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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In the second reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Paul speaks about his struggles. He has stayed faithful to his mission even when others abandoned him. He knows that God is with him and will bring him safely into His kingdom.

Paul's words show that faith does not mean life will be easy. He faced many hardships, yet he never gave up. He trusted that God would give him strength. Even when people turned away from him, he knew he was not alone.

This is an important message for anyone facing difficulties. Life is full of challenges, and sometimes we feel like we are standing alone. But God remains with us. He gives us the courage to keep going. Like Paul, we are called to stay faithful, knowing that God will lead us through whatever we face.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," we continue to reflect on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection by considering his willingness to depend on others. At the heart of Jesus' passion we encounter two expressions which encapsulate a great mystery: "I thirst" and "It is finished." Jesus lacks nothing in his divinity yet he humbled himself and he became one of us, fully human to the point of depending on others. Through Jesus' example we see that as human beings we are not able to reach true fulfilment or salvation on our own, we cannot "finish" the mission of our life by simply accumulating power or money. We need the help of those who love and care for us, especially the Lord Jesus. There is no shame, therefore, in asking for help and opening ourselves to others since we are created by God to give and receive love. Let us realize then, brothers and sisters, that there is nothing more human, nothing more divine, than asking for help.

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.

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.

BCCS RAFFLE TICKETS: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be selling their annual draw tickets after all Masses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November. Funds raised will support their vital work in supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in schools and with families across the Diocese. Thank you for your kind support.

THE HOLY LAND GROUP - BETHLEHEM CROSSES: A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 8th - 9th November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated (when you help the poor you help our Lord).

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

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

How the October Rosary Devotion Started

The origin of this devotion reaches back to the year 1571, when the Christian world faced great danger. Pope St. Pius V called on all the faithful to pray the Rosary for peace and protection. Through Mary's intercession, victory was granted at the Battle of Lepanto. This defeat ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean, and October 7th was established as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Later, Pope Leo XIII encouraged the whole Church to dedicate the entire month of October to the Rosary, a powerful weapon of faith, a crown of love, and a school of contemplation. So, each time we take up our beads, we walk hand in hand with Mary as she leads us to Jesus. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries are not just memories of past events, they are living moments of grace that touch our lives today. – Fr Jude.

St MARY'S PTA FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA: Tuesday 4th November Doors open 5.30pm Food and drink available to purchase. Fireworks 6.45pm Tickets available: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmaryscpspta/index.cfm>

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

SCHOOL VACANCIES

1. Headteacher-Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet. Closing date 10/11/25
Start date April 2026 <https://assiscatholictrust.com/holy-family-headteacher/>
2. Headteacher – Our Lady Immaculate School, Chelmsford
Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Thursday 20th November 2025

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 Cfryer@buchs.co.uk.

SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRL'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Thursday 13th November, headteachers address at 6pm & 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you to our community. Parking for disabled guests only on site.

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:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

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To donate £20

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	25 th October	6.30pm	James, Josie & Johnny Manning RIP
Sunday 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 th October	8.00am	Brendan Mitchell RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Martha Sheridan RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	27 th October	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, Marie & David Donavan Int & Kitty Lenehan Int
Tuesday SS Simon & Jude, App	27 th October	9.15am	Breda Walsh RIP
		7.00pm	<i>St Anthony Devotions</i>
		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	28 th October	7.15pm	Evening Prayer
		7.30pm	Frank Mollaghan RIP
Thursday	29 th October	9.15am	Josie Walsh RIP
		9.45-11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	31 st October	9.15am	Marie Edgley RIP
		7.00pm	Eveline Francois
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	1 st November	9.15am	Cyril Fernandes 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, Paula & Josephine Camelleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday All Saints	2 nd November	8.00am	The Fowley Family Int
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia 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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