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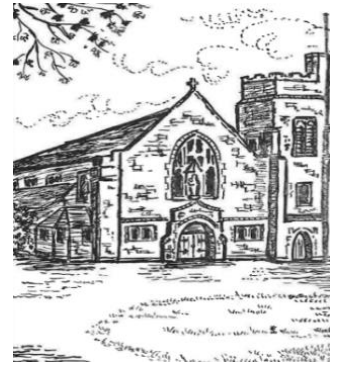
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In the reading from Genesis for this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, God declares the things he created “good”, until he gets to man being alone. That is “not good”. So, God creates woman as an equal partner for man, united in marriage. He creates woman from man’s rib, symbolizing that they are of the same flesh and meant to support each other. This union or marriage is blessed by God and highlights the importance of companionship. Marriage is a sacred bond that calls for mutual respect and love. It is a partnership where both husband and wife work together to build a family and support each other in all aspects of life.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that what God has joined together, no one should separate. This reinforces the idea that marriage is a lifelong commitment. It reminds us to cherish and nurture our relationships, keeping them strong and faithful. The readings also emphasize the importance of family. In Genesis, the creation of woman leads to the formation of the first family. This shows that family is the basic unit of society, where love and support are found. Jesus’ love for children in the Gospel highlights the value of family. He welcomes children and blesses them, showing that they are precious in God’s eyes. This teaches us to care for and protect the children in our lives, providing them with love and guidance. Families are called to reflect God’s love. By supporting and caring for each other, family members help each other grow in faith and love. This strong foundation in the family helps to build a stronger community and church.

SECOND COLLECTION – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: This weekend there will be a second collection for Harvest Fast Day – the money raised will be going to CAFOD.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7th December** in the Parish Hall. **Please save the date.** 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.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In March 2020, Catholics and other Christians across England took part in the re-dedication of the country to the Virgin Mary. The original dedication took place in 1381, when King Richard II made a series of ‘entrustment vows’ at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi. The country was in a period of turmoil and the 14-year-old King turned to the Virgin Mary for protection.

So, may we too turn to our Lady of the Rosary as we look for her protection in our lives.

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.

VOCATIONS EVENING: The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 8 October at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Mark Reilly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

CALLING ALL CONFIRMED YOUNG PEOPLE: The Confirmation Catechists would really like any young person who has been Confirmed to join their team. No experience or specific qualifications are needed, just an interest in working with other young people and a commitment to offer your time for one Tuesday a month from now until June. This could also be used as part of your Duke of Edinburgh award for volunteering. If you are interested please email your details over to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 29th June 2025. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time.

MASS INTENTIONS: To avoid disappointment, please book Masses at least 4 months in advance. We currently have no Mass availability until late January 2025.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers. *Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.*

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/

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY: On Saturday, 12th October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass.
Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Mary Harrington RIP who has died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

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
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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	5 th October	6.30pm	Baby Rosemary Bray RIP
Sunday 27 th Sunday in ordinary time	6 th October	8.00am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
Monday Our Lady of the Rosary	7 th October	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St Osyth	8 th October	9.15am	Scott Cheesman RIP
Wednesday St John Henry Newman	9 th October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Hannah Brennan RIP
Thursday	10 th October	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
Friday	11 th October	9.15am	Nora Maguire RIP Craig Gould RIP
		11.30am	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Mary Harrington RIP
Saturday Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga Vigil Mass	12 th October	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday 28 th Sunday in ordinary time	13 th October	8.00am	John Gormily RIP
		9.30am	Olatunde Onyeacholam RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commins 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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