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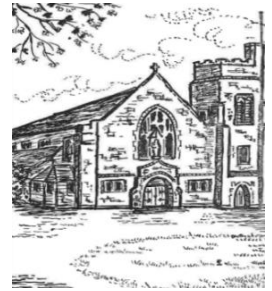
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to stay close to God. The readings speak about prayer, faith, and trusting God's help. They show that God listens to His people and gives them strength. Even when life is hard, God does not leave us alone.

Moses raised his hands in prayer, and Israel won the battle. The psalm tells us that God watches over us always. Paul tells Timothy to hold on to the Scriptures. Jesus teaches that we should keep praying, like the woman who would not give up.

These readings all share the same message. God is faithful, and we can depend on Him. The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to keep praying and to trust that God will answer in His time.

Please remember that prayer (daily prayer) is essential to our Christian lives whether we pray at home, or at school or in the physical building of the church. Opportunities for prayer at St Mary's are numerous including Morning Prayer, Daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. We will also be starting St Anthony devotions on Tuesday evenings (where possible) at 7pm (with veneration of a relic of St Anthony) followed by Mass at 7.30pm starting on this coming Tuesday. We also hope to start a 'Praying with the Bible' group led by Fr Jude.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries of Hope among all peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. There will also be a **second collection** here at St Mary's this weekend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This will be held on **Saturday 6th December**. More details will follow in due course, but this year we want to try something a little different and so we are kindly asking for the following donations ONLY: Full bottles for the bottle tombola, new toiletries and new toys. Please do not donate any other items as we do not have the capacity to sort, store and sell other items on the day.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'JESUS OUR HOPE' JUBILEE 2025.

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," today we consider the freedom and determination shown by Jesus at the moment of his arrest in the Garden of Olives. Our Lord approaches his coming passion freely and consciously, in obedience to the will of the Father and as an act of redemptive love. In this way, he reveals the essence of true hope: the firm conviction that even in the midst of violence, injustice and suffering, God's love is ever present as a source of spiritual fruitfulness and the promise of eternal life. The way that Jesus exercised his freedom in the face of death teaches us not to fear suffering, but to persevere in confident trust in God's providential care. May our lives always be marked by this hope, born of the knowledge that if we surrender to God's will and freely give our lives in love for others, the Father's grace will sustain us in every trial and enable us to bear abundant fruit for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS: The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of the church ready for the month of November when we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and then place them in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office but please do not put them directly in the basket – as the money in them may be stolen.** We also invite you to bring a photo of your loved ones who have died, so that we can put them up in the church as a way of remembering them. Perhaps avoid bringing your best photographs as we are likely to put them up using *BluTack* or something similar.

AUTUMN MASS COUNT 2025: We have just completed a count over the last 4 weekends of the number of people who have attended Mass here at St Mary's. The average weekend total for our 4 Sunday Masses was 862, down from last year of 890 but up from 2 years at 809. Let's think and pray about how we can bring back those of our community who have become distant from the Church and also win new souls for God, remembering that, as Catholics, we are people of Mission, not just Communion.

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT! We are delighted to announce that "The Scoops" will be performing live in the Parish Hall on Saturday 22nd November from 7.30pm. Playing a range of well loved songs from the 1960s to present day. Tickets are available via the Parish office and are priced at £10 per adult, £5 per child or £30 for a family of 2 adults plus your own children. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please note, no unaccompanied under 18s are allowed.

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

Why We Say "Amen" Before Holy Communion: When you say "Amen" before receiving Holy Communion, you are doing much more than simply responding politely. You are making a **powerful act of faith**. So, when the priest says, "*The Body of Christ*," he is declaring that what you are about to receive is truly Jesus, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and asking you if you believe this. Your "Amen" is your personal profession of faith: "Yes, I believe, this is truly Jesus." This is our faith; we should be proud always to profess it. So, when next you come for communion, remember it is another opportunity to profess your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 24th May 2026 (Pentecost Sunday). 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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

BRENTWOOD URSULINE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: Parents/Carers & Year 11 Students you are warmly invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening a co-educational facility on Thursday 6th November, from 6.30-8.30 pm. Come along to hear more about the wide range of courses we offer, meet our dedicated teachers and speak with current students about life in our thriving Sixth Form Community. We are especially excited to share news of our brand new bespoke Sixth Form Study Centre opening in September 2026. For any further information email [Mrs Fryer C Fryer@buchs.co.uk](mailto:MrsFryer@buchs.co.uk).

CONGRATULATIONS: We extend our warmest congratulations to Joseph & Amie and Morgan & Jessica on their recent marriages, which took place here at St Mary's. May their union be filled with love, joy, and God's blessings.

RECENTLY BAPTISED CHILDREN: We Welcome Luca Lydiatt, Lottie Cook & Ethan Salian who were Baptised recently and are now beloved members of God's Holy Family.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: A book has been placed in the Sacred Heart chapel for anyone wishing to write down their personal prayer intentions. On Thursday evenings, during our rosary, the book will be placed before the statue of Our Lady, where we will pray, asking for Her intercession for your intentions and the needs of our parish. All are most welcome to join us.

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

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	18 th October	6.30pm	Oliver Mee RIP
Sunday 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 th October	8.00am	Micheal & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	20 th October	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, Norie Donovan Int & Bernadette Cornish Int
Tuesday	21 st October	9.15am	Pope Francis RIP
		7.00pm	<i>St Anthony Devotions</i>
		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	22 nd October	7.15pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	Evelyn Ward RIP
Thursday	23 rd October	9.15am	Josie Walsh RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	24 th October	9.15am	Betty Hart RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	25 th October	9.15am	Kathleen Mollaghan 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	James, Josie & Johnny Manning RIP
Sunday 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 th October	8.00am	Brenda Mitchell RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Martha Sheridan 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

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