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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
25th September 2022**

Our faith in the Lord calls us to act with justice and integrity at all times. The readings this Sunday present a stark call to wake up from complacency and comfort, so that we may focus our lives on the Lord and respond with compassion and love to the needs of the poor.

The prophet Amos (**First Reading** Amos 6: 1, 4–7) warns all those who revel in fine living and the safety of material things. Theirs is a false sense of security, and they have no care for those less fortunate than them.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Timothy 6: 11–16) we are reminded to centre our lives on Christ, and in so doing be filled with faith, love, patience and gentleness.

The **Gospel** (Luke 16: 19–31) parable echoes the warnings of the prophet Amos, and here the powerful teaching of Jesus tackles head on the perennial challenge of wealth and poverty. The wisdom of the prophets speaks of an eternal truth that Jesus embodied in his Gospel values, actions and teaching. Jesus also speaks as a prophet: for some, the truth of his Gospel and Resurrection will not be enough for them to let go of their reliance on material wealth and security.

This week, let us pray for each other that we will have the grace and strength to remain centred on Christ. May our prayer life lead us to respond with compassionate action to the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers across the world.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If your child and your family are known to Fr Martin and the child is from a Catholic family who attends Mass regularly, please come and see him along with your child during the dates and times below where he will issue a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate, First Holy Communion certificate, Mass attendance form and proof of address.

Fr Martin will be available on Saturday 8th October 7.30-8.30pm, Monday 10th October 3.30-5pm and Wednesday 12th October 8-9pm. The dates for Primary School forms will follow in due course.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS: *Brentwood Ursuline* – Thursday 29th September 6.30-9pm, *Sacred Heart* – Thursday 6th October 6pm-8pm, *All Saints* – Wednesday 5th October 4.30pm-7pm.

CANON PATRICK SAMMON RIP: Father Patrick Sammon RIP funeral will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on Thursday 29th September at 11.30am.

TODDLER GROUP: Toddler Group in the Parish Hall is from 2pm – 3.10pm term time only. We are urgently looking for helpers to help put out and put away toys at the start and end of each weekly session, if you could help please contact Jo on 07961037786

VISIT OF RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES: The relics will be at Brentwood Cathedral from 11am on Sunday 16th until Monday 17th October at 12 noon. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely, the website to do this is <https://stbernadette.org.uk>

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We welcome Emily Cottle, Evie Reed, Elizabeth Reed, Erin Mahoney, Oscar Rogers, Olivia Gray, Kyle Rosario, Dylan Rosario, Kayden Rosario Abutin & Nathan Evans who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

BAPTISM COURSE: Our next Baptism course will take place on 4th & 11th October – parents need to attend both sessions. If you would like to attend this course, please fill in a Baptism form which is located at the back of the church and hand it in to the Parish office.

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.

SVP: The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) group here at St Marys are looking to recruit new members. At the weekend masses of 1st and 2nd October SVP members will be available at the end of each mass. If you would like to find out more about what is involved in being part of the group. Thank you'

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT - 'My Lord and my God'. Fri 4th - Sun 6th November 2022. Led by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on how closeness to Christ enables us to develop a deeper level of intimacy with Him. It enables us to recognise Jesus more readily in our lives and acknowledge Him both in private and in public. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com

RAINHAM FOODBANK: Thank you from Rainham Foodbank for your donations! They are short of tins of tuna, rice pudding and fruit, toiletries and toilet rolls. Other items are listed in the porch. All donations are welcome and gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Canon Patrick Sammon RIP, Tom Millar RIP, Joan McGurk RIP, Susanna O'Donnell RIP and Irene Rogers RIP who have all died recently.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Anna Gawlik, Betty Gemba, Victor Guy, Christine Harris, Fr Bob Hamill, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Sajy Joseph, Pauline Joyce Bertha Samuels, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Bridget O'Sullivan, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Anne 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.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace,

Whose son Jesus Christ taught us

To love our neighbour as ourselves,

Give your strength to the people of Ukraine,

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world,

Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –

Peace that will transform,

Peace that will heal,

Peace that will last,

For the sake of the same Jesus Christ,

The Prince of Peace,

Amen.

PRAYER FOR KING CHARLES III

O God, to whom every human power is subject,

Grant to your servant His Majesty the King

wisdom in the exercise of his high office,

so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,

he may constantly secure and preserve

for the people entrusted to his care

the freedom that comes from unity and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

God, forever and ever,

Amen.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	24 th September	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Len Rice RIP / Tom Millar RIP / Michael Maguire Int
Sunday <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	25 th September	8.00am	Ann Coady Int / Martha Buckley RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Eamon Commins RIP
Monday	26 th September	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Eddie McDonagha Int
Tuesday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	27 th September	9.15am	Mrs Booth RIP / The Poor Int
Wednesday	28 th September	7.30pm	Jack & Nancy Allan RIP / Trevor Magson RIP
Thursday <i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	29 th September	9.15am	Mr Dennis Jefferies RIP / Alice Louro RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday <i>St Jerome</i>	30 th September	10.30am	Funeral - Tom Millar RIP
Saturday <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	1 st October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Vivian Johnson RIP / Vincent Keegan RIP
Sunday <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	2 nd October	8.00am	Rev Fritz O'Kelly RIP / Cathy Lennon RIP
		9.30am	Rita Kyrou RIP / Helen Ging RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners

Hospital: If you are going into 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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