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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This week's readings focus on the need for prayer and trust in the Lord, even when we feel isolated and despondent. To this end, the **First Reading** (Exodus 17: 8–13) tells the story of Moses, who is helped by his friends to continue brandishing the 'staff of God' even when he is too tired to raise his arms. Together they help to contribute to the victory against Israel's enemies, the Amalekites.

St Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to the Scriptures, which are inspired by God and a source of wisdom (**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2). Timothy is to proclaim the word, and support and encourage others with great patience.

The **Gospel** (Luke 18: 1–8) passage, sometimes called the 'Parable of the Persistent Widow', or of the 'Unjust Judge', reflects on the need to pray continually. We are to persist in our petitions, even if at first the Lord appears deaf to our pleading.

So this week, as we continue to pray for justice and peace in the world, particularly in open conflicts, we might keep in mind the lessons of this week's texts. Let's try to persist in our entreaties, perhaps with the help of friends, trusting that the Lord will guard us from evil.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church or you can call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk. **There will also be a second collection.**

YEAR 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: The first parents meeting for the year 3 First Holy Communion course will be on Monday 17th October at 7pm in the church. It is important that all parents attend this meeting

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>.

There will be Holy Mass led by the Youth Service on Sunday 16th September at 6.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: The Feast of All Saints on 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation and there are 2 Masses here in the church at 9.15am and 7.30pm. November is the month of the Holy Souls – it begins with the commemoration of all of the faithful departed on Wednesday 2nd November with mass at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS: The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the Church for you to write the names of your loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed over during Masses in November.

PASS IT ON!: This is a multigenerational social group, bringing older and younger people together. The group meets monthly in St Mary's Parish Hall, Hornchurch on a Saturday 2pm - 4pm. This is free group, open to all and refreshments are provided. If you've never been before, come along and try it, it's a great opportunity for the children to socialise with the older people in our community while taking part in a range of fun activities. **The next meeting is Saturday 5th November.** If you have any specific queries or if you require any assistance with travel, please contact Joanne on 07985 496196

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

BAPTISM COURSE: Our next Baptism course will take place on **8th and 15th November** – 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.

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We welcome Emmie-Grace Thomas, Ethan Curtis, Jacob Wyke-Joseph, Ellis Lynch & Isla Lynch who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

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.

RAINHAM FOOD BANK: All donations are welcome and gratefully received. Thank you.

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 James McGuirk RIP who has died recently. His funeral will be on Friday 21st October at 12.45pm in the Church.

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, 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.

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."

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.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	15 th October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	16 th October	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP / Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
		9.30am	Tom Millar RIP / Trevor Magson RIP / George & Joaquina DeSouza RIP
		11:30am	Francis Bransdon RIP / Chris Murphy RIP / Helen Ging RIP
Monday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	17 th October	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Andrew Adley Int / Margaret Woods RIP
Tuesday <i>St Luke</i>	18 th October	9.15am	Denis Fallon 80 th Birthday Int / Denys Keddie & Family RIP
Wednesday	19 th October	7.30pm	Maria Zielenska RIP / Donald Coull RIP & Coull family Int
Thursday	20 th October	9.15am	All Holy Souls / Patrick Lenehan RIP / Maurice & Rachel Hart RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	21 st October	12.45pm	FUNERAL James McGuirk RIP
Saturday	22 nd October	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	23 rd October	8.00am	Rita Kyrou RIP / Kathy & Michael O'Dea Int
		9.30am	Clarence & Stella Miranda RIP / Maria Judge RIP
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Michael Tully RIP / Steven Hopkins RIP

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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