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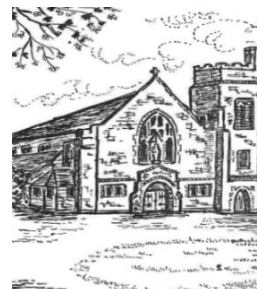
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FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **(SEA SUNDAY)**

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The prophet Isaiah (in today's First Reading) reminds us that God's great desire, revealed through his word, has always been to prepare his chosen people for their full inheritance. God's word does not return empty-handed. The Second Reading shows that suffering, though part of the Christian life, will come to an end with the glory of God. St Paul is trying to encourage us not to lose hope in the promise of the Lord's risen life. In the Gospel, Jesus asks us a question, as he asked it of those of his own day: are you truly hearing and accepting my word, that it might grow in you and produce much fruit? The Responsorial Psalm creates a wonderful scene of how God's word falling on the fertile ground of creation produces bountiful and abundant riches, ever-flowing and brimming over. Let us pray, this week, that we might be that fertile ground, ready to receive God's word with open, generous, willing arms.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. There will be a **second collection** at the end of all Masses this weekend. Thank you

RECENT BAPTISMS

We congratulate Sunny Adio, Kingdavid Tanti, Theodore Tuffour-Taylor, Zekiel & Levai Ampomah-Ababio who have been baptised over the last few weeks. We welcome them to the great family of God, the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy at the 9.30am Mass. This will be on a rota basis, so you will not be required every week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office for more information.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 18:

Dear brothers and sisters, as we continue our series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the celebration of the Eucharist as presented by the Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. This sacred mystery is described in the second chapter of the document as “a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, ‘a paschal banquet in which Christ is received, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us’” (n. 47). The Constitution also emphasises that at Mass, the faithful are not passive spectators. Rather, all are encouraged to offer themselves in union with Jesus Christ, the spotless victim, to the Father, through the hands of the priest and together with him. Participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice also means being formed by God’s word and nourished at the table of the Lord’s body. Indeed, these two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy, “are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship” (n. 56). Brothers and sisters, as we seek our nourishment from this abundant source of divine life, let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Paschal Uche from Grays to Canvey Island.

Fr Michael Barwick from Chelmsford to Braintree

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Jude Kurumeh CSSp from Hornchurch to East Ham

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Shajin Jose Anthony from Walthamstow to Chelmsford

Fr János Csicsó from the Hungarian Chaplaincy to Chelmsford

Fr Andrei Ilies newly ordained to Walthamstow

Fr Joseph Soosai Marian from sabbatical to Hornchurch

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN’S CAMP: The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st Aug 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st Aug, or Week Two 1st – 8th Aug. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. Applic. details are at www.boscocamp.co.uk

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.***

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? **Retrouvaille** has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd – 4th Oct.
www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info. Tel: 0788 7296983

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.

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.

VACANCIES: Headteacher- St Joseph's catholic primary school, deadline 2nd Sept 2026 5pm

NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN: We have now raised just over half of the amount needed to pay for the new frontals (*for which grateful thanks*), with about £2,000 to go. If you would still like to make a donation, it would be much appreciated. But, if we don't quite get to the total needed, I might be able to access some other money to pay for rest of it, so that the money doesn't come out of the Parish account. God bless, Fr Mark

PLEASE PRAY FOR Angelo Farrugia who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort and consolation of his family. Angelo Farrugia's funeral will take place on Friday 24th July at 11am 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, Bernard Frederick, Denis Fallon, Kenneth Morin and Maureen O'Brien.

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



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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	11 th July	6.30pm	Breffni & Des O'Brien RIP
Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time	12 th July	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Patricia Fells RIP
		11.30am	Richard Webb RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	13 th July	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Baby Norie, Laura & Nana Donovan Int
Tuesday	14 th July	9.15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday St Bonaventure	15 th July	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Veronica & Don O'Sullivan RIP
Thursday	16 th July	9.15am	Paul Hiscock RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the blessed Sacrament
Friday	17 th July	9.15am	Billy Myers RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	18 th July	9.15am	Cora Brockwell 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	All Parishioners
Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time	19 th July	8.00am	Kevin Pinder RIP
		9.30am	Peter & Brigin Margrie RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commings 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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