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18th & 19th & 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th August 2025 – Pages 117, 121 & 124

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us not to place our trust in wealth or things. Money, comfort, and success can disappear quickly. We may work hard, but if we only chase what we can see or own, we miss what truly matters. Life is short, and we do not know when it will end. The readings today invite us to focus on God instead of storing up treasures on earth. God wants us to be rich in love, mercy, and faith. These are the things that last. When we live with this in mind, we find peace and purpose.

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C instructs us to live each day with trust in God. We do not know when Jesus will return, so we are called to stay ready. This means living with care, doing what is right, and keeping our faith strong. This Sunday also helps us think about how we use the gifts God has given us. We are stewards. We are meant to serve, not just wait. The readings today teach us that faith is active. We show our love for God by how we live each day.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C tells us that following Jesus is not always easy. His message brings truth, but not everyone wants to hear it. Some will push back. Even families may feel tension when one person chooses to follow Christ fully. Faith can cause division, but Jesus calls us to stay strong and keep going. This Sunday helps us see that real faith takes courage. We may face hard moments, but we are not alone. Jesus knows what it's like to be rejected. So we are asked to stay faithful, even when it's tough.

The Feasts of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Masses will be at 9.15am and 7.30pm that day.

Fr Mark will be away from Sunday 3rd August until Monday 18th August, but leaves the parish in the more than capable hands of Fr Jude.

THE RELICS OF ST ANDREW, ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND AND ST COLUMBA

will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to Brentwood Cathedral on 5th Aug, transferred to St Mary, Mother of God on the morning of 6th Aug and then , on the morning of 7th Aug to Our Lady of Compassion, West Ham. From there, they will travel to St Alban's, Elm Park on the morning of 8th Aug and then on 9th Aug leave for Chingford, their last stop in this diocese. Provisional times for veneration are shown on the poster in the Church Porch but may be altered if necessary.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be open 9am-3pm on 8/8, 15/8, 22/8, 27/8 & 29/8 over the summer period.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/26: If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2026, please email the Parish Office to register your interest as soon as possible. Applications after Thursday 4th September will not be accepted. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the course will begin in September, but this is subject to finding a sufficient number of adult/ parent helpers to run the course, so please contact the parish office if you are able to help. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.00pm in 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.

CONFIRMATION 2025/26: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2026, please email the parish office to register your interest as soon as possible. Applications after Sunday 14th September will not be accepted. A meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Church and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 27th 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Paul Hiscock, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Eileen Newman, Margeruile Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley & Anne Sullivan.

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



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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	2 nd August	9.15am	All Parishioners
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday 18 th Sunday in ordinary time	3 rd August	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	Clare Olaniyan Int
		11.30am	Deceased members of the Mullen Family
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday St John Vianney	4 th August	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Emily Murphy RIP & Bernadete Cornish & Norie Donovan Int
Tuesday	5 th August	9.15am	Anthony Marren RIP
Wednesday The Transfiguration of The Lord	6 th August	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Thursday	7 th August	9.15am	John Dawson RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Dominic	8 th August	9.15am	Michael Lee RIP
Saturday St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross Vigil Mass	9 th August	9.15am	Denis O'Connell RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 19 th Sunday in ordinary time	10 th August	8.00am	Kay McEvoy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday St Clare	11 th August	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Laura, Nana & Norie Donovan Int
Tuesday	12 th August	9.15am	Margaret Lynskey RIP
Wednesday	13 th August	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Unborn Children Int
Thursday St Maximilian Kolbe	14 th August	9.15am	Donal Bergin RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday	15 th August	9.15am	Tolu Onyeacholam Int
		7.30pm	All Parishioners
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	16 th August	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Brian Spicer RIP
Sunday 20 th Sunday in ordinary time	17 th August	8.00am	Grant Cambridge RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	18 th August	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Patsy Davin RIP & Norie Donovan Int
Tuesday	19 th August	9.15am	Rosealeen Maria Bogue RIP
Wednesday St Bernard	20 th August	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Lilian Taylor RIP
Thursday St Pius X	21 st August	9.15am	John Dawson RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	22 nd August	9.15am	The Ramm Family Int
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 rd August	9.15am	Bridie McSherry RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Christie Onyeacholam RIP
Sunday 21 st Sunday in ordinary time	24 th August	8.00am	Alby & Marie Edgley RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Timothy, Ellen & Denis O'Sullivan 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. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.