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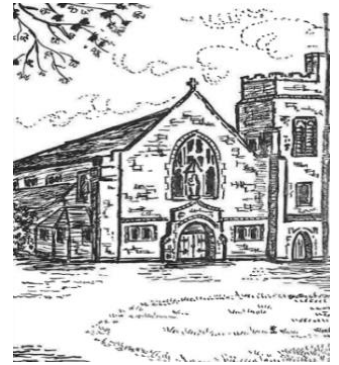
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The first reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the just person suffering because of their righteousness. The wicked plot against the just, trying to see if God will save them. This passage reminds us that living a righteous life may lead to suffering and opposition. We can learn from this reading that true wisdom is not always appreciated. Sometimes, doing the right thing brings challenges and hardships. However, we are called to remain faithful and trust that God sees and knows our struggles. This reflection helps us understand that wisdom from God leads us on a path that may not be easy, but it is the right path. We should seek wisdom that brings peace, righteousness, and a closer relationship with God. Staying true to this wisdom, even when it is hard, is our call as Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him. This lesson on humility and service is crucial for us. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need. By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus' example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.

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 this weekend to help support their work with children's mental health. Thank you.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION: We raised £321.65 in our second collection last weekend for Home Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 10

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now turn to pride, the first of the capital sins and, for the ancient writers, “the queen of all vices”. Indeed, the sin of pride hides an even greater sin: the absurd pretension to be like God. In Dante's Divine Comedy, the sin of pride is punished on the very first level of the mountain of purgatory; a sign of how difficult it is to overcome, as well as the distance it creates between us and God. Sooner or later, “pride comes before the fall,” and this can lead, by God’s grace, to a salutary humility. In the Magnificat, Mary sings of God who humbles the proud and exalts the lowly. Writing to his community that is wounded by infighting caused by pride, the apostle James echoes this stating, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”(Jas 4:6). May we take this opportunity to conquer pride and embrace humility, so that we may draw ever closer to God and receive his grace in abundance.

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 16th October.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Parent and toddler group will restart on Tuesday 1st October in the parish hall at 2-3pm. Everyone welcome, free to all.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS: It would be lovely to have Tea & Coffee again after the Sunday 9.30am Mass, even if it not every week. If you would be willing to help out, please let Fr Mark know – it would be a great act of service- and it would also mean that Fr Mark will get a decent cup of coffee between Masses!

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

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.

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.

FRIDAY EVENING MASS: Friday evening Masses have been cancelled for the time being.

CALAIS LIGHT: This weekend, Sept 20-22, Calais Light are taking their 29th convoy to help refugees in Northern France. Thirty volunteers from across the Diocese will be bringing essential food and medical supplies to continue helping refugees exposed to increasingly lethal risks, desperately trying to survive and seek sanctuary. 20 people have drowned in the last month alone. Please sponsor the work of Calais Light, if you can. Calais Light say, "Our volunteers are ordinary people spending their own weekend to help others. Each volunteer pays their own way, so all donations directly benefit the hundreds of men, women and children stranded across Northern France who desperately need help." For more information and to donate, visit <https://www.calaislight.com/>

YEAR 13 RETREAT - MADE FOR A PURPOSE: The retreat will be a mix of prayer times, discussions and games, with time for personal reflection as well as making new friends from across the diocese. The dates are 9th – 11th Oct (arriving late afternoon and finishing shortly after lunch). For more info and to apply please visit the website: www.bcys.net/events/year13/

RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is Tuesday 15th October.

YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26TH – 27TH OCTOBER

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Mary Harrington RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday 11th October at 11.30am.

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, Eileen Ronan, Anne Sullivan, Melona Vigo, Josie Walsh, and Evelyn Ward

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	21 st September	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
Monday St Pius of Pietrelcina	23 rd September	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday Our Lady of Walsingham	24 th September	9.15am	Mr Brokenshire & Family RIP & Michael Maguire & Family Int
Wednesday	25 th September	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	William McDiarmid RIP
Thursday	26 th September	9.15am	Oliva Carmena RIP
Friday St Vincent de Paul	27 th September	9.15am	George & Joaquina De Souza RIP Brenda O’Dea RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	28 th September	9.15am	Dan & Dolly Leahy RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
Sunday 26 th Sunday in ordinary time	29 th September	8.00am	Michael Olaniyan Int
		9.30am	Arturo & Olga Casali RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
		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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