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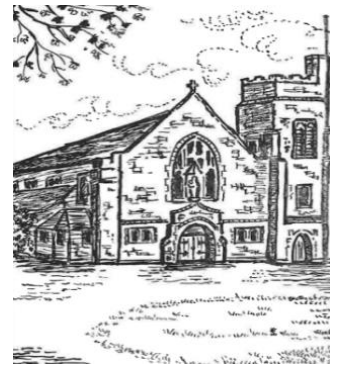
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The first reading from Isaiah on this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B speaks about the servant who listens to God and does not turn away. This shows us the importance of being attentive to God's voice in our lives. We are called to be open and willing to hear what God has to say to us. Listening to God means being present and paying attention. It involves setting aside time for prayer and reflection. By doing this, we can better understand God's will for us and how we should live. In our busy lives, it can be hard to find quiet moments. But making time to listen to God can bring peace and direction.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus asks His disciples who they think He is. Peter responds, "You are the Christ." This moment is a turning point in the Gospel of Mark, leading towards Jesus' suffering and death in Jerusalem. Like Peter, we are called to declare our faith in Jesus and then follow him, even when it is difficult. Indeed, Jesus calls us to renounce ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. We pray today that we may listen to His voice and follow His path, knowing that, even when it is difficult, this path is the only one that leads to true life.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY (EVANGELII SUNDAY)

Today, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday or Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in our parishes. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelize the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions us, as we hear in Matthew 28:19.

A second collection will also be taken today to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

CHAIR OF PARISH COUNCIL

After an amazing 15 years as chair of the Parish Council, Eddie Allen has decided to step down as chair of the Parish Council. We take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work especially for his help during Covid and wish him many blessings for the future. At the same time, we welcome Joanne Challis as our new chair of the Parish Council and we thank her for her generosity of heart in taking the position; we too wish her many blessings in her new role.

POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 9

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now turn to envy and vainglory. Envy, already present in the story of Cain and Abel, is a destructive force fuelled by resentment towards others, and can lead to deadly hatred. The remedy to envy lies in Saint Paul's exhortation: "Love one another with brotherly affection, compete in esteeming one another" (*Rom 12:10*). Vainglory is marked by an inflated self-esteem, a craving for constant praise and frequently prone to using other people for one's own ends. Saint Paul's example of boasting of his weakness rather than achievements offers an effective way for overcoming vainglory. May we, like him, know that God's grace is sufficient, since his power is made perfect in weakness, and all the more gladly boast of our weaknesses, that the power of Christ may set us free for a more generous love of others.

RECENT BAPTISMS We congratulate Saige & Olive Lowe, Hattie O'Sullivan, Tucker & Cece Sellick, Agwapanabiaya Maimagani, Aleia Muyot, Ysa Bermudez & Rose Thomas, who have been baptised over the last couple of months.

We welcome them to the great family of God, the Church.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM- CURRENT YEAR 6: For those parents with children who are now in Year 6 and who have been on the Year 5 register since last academic year, please come along with your child on Monday 14th October between 6pm & 8pm when Fr Mark will be issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice. Please bring with you the child's Baptism certificate & First Holy Communion certificate. Just come into the church and Fr Mark will be in the Sacristy.

YEAR 5 REGISTER- CURRENT YEAR 5: The parents of current Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2025) are invited to sign up for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin on the weekend of 19th/20th October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the 'sign-up' this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child's name, parents names and email address no later than Wednesday 16th October.

EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION: We raised £479 in our second collection for The Catholic Education Service. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH CLUB: Is reopening next Friday 20th September 7.30pm-9.30pm. Teams A&B helpers to arrive at 7pm. There will be a short information meeting at 7.30pm for parents & youngsters followed by signing in and collection of membership cards before the session.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK: Drivers are needed please for one local pick up every 4 to 6 weeks, to allow our members with special needs to attend our Club held each Saturday morning here at St Mary's. If you are able to assist or would like more information please contact: Helen Wilson 07368316716

BCCS: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is celebrating its 40th year, and they will be giving an update about their work and selling their anniversary draw tickets after each Mass on Saturday 21st September and Sunday 22nd September to help support their work with children's mental health. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Helpers are needed for the children's liturgy sessions that take place during 9.30am Mass, term time only. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from Sept) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to **register your interest by Sun 22nd Sept 2024 at the latest.** A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tues 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28th September. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. The Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Due to the relocation of the Tabernacle taking place, the altar serving training is now being moved to a date in October- to be advised. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above are welcome.

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 given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Our next monthly prayer vigil will be on Sat 21st Sept. It will begin with mass at 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 6 Knowle Close, Brixton Rd, Brixton SW9 0TQ. See notice in church porch.

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, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Melona Vigo, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and Mary Harrington.

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: Catholic Church Hornchurch 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	14 th September	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 24 th Sunday in ordinary time	15 th September	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Danny McCarthy RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday Ss Cornelius P & Cyprian	16 th September	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	17 th September	9.15am	Joe Hollis & Family RIP
Wednesday	18 th September	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Catherine & Hugh Lennon RIP
Thursday	19 th September	9.15am	Sean O'Sullivan RIP
Friday St Andrew Kin Tae-gon & companions	20 th September	9.15am	Joan Cashman RIP
		7.00pm	Roger Dominic Galea RIP
Saturday St Matthew Vigil Mass	21 st September	9.15am	Niamh Leeney RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Marie Edgley RIP
Sunday 25 th Sunday in ordinary time	22 nd September	8.00am	Sheila & Hector Brunton RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Frances Brownston RIP

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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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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