

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 3rd October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Bridgit Barulis (RIP)
Sunday 4th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Prosper Family & Friends (RIP)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (RIP)
Monday 5th October – Feria	9:00am	Lily Miranda (Int)
Tuesday 6th October – Feria	9:00am	Jim Nolan (RIP)
Wednesday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary	9:00am	Onodu Family
Thursday 8th October – St Osyth	9:00am	Paul Long (RIP)
Friday 9th October – St John Henry Newman	9:00am	Michael Fossard (Health Int)
Saturday 10th October – Feria	9:00am	Prosper Family (RIP)

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 10th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Deceased members of Barulis & Philo Families
Sunday 11th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Mary Kitty Chacko (RIP)
	11:00am	Special Intention (St Jude)

Thought for the Week: Reflective Prayer for Self-Confidence

Thank you for the gift of a new day. As I begin this morning, help me to remember that my worth is found in you and not in the opinions of others or in my own doubts. Fill my heart with confidence, not pride, but the quiet assurance that I am created with purpose and loved without condition. Help me to recognise the gifts you have placed within me and give me the courage to use from wisely. When fear or insecurity tries to take hold, remind that I do not walk alone. Strengthen my mind, guide my words, and help me face each challenge with faith rather than worry. Today, let me walk with peace, knowing that I am enough because I am Yours. Amen.



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3rd & 4th October 2026

Dear Friends, God cares for his people as a good vinedresser care for his vineyard. Today's parable is trying to tell us how God feels towards his people. In spite of all the love, he has shown them, all he gets in return is utter ingratitude. This is our story too. Which of us would make so bold as to claim that we have made a full and adequate response to God's love, shown in and through Christ? Though God loves to the point of foolishness, he does want to see a response from us, not for his own sake, but for ours. He wants to see us make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us so that we can grow as his children. Our response must be free and given out of love. Now is the time to start making a response. There is no point in waiting for the harvest time. That will be too late. Our response can be summed up like this: he wants us to live as Jesus his Son lived. It takes many vines and many branches to make a vineyard. God's vineyard is the Christian community. This is the vineyard Christ planted and tended with such care that he gave his life for it. He looks to his vineyard to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. However, of course the vineyard cannot be fruitful unless the individual vines are fruitful.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Separated from me you can do nothing, but united with me you will bear much fruit'. Lord, strengthen the bonds that unite us with you and with one another, so that we may enjoy the peace and unity of your Kingdom where you live forever and ever. 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 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 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:

19th & 20th September 2026

26th & 27th September 2026

Loose

£674.14

£585.51

Envelopes

£325.00

£396.55

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 10th of October 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**.

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.

Vocations Group:

The next meeting is on Friday 9th October at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

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.

Secondary school forms:

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday 4th October from 5-7pm and on Monday 5th October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.

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 will be four talks given 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. 7th October - What Does it Mean to be moral? 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.

Confirmation:

Interviews will take place on 6th October from 6.30-8.30pm. The programme for the year will be given to them at the interview.

Secondary School Open Evenings:

- Campion Sixth Form Open Evening for external Students is on 8th October, 4.30pm.
- Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School is on 7th October, 6-8pm.

Quiz Night at The Campion School:

Friday 9th October. Doors open 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Teams of 10 max. £5 per person, BYO drinks and nibbles. For details of how to pay and to register your team, email pachair@thecampionschool.org.uk.

Job Vacancy at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House Manager, 35 hours per week, Salary- £30-32K depending on prior experience (ideally this is a "live in" role, with a one bedroom flat provided, however it is not essential). Contract: 3-year fixed term contract. The closing date for applications is 23rd October 2026. Please send applications to clairebailey@brcdt.org.

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. We will also be looking for donations in the near future, please ensure that these items are in good condition, we do not need any books, DVDs or CDs or anything that is broken. Watch this space.