity. Today, that mission is understood as the responsibility of every baptised person and is carried out through dialogue, justice, peace, care for creation, respect for cultures and witness to the Gospel.

The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope at the back of the Church and there will be a second collection this weekend.

God, our Father, you have called your Church to be a sign of unity and salvation for all nations. Hear our prayers and help us to remain united in Christ and faithful witnesses of the Gospel in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless, Canon Maurice

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, 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, 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:

10th & 11th October 2026

Loose

£607.48

Envelopes

£263.03

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.

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 12th November 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.

St Alban's School Forms:

Father Maurice will be available to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice form in the Church meeting room on Sunday 29th November 5-7pm and Monday 30th November 6-7pm.

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.

The Call to be Human Talks:

There are two 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. 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.

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 and chocolate treats (bar, bag or box) for our chocolate tombola please leave them in the box in the porch. We are also looking for items for the bric a brac stall, please see poster for more information.

Raffle tickets:

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Bazaar will be on sale after Mass on Sunday.

Post Confirmation Group:

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

Vocations Group:

The next meeting will take place this Friday 23rd October at 6.30pm. From Year 10 upwards. All welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service:

The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day:

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. **If you have not returned your envelopes, please do so asap.**

To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit:

cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou