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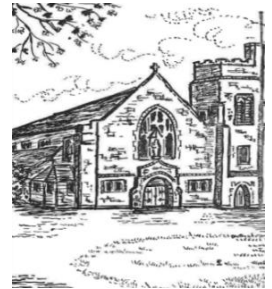
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## **33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that God's plan is at work, even when times are hard. The readings speak of judgment, warning, but also hope. They call us to stay faithful and trust that God will care for those who honour Him.

Malachi tells of a fierce day that will burn away the wicked, but for those who fear the Lord, healing will come like the sun rising. Psalm 98 invites us to sing with joy because God rules with justice and fairness. His rule brings hope to all who long for peace.

Paul urges the Thessalonians to live responsibly and work hard. Faith is not lazy. It shows in daily actions. In the Gospel, Jesus warns of destruction, war, and persecution but also promises wisdom and strength. The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourages us to endure and stay firm in faith, trusting God's promise of salvation.

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** Today, on this Ninth World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV invites us under the theme "You are my hope" (cf. Ps 71:5) to re-centre our faith and mission on those the world too easily overlooks. In his message for this year, the Holy Father reminds us that the poor are not merely recipients of our charity but "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability, and marginalisation." For more information, please visit [www.caritasbrentwood.org/resource/wdp](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/resource/wdp)

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Preparations are well under way, but we need your help please. We have been receiving lots of wonderful donations of bottles, new toiletries and new toys and we really need those to keep coming in please. Can we also ask for any donations of boxes of chocolates/sweets and boxes of biscuits. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Church porch for anyone that is able to help set up the night before or at stages during the day. Finally, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets, they are on sale every week after Mass.

**PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE GROUP:** the "praying with the Bible group" with Fr Jude will take place each Monday at 7pm in Van Meenan room. Those who are interested and who will want to learn how to pray with the Bible are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring your Bible.

**POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'JESUS OUR HOPE' JUBILEE 2025:** Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," today we contemplate the mystery of Holy Saturday, the day of great silence and joyful expectation. Just as God rested after creating the universe, so did the Son rest after completing the work of redemption, having loved us to the end. We, too, are invited to find quiet and restful moments amidst the frenzy of our daily activity. Our rest in God's presence can renew our spirit and open us to his grace, while meditative silence can enable us to express better God's word to others. In this regard, may we learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary to embrace the silence and stillness of Holy Saturday, trusting in the Lord, without ever losing hope.

**PRAYER PARTNERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** a message for those who agreed to be Prayer Partners for our Confirmation Candidates: please pick up your prayer partner cards in the porch of the church detailing the name of the candidate you have been assigned to support with your prayers. Your name will be on the front of the card.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY:** There will be a senior citizens' party at the Campion School on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 between 12.30 pm and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30pm. As you may be aware, the party has become increasingly popular and unfortunately, we have had to limit the number of guests to fifteen (15) per parish. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch, if you would like to go- *first come, first served basis*.

**LIVE MUSIC NIGHT!** We are delighted to announce that "The Scoops" will be performing live in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

### **The Four Last Things**

At the end of the liturgical cycle before Advent begins, the Church asks us to consider the four last things which are death, judgment, heaven and hell.

*Death* is the separation of man's mortal body and immortal soul. It comes to all men as a result of original sin. It is a temporary state, for at the end of the world, all men shall rise again in their body to be judged by Christ. Thus the whole man, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or evil that he has done, body and soul, in this life.

At the moment of death, each human person is *judged* by God based on his conduct in this life, and goes immediately to his reward or punishment. Moreover, at the end of the world, Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. At that time, God's whole plan for the world shall be revealed, and his mercy and justice demonstrated.

*Heaven* is the eternal state of perfect happiness resulting from the face to face vision of God, which is the reward of those who have served Him in this life.

*Hell* is the eternal state of torment and despair which awaits those who, in this life, have freely rejected God and the happiness which He offers.

Before the end of the world, there will be an intermediate state called *purgatory*. There, those who are bound for heaven, but whose love for God is still marred by some imperfection, undergo a temporary period of purifying suffering. When this purification is complete, they are fit to enter God's presence and are admitted to the joys of heaven.

**ST MARY'S PARENT, BABY AND TODDLER GROUP:** Every Tuesday during term time 2.00-3.00pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. Tea & Coffee available. Free Entry. All welcome! Access: Please buzz on the school gate and tell the staff you are attending Parent Baby & Toddler Group.

**A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY LAND GROUP:** Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always. We would like to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. We raised £2,353.00. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk) . God bless you all, Love and blessings from The Holy Land Group.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 26/27:** applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email [michaelkearns@brcdt.org](mailto:michaelkearns@brcdt.org). Applications close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **SCHOOL VACANCIES**

1. Headteacher-St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford. Deadline for applications: noon 06/01/26.
2. Headteacher – Our Lady Immaculate School, Chelmsford  
Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Thursday 20th November 2025.
3. Higher level teaching assistant- St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay. Closing date is Midday on 24th November 2025.  
<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114585>

**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 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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## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>6.30pm</b>	Thomas Fay RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Grant Cambridge RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commings RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
<b>Monday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Dec'd members of the Lenehan Family, Ray Grant & Family RIP, Bernadette Cornish Int
<b>Tuesday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Lucy Oladineji Olaniyan RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<i>St Anthony Devotions</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen Newman RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>7.15pm</b>	Evening Prayer
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Donal Bergin RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Shaila John RIP
		<b>9.45-12noon</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Eileen Newman RIP
<b>Saturday</b> St Cecilia, V,M  Vigil Mass	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>9.15am</b>	Donal Bergin RIP
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	<i>Confessions</i>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Frances Brownston RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe (Youth Sunday)	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>8.00am</b>	Micheal & Maureen Harrington RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Brian Spicer RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	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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