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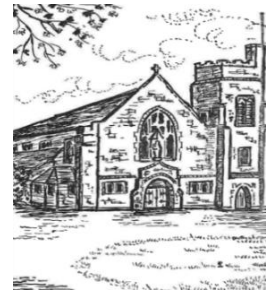
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matt 9:36-38).

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 863: The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin and in that she is "sent out" into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways. "The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well." Indeed, we call an apostolate "every activity of the Mystical Body" that aims "to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth."

MONTH OF JUNE: The month of June is customarily devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This can sound a bit pious - but wait a moment! To celebrate the Heart of Christ means to go to the inner centre of the Person of the Saviour, the centre which the Bible identifies as the seat of the love that has redeemed the world. If the human heart is really an unfathomable mystery known only to God, how much more sublime is the Heart of Jesus, in whom the very life of the Word of God is pulsating. The Heart of Jesus is the Holy Spirit's masterpiece. It began to beat in Mary's virginal womb and was pierced by the spear, as Jesus hung on the cross, thus becoming for all an inexhaustible source of eternal life.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER MEN'S CLUB: Inviting all DIY enthusiasts to form a new men's group in the parish to help with maintenance work. A survey of the buildings of the parish was recently conducted, and we could do with all the help we can get to complete various recommended jobs but also have some fun in the process. Obviously, bigger jobs will need to be contracted out. Please let Fr Mark or the parish office know, if you're interested.

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY: Last weekend, we raised a total amount of £333.22, many thanks for your generosity and support.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have now opened the diary until the end of the year. If you would like to book any masses, please contact the parish office.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 14: Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis today we contemplate Mary, whom the final chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* recognizes as *model*, *perfect member*, and as *mother*. Docile to the Father's will, her son's work of redemption and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the *model* of what the Church is meant to be. Her unconditional "yes" shows us how to be *members* of the Church. As our *mother* by grace, she is the one to whom we can turn with filial trust, in the certainty of being heard, protected, and loved. In a special way, Mary cooperated in the work of salvation, through obedience, faith, hope, and ardent charity, to restore through her Son, the supernatural life of souls. Let us be challenged by Mary's example of humility, active faith and obedience. Let us generously respond in love, magnifying God in our hearts, and receiving strength from the sacraments. Let us ask Mary to help us be faithful disciples of her Son.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/27: If your child is in *Year 3 to Year 5 from September* and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, please email the Parish Office **to register your interest by 1st August 2026 at the latest**. 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. *If your child is in year 6 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion, please contact Fr Mark.*

CONFIRMATION 2026/27: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2027, please email the parish office to **register your interest by 1st September 2026 at the latest**. A meeting for parents and young people will take place on **Saturday 19th September 2026 at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall** followed by the **Welcome Session** for the young people **at 5pm** and the **Enrolment Mass at 6.30pm** to be attended by both young people and parents. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME 2026/27: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 10th September 2026 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, 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on Saturday 4th July at 10.30am. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLEHIP OF THE SEA) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN: As you know, the altar and the lectern are very important furnishings within the sanctuary, from which we proclaim the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. With that in mind, we are on the process of obtaining some special cloths to be hung in front of them (aptly known as ‘frontals’) to pay honour to their dignity. The Frontals are of high quality and, as such, are not inexpensive, so, if anyone would like to make a donation towards them, we would be very grateful. The frontals come in four different colours to match the liturgical seasons, so they will help to beautify the sanctuary as a whole.

AWAKE LONDON: A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th June 2026 from 12.30 pm to 4.45 pm led by Rev. Fr Jude Kurumeh CSSp and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

YOUTH CLUB: Looking ahead to the new academic year, there will be a **REGISTRATION EVENING** in the Parish Hall on Friday 19th June for St. Mary's School Leavers' 2026, those in Year 6. One parent or carer can come (without their youngster) anytime between 7.45 - 9:00pm & be prepared to register the same evening! (This should take no more than 15-20 mins, & the forms will be given to you on arrival). To register on time, you **MUST** bring along £5 cash & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Current members of the YC who are in years 7, 8, 9 & above who wish to rejoin still need to be registered by a parent/carers, also on Friday 19th or 26th June. Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Roy Andrews and Billy Myers, who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Billy Myer's funeral will be on Tuesday 23rd June at 11am at St Mary's, and Roy Andrews' Funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th June at 12noon at St Mary's.

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, Claire Ramm, Tony Reid, Paul Ridley, Paul Hiscock, Anne Sullivan, Bernard Frederick and Dennis Fallon.

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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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	13 th June	6.30pm	Michael, Susan & Marie O'Donnell RIP
Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 th June	8.00am	Andrew & Jim Shanahan RIP
		9.30am	Phil Reid RIP
		11.30am	Brian & Josephine Patten-Walsh Int
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	15 th June	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Christelle St Mart, Bernadette & Martin Cornish Int
Tuesday	16 th June	9.15am	Azariah Brown Int
Wednesday	17 th June	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Winifred Sullivan RIP
Thursday	18 th June	9.15am	Arthur Morris RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	19 th June	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	20 th June	9.15am	Helen Murphy RIP
			No Adoration today
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Kitty Marmion RIP
Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life	21 st June	8.00am	Tommy Banks RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Hannah & Patrick Brennan 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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