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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C
16th January 2022**

“Do whatever he tells you.”

In the **First Reading** (Isaiah 62: 1-5) this week, Isaiah uses the beautiful imagery of a wedding to describe the ways in which the deep love of God for his people will transform our lives. God delights in us: ‘As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride so will your God rejoice in you.’

Another wedding scene is described in today's **Gospel** (John: 2:1-11). At the beginning of his public life, Jesus's love and care transform a wedding feast from disaster to joyous celebration by turning water into wine.

St Paul teaches the church in Corinth about how God works through the many different people in the church so that they (and we) can use their gifts in a variety of ways in his service, united by the one Spirit working through them all to transform the lives of others. (**Second Reading** - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11)

The Psalm (96) invites us to praise God and to proclaim the good news of God's transforming love to all peoples.

In what ways do we need the Lord to transform our lives
this week?

***Year of St. Joseph
Patron of the Universal Church***

Government regulations: The government has said it is mandatory for everyone from the age of 12 to wear a face covering in Churches. Therefore, we ask everyone to wear a face covering in Church and to sanitize their hands as they come in.

Youth club: All membership lists & entry cards have now been prepared. However, there will be a delayed start for a few weeks in light of the various restrictions & high numbers of Covid cases. We will reassess the situation again at February half-term & the exact start date tba after then.

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

Bishops Pastoral Visit: Our Bishop, Alan Williams, is making a Pastoral visit to the Parish on Wednesday 9th February. At the evening Mass he will be Confirming some young people of our Parish.

White flower appeal: On the weekend of the 29th / 30th January there will be a second collection for the work of the society of the protection of unborn children.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us.

Private Prayer and Adoration: Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon.

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.

Repository: We are now open after each Sunday morning Mass. Do come and have a browse through our selection of cards and gifts for all occasions, especially Confirmation and First Holy Communion, as well as Mass cards, sympathy cards, children's books, rosaries, crucifixes, etc.

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.

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.

Please remember in your prayers Sean Finan RIP, Patricia Payne RIP and

Clifford Poulley RIP who have died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Ann Clarke,

Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gembra,

Sharon De Giorgio, Victor Guy, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphreys,

Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge,

John Lostus, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Phil & Tony Read,

Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Elaine Sullivan, 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.

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

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 St. Michael the Archangel

"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. Amen."

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	15 th January	6.30pm	Helen Ann Thomson RIP / Paul Carroll RIP
Sunday <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	16 th January	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	James Cody RIP / Yvonne Kieran RIP
		11:30am	Angela & Tony Bennett Int / Bruce Waskett RIP
Monday	17 th January	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Darrel Joshua RIP
Tuesday	18 th January	9.15am	Andrew Byrne RIP / Bridget Kingsley RIP
Wednesday	19 th January	7.30pm	Eamonn O'Mahoney RIP / The Birtles Family - Thanksgiving
Thursday	20 th January	9.15am	Michael Harrington RIP / Joan & Martina Bolger Int
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Agnes</i>	21 st January	8.15am	Alfred Franklin RIP / Maureen Walsh RIP
Saturday	22 nd January	6.30pm	Kathleen Healy RIP / Paddy Mollaghan RIP
Sunday <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	23 rd January	8.00am	Mr. Siciliano Luigi RIP / Edith Chambers RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Arthur Butcher RIP / Jack Hughes RIP

Hospital: If you are going in to hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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