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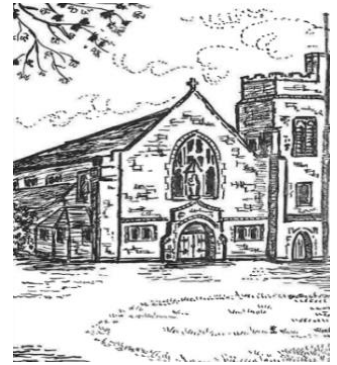
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In the first reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B from Daniel 12:1-3, we hear about a time of great distress. This passage tells us about the final judgment, where those who are wise will shine brightly, and those who lead others to righteousness will be like stars forever. It encourages us to live wisely and help others follow God's ways. This reading reminds us that we will face a final judgment. Our actions and choices matter, and we should strive to live according to God's will. We are called to lead others to righteousness and to be a light in the world. As we reflect on this, we should examine our lives. Are we living wisely? Are we helping others find their way to God? This reading challenges us to be mindful of our actions and their impact on others.

In the Gospel reading from Mark 13:24-32, Jesus speaks about the coming of the Son of Man during a time of great tribulation. He describes signs in the heavens and on earth, but He also assures us that His words will never pass away. This passage reminds us of the hope we have even in difficult times. Jesus' words give us hope and strength. Even when things seem chaotic and uncertain, we know that He is in control. His promise to return gives us a future to look forward to. Reflecting on this Gospel, we can find comfort in Jesus' words. We are reminded that no matter how hard things get, we have hope in His return. This should encourage us to keep our faith strong and trust in His promises.

NEW LECTIONARIES AND NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024 (Sunday 1st December). It will use the *English Standard Version–Catholic Edition* of the Bible for the scripture readings and the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles* for the Responsorial Psalms. This also means that we will have new Parish Mass books from the first Sunday of Advent.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on Saturday 23rd November at 2pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The 2025 Jubilee year will officially open on 24th December, 2024 with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025: We have been invited by the Parishes of Leigh-on-Sea and Southend to join them on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes to mark the Jubilee year. This group is part of the overall Diocesan Pilgrimage, but it arranges its own accommodation through a Tour Operator called Anam Cara Travel. This means that the package is cheaper than the Diocesan Pilgrimage and we can stay at the very nice 4 star *Grande Hotel Moderne Soubirous* (closest to the Sanctuary). However, even though the cost is less than the main pilgrimage, however, it still works out at £895 (per person sharing) for a 5-night package from Monday 21st July to Saturday 26th July. At the moment, I am trying to gauge interest. If you are interested, please email the parish office by Monday 2nd December and we will send you more information. I am not sure how many places are available, so it will be a case of first come first served.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Youth Sunday, money raised will go towards Walsingham House and BCYS who support the youth in our Diocese.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: For us as Catholics, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops are urging all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide and calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose it. Catholics are asked to contact their MPs to voice their opposition to this latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide via a simple online mechanism made available by the charity Right to Life UK. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law – the 2nd reading of the Bill in Parliament is 29th November.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: November is the month when we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism teaches: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030). So, November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayer and acts of love and charity. Our prayers will assist them on their journey to heaven, where they will assuredly pray us on our journey to God as well. November is also a good time to remember that we are sinners and that by God’s grace we must strengthen our own souls so that we too may enter heaven. Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and put it in the envelope. Any donations will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office.**

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN: On Monday 23rd December at 10.30am, we will be cleaning the church ready for Christmas. Teas, coffees and mince pies will be provided. Please come and help if you can, more hands make light work.

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 mince pies.

All donations can be given in to the Parish Office.

- In the entrance of the Church, there is a bazaar helpers sign-up sheet, if you are available to help, please leave your name and contact number. We especially need help on Friday 6th December 4.30-6.30pm for setting up the hall
- Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses during the month of November - £1 a strip. Lots of great prizes to be won.

TOY DONATIONS: We are low on donations of toys for the bazaar, so if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out at home, please keep us in mind and donate any unwanted toys or gifts.

FLOWER ARRANGING: Our wonderful flower arranging team provide beautiful floral displays on the altar, and around the church. They desperately need more help, so even if you have never arranged a flower in your life, but would like to try, you are very welcome. No experience required. Please contact the parish office.

STARS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE: Wooden decoration stars are available to buy from the Repository after all weekend Masses, £2 each. We ask the children to decorate the stars and hand them back to us so we can use them to decorate the Church for Christmas.

TODDLER GROUP: After 14 years Brenda has decided to step away from the running of the toddler group. We would like to thank her for all of the time and effort she has put into the group over these years. We would like to invite anyone who would be interested in running the toddler group to please contact the parish office. Toddler group will continue to run on Tuesday afternoons 2-3pm in the Parish Hall up until Christmas.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: We welcome Kingsley Anyaka, Lucia Alvares, Ellis Kenny, Shiloh Ajayi, Angel-Victoria Aldana, Olive Lowe & Saige Lowe who were Baptised recently and are now a beloved members of God's Holy Family.

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, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Greta Shanahan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, 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	16 th November	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 33 rd Sunday in ordinary time	17 th November	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	Lucy Oladimeji Olaniyan RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction
Monday	18 th November	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	19 th November	9.15am	Jean Horan RIP
Wednesday	20 th November	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Hannah Brennan RIP
Thursday The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	21 st November	9.15am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Cecilia	22 nd November	9.15am	Hannah Haughey RIP Philip Rodgers RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	23 rd November	9.15am	Roger Shanahan RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Brian Spicer RIP
Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	24 th November	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		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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