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Thirty-third Sunday

Year A

15th November 2020

Well done good and faithful servant.

This Sunday marks both the last week of Ordinary Time and the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, as we prepare for the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe, next Sunday. Today's readings, like those of last week, continue to remind us that we need to be prepared for the end of time, an event which the authors of the New Testament thought was imminent.

The **First Reading** from Proverbs suggests that we should embody all the qualities of 'the perfect wife' as seen through the eyes of the author. She is industrious and diligent, not just for her family but also for the poor and the needy.

The **Psalm** also extols the virtues of family life and blesses those who fear – or are in awe of – the Lord.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul tells us that the Day of the Lord will come when we least expect it, 'like a thief in the night'. We should remain wide awake in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

In the **Gospel**, the parable of the talents reminds us to use the gifts and talents we have for the benefit of others. Everyone has been given at least one talent, and it is our duty to use it in the service of society.

This week, I might spend some time reflecting on how best I can use the talents I have been entrusted with, so that when the time comes, I can also be called a '*good and faithful servant*'.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Live Streaming of Mass: We will be live streaming mass from St. Mary's at the following times:

Sunday 10.00am

Monday 10.00am

Tuesday 10.00am

You can be united in prayer at mass by making a spiritual communion and take part in the mass through the parish website. Alternatively search for St. Mary Mother of God Church Hornchurch on You Tube.

November - Month of the Holy Souls: We will pray for all loved ones who have died during November. There will be a candle lit in front of the altar at every mass to remember those who have died this year and may have not had the opportunity for a full funeral service.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

Reception / Primary School Applications: For those parents applying for their child at a Catholic Primary School and needing the **Certificate of Catholic Practice**, please email or call the parish leaving your name and telephone number and someone will contact you. **Parents will need their child's Baptismal Certificate and proof of address.**

Christmas Masses: IF the Church is open in time for Christmas, there will be a **Parish Reconciliation Service** with General Absolution on **Tuesday 15th December** at 7.30pm. Christmas masses will be as follows:

Thursday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	5.00pm
Thursday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	7.00pm
Thursday 24 th December	Christmas Eve	9.00pm
Thursday 25 th December	Christmas Day	8.00am
Thursday 25 th December	Christmas Day	9.30am
Thursday 25 th December	Christmas Day	11.30am
Thursday 31 st December	New Years Eve	9.00pm
Friday 1 st January	New Years Day	10.00am

Please remember that Friday 1st January is our Parish Feast of St. Mary Mother of God.

At present, we are taking no bookings for Christmas masses. We will let you know from when you can book. More details to follow.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer take place each Thursday 11.00am-1.00pm. We do ask that if people are able, they assist with sanitising the Church afterwards. **Please ensure you are wearing a face mask.**

Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2021: These are now available to purchase at the price of £4.00 for a ringbound copy or £2.80 for a standard copy. If you would like to purchase one please contact the Parish Office or some will be available at the back of the Church. Please put the money in the 'Newspapers' box.

Please remember in your prayers Joe Gilligan, Brian Spicer and Scott Cheesman who died recently and the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

Carlo Acutis: Carlo died at 15 in 2006 and he was beatified last Sunday in Assisi. I recommend you look him up on you tube and the web.

Sister Clare Crockett: The inspiring story of Sr. Clare who died in 2016 at the age of 33 can be found on YouTube.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

PTA Happy Bag drop off Sunday 22nd November 10am -12pm in the school playground. Parishioners will have the opportunity to donate bags of unwanted clothes, paired shoes etc. Thank you for your help

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and our young people intending to travel with the BCYS, will be made in January. Until then, do keep the dates for the pilgrimage in your diaries.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND THE FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL: 2020 marks 150 years since the First Vatican Council and the solemn definition of papal primacy and infallibility. In this live streamed event Professor John Morrill, emeritus professor of history at the University of Cambridge, will take as his theme 'St John Henry Newman and Vatican I'. John will explore the reaction to the Council in the writings of Newman and set it in today's context. The study day will take place on Saturday 21st November from 11 am. Due to coronavirus this will only be a live streamed event. To access go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services.

National Youth Sunday, 22nd November: Next weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. St John Paul II said, "In the Church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow" and Pope Francis speaks about the "creativity and audacity" of the young. Since March our Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to www.bcys.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Prayers

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

*Saint John Henry Newman
Canonised 13th October 2019*

Memorae

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	14 th Nov	Holy Souls Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	15 th Nov Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Eamon Commins RIP / Helen Ging Int
Monday	16 th Nov St. Edmund of Abingdon	Norah Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	17 th Nov	John Int
Wednesday	18 th Nov	Holy Souls
Thursday	19 th Nov	Len Noble RIP
	11.00-1.00	Church open for Private Prayer
Friday	20 th Nov	Ted Knight RIP
Saturday	21 st Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Kenya Beister Int Holy Souls
Sunday	22 nd Nov Christ the King	All Parishioners Lucy Folorunsho Oladimeji Olaniyan RIP Holy Souls

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