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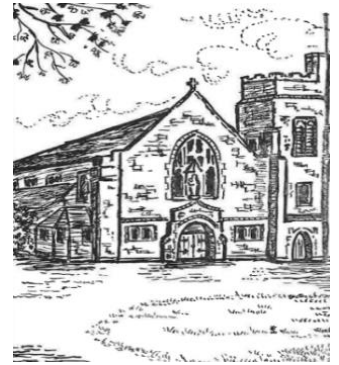
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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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On the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we see God confronting Adam and Eve after their disobedience in the Garden of Eden. They had eaten the forbidden fruit, and now they faced the consequences. God tells them what will happen because of their actions, but He also gives a promise. In Genesis 3:9-15, God speaks of an offspring who will crush the serpent's head. This points to Jesus, who will overcome sin and death. Despite their disobedience, there is hope for the future. God's promise shows His love and mercy. This story reminds us that sin has consequences. When we disobey God, it affects our lives. But God's promise of redemption is always there. He never leaves us without hope.

In 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Paul talks about faith during difficult times. He encourages believers to stay strong. Despite the hardships they face, they look forward to eternal glory. Paul reminds us that our troubles are temporary. They prepare us for the eternal life with God. Our focus should be on what is unseen and eternal. This passage encourages us to keep our faith strong. No matter what challenges we face, we trust in God's promises. Our hope in eternal life gives us strength.

In Mark 3:20-35, Jesus faces opposition. The religious leaders accuse Him of being possessed by evil. Jesus refutes this claim, and when his family arrives to speak with him, he uses this moment to teach an important lesson. Jesus says that those who do the will of God are His true family. This means that spiritual kinship is more important than blood relations. Obedience to God makes us part of Jesus' family. We are invited to examine our own understanding of community and spiritual kinship. We are called to embrace our fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ, irrespective of societal or familial divisions. Through this redefinition of family, we are challenged to extend the boundaries of our love, acknowledging the unity we share as part of God's spiritual family.

FAREWELL We wish a fond farewell to Fr Linu at English Martyrs in Hornchurch who is returning to India due to ill health. Fr Mark and Fr Jerold will be helping out there until his replacement arrives.

RELOCATION OF TABERNACLE (*excerpt from Fr Mark's announcement last weekend*).

Christ's presence in the Eucharist is central to our faith, and so, for us, his presence in the Tabernacle becomes the living heartbeat of this church, and by his presence, he sanctifies everything that goes on here. With this in mind, I have become increasingly uncomfortable about where the tabernacle is situated at the moment – out of view from a large part of the church- and also about the fact that the priest's chair takes the central position on the sanctuary instead. Yes, the priest has a very important role in leading the liturgical assembly, but he is a minister of Christ's priesthood, not his own; so, Christ in the tabernacle should really take centre stage in the church.

So, having consulted with the Bishop, we would like to propose that the tabernacle is moved back to its original place behind the altar and move the priest's chair to the side. They are a couple of drawings of the proposed relocation of the Tabernacle in the porch of the church, but basically the idea is to remove the priest's chair, and then, erect a stone plinth in its place on which will go the tabernacle. The priest will, then, just have a simple chair to the side. Also, it is proposed that the curved step on the main part of the sanctuary is changed to a straight step to reflect the new arrangement, (and also, because the curved step has become a bit of a health & safety hazard).

But, and I stress, these changes would be done very carefully in order to ensure that the existing reordering is kept intact. The main objective is to move the tabernacle back to the central position behind the altar near to where the priest's chair is at the moment.

I would be happy to receive any constructive feedback you might have- preferably by email or letter.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops remind us: *"We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead."* The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

CARAID HILL RIP: Our former parish administrator, Caraid, sadly passed away last week. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this very difficult time. Her funeral has taken place in Ireland. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

SECOND COLLECTION: Last weekend's second collection for Sick Clergy raised £483.87. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Day For Life. The money raised will help contribute to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and the production of human life materials.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until mid September and there are now no Saturday evening or Sunday masses available for the rest of the year.

YOUTH CLUB: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a **REGISTRATION EVENING** in the Parish Hall on Friday 21st June for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2024, those in Year 6. One parent or carer can come without the youngster anytime between 7.45 - 9:00 pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you **MUST** bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7,8,9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carers, also on Friday 21st or 28th June. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

ST JOSEPH'S, UPMINSTER - RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: There are currently vacancies in the Reception Class starting this coming September 2024. If you know of any families looking for a Reception space for September, please advise them to contact the school office. Some families who are not practising, may have chosen not to apply as they could not complete the Catholic Practice certificate. They would be very welcome.

THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk

REVIVE. DISCOVER. EMPOWER. Retreat for Young Adults, 22nd – 23rd June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to revive, discover and empower you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. Go to www.bcys.net/events

MARANATHA The next Maranatha event of Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 20th June at 7pm. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, Michael Reilly and family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	8 th June	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine, Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday Tenth Sunday in ordinary time	9 th June	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren and Michael Hughes & Children RIP
Monday	10 th June	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP & Caraid Hill RIP
Tuesday St Barnabas	11 th June	9.15am	Len & Pat Mills RIP
Wednesday	12 th June	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Helen Byrne RIP
Thursday St Anthony of Padua	13 th June	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	14 th June	9.15am	John Shottle RIP
		7.00pm	Mai Cogan RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	15 th June	9.15am	Jeanette Ridley Int
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Annette Chandler RIP
Sunday Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time	16 th June	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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