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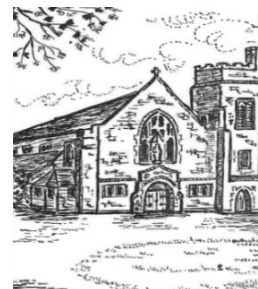
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our readings this Sunday reveal a God who is merciful and compassionate; who is lenient in judgement. He cares for us with love and forgiveness. In our First Reading the author of Wisdom reflects on how God's power is revealed in the mildness of his judgement. His compassion teaches us to be kind in our turn towards others. The Psalm is a song of praise enumerating the qualities of God. The Lord is good and forgiving, compassionate and gracious. We can surely appeal to him in all our troubles. In the Second Reading, St Paul teaches us to pray in the Spirit. The Spirit prays within us and expresses the mind of God. The Gospel presents us with three parables, all concerned with growth. The main one, about the weeds growing amidst the wheat, can be applied to our own lives, to the world around us and to the Church. God is patient, slow to judge. We can count on his mercy. This week, may we ask the Lord to help us to be patient with people, to be less judgmental and to look on others with kindness, as we would wish them to treat us, but at the same time sow good seeds within them to transform those weeds into wheat.

ALPHA AT ST MARYS: We have just completed our first Alpha course. It was a great success and a number of the participants from the course will give their testimony about their experience at the end of our Sunday Masses at the beginning of September. The next Alpha course will begin on Monday 28th September at 7pm. Alpha has been described as a course where people can have an open and honest 'faith conversation', without the pressure of having all the answers. Indeed, Alpha creates a space for all – the hopeful and the doubtful, the committed and the questioning. It helps people to unpack the basics of the faith together. No pressure. No judgement. Just an open conversation over some good food. Anyone is welcome to join the Alpha course whether you are non-Catholic or Catholic, whether you are baptized or not. Also, if you know someone who you think would benefit from the course, like a friend or a spouse, please mention it to them. If you are interested, please let Fr Mark know by emailing hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

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' 19:

Dear brothers and sisters, Dear brothers and sisters, in our ongoing catechesis on *Lumen Gentium*, we focus on the eschatological dimension of the Church. As the “universal sacrament of salvation,” the Church is a sign and instrument of the fullness of God’s promises. As the pilgrim People of God, the Church interprets history through the lens of the Gospel and speaks decisively against all evil. At the same time, the Church acknowledges the need for continual conversion so she may properly fulfill her mission. As members of the same Body, we too are called to renewal. We do this by remaining in communion with Christ and one another. The entire Church is most closely united in our praise of God in the liturgy. There we pray for the faithful departed and ask the Saints to intercede for us so that we may all receive the fullness of God’s promises in the Kingdom of Heaven.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On *Saturday, 12th September* the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the **Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood**. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan. As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

SEA SUNDAY- **Last weekend**, we raised a total amount of £286.26. Many thanks for your generosity and support.

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 as soon as possible**. 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.***

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.

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

ROSARY GROUP: Our rosary group will continue throughout the summer holidays to meet every Thursday at 7.30 pm in the church. We continue to place the book with all your written intentions before Our Lady asking for Her intercession. All are welcome to join us.

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

NEW FRONTALS FOR THE ALTAR AND LECTERN: We have now raised over half of the amount needed to pay for the new frontals (*for which grateful thanks*), with about £1,300 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 & Linda Edwards** who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. 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

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	18 th July	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
Monday	20 th July	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Baby Norie, Laura & Nana Donovan Int
Tuesday	21 st July	9.15am	Anne & Pat Harrington RIP
Wednesday St Mary Magdalene	22 nd July	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Clemencia Patros RIP
Thursday St Bridget of Sweden, Rel Patron of Europe	23 rd July	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	24 th July	9.15am	Pamela Sampford Int
		11.00am	Requiem Mass- Angelo Farrugia RIP
Saturday St James Vigil Mass	25 th July	9.15am	Mary McDermott 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	Natasha & Narinder Samplay Int
Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time	26 th July	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Mary Margrie & Annie O'Donell RIP
		11.30am	Mary (Moir) Barrell 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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