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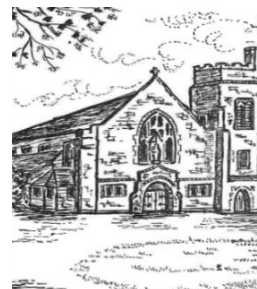
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The readings this week invite us to reflect on where we put our energies, and remind us that we can only serve our own, deep needs by responding to God's call to love and serve others. In the first reading the prophet, Ezekiel, tells us that we will only ever experience the fullness of life if we reject wickedness and pursue what is right and just. The psalm offers words of great encouragement, reminding us of God's constant guidance and salvation for those humble enough to receive it. We are reassured of his mercy and compassion, should we stray from his path. The second reading continues in the same vein, inviting us to reject selfish ambition and pride in favour of humility, sympathy and generosity towards others. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the familiar parable of the two sons to illustrate the difference between mere words and concrete action. He emphasizes how status, power and religion mean nothing unless they are used in ways that serve others in God's love. This week, may we remain mindful of how we might respond to God's call to live a full and meaningful life through service and kindness to others.

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has chosen "Even just one of these children" as the title for his message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, making clear reference to the Gospel according to Matthew: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (*Mt* 18:5). With this choice, the Holy Father intends to express the Church's concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us. This is not the first time that the Popes have spoken authoritatively on this issue, but the current migration situation presents new challenges that seriously threaten the rights and dignity of the youngest among us and require urgent and effective responses. Therefore, this is not a matter of discussing numbers or percentages, because "even just one" has the highest value.

BCCS RAFFLE TICKETS: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be selling their annual draw tickets after all Masses this weekend. 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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY: Last weekend, we raised a total amount of £353.23. Many thanks

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

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, today we turn our attention to the ecclesial dimension of the Church's liturgical prayer. Far from avoiding the world and its needs, all prayer, especially in the entire liturgy, is the essential dimension of our humanity. In our prayer we unite ourselves with Jesus to offer praise and thanksgiving to God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In a particular way, Saint Paul VI expressed a longing that the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily public prayer of the Church, would be prayed by all the members of Christ's Body. In this way, we will allow the Holy Spirit to breathe into each thought and action, inspiring a deeper experience of the Paschal Mystery. My brothers and sisters, may we find the spiritual nourishment necessary on our earthly pilgrimage by joining with the whole Church in her liturgical prayer as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALPHA AT ST MARYS: We have a full complement of people beginning the Alpha course on Monday and we would be grateful for your prayers, that it may prove to be an uplifting experience for all those participating, which will guide them into a deeper relationship with Christ.

HARVEST FAST DAY: There will be a second collection next week.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY: As we celebrate the Month of the Rosary, we invite parishioners to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady into their homes for 2 to 3 days of prayer, reflection, and devotion. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather family and friends to pray the Rosary and deepen our relationship with Our Blessed Mother. If you would like to host the statue, please register your interest, information at the back of the church and speak to Kathy O'Dea or Ray John. *Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us*

CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 FROM SEPTEMBER: The parents of Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2027) are invited to enrol for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin the weekend of 24th/25th October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the enrolment this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child's name, parents' names, contact number, photo of Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates no later than Monday 19th October. For the sake of transparency, the register itself will be strictly applied. More information will be supplied once families have enrolled.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 16th May 2027 (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

SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL: is holding its Year 6 Open Evening (for entry to Year 7 in September 2027) on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 6pm-8pm. Headteacher Welcome Talk is at 7.30pm. Please come along and see what this wonderful school - rated Outstanding by Ofsted in all 5 areas in October 2024 - has to offer your daughter. Further details about the school see www.sacredheartofmary.net.

RECENT BAPTISMS: We congratulate Ifechukwu Chiwetalu, Cameron Jean- Pierre, Ethan Rayner, Rumi Whyche, Kal-el Bailey, Jayden Oladimeji & Liam Doherty who have all been baptised over the last couple of months. We welcome them to the great family of God, the Church.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: we realise that there might be people in the parish who are sick and housebound, or in Care homes, or in Hospital. Please do let us know if you know of someone in this situation, so that we can provide them with pastoral care. You may not be aware of this, but we can bring the Sacraments (e.g. Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick) to where they are, so that they can be aided by God's grace and Christ can help them to carry their cross in difficult times.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD TALKS: Join Caritas Brentwood this autumn for three special gatherings across the Diocese exploring Catholic Social Teaching in action. Hear from inspiring speakers, and discover how local parishes are living out our faith. Saturday 17 October: St Alban's, Elm Park on Homelessness and Saturday 14 November: St Anne Line, South Woodford on Refugees. To register, and find out more go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/caritas-brentwood-events-4458423>

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.

COFFEE MORNING VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to join the rota to help out at weekly coffee mornings after the 9.30am Mass, please contact the Parish office.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Danny Duggan & Brian Little** who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. Brian Little's funeral will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 11 am at St Mary's church. Danny Duggan's funeral will take place on Friday 23rd October at 12 noon at St Mary's Church.

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, 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:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	26 th September	6.30pm	Deceased members of D'Cruz family RIP
Sunday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 th September	8.00am	Guy Smith RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Patrick & Eileen Sullivan RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	28 th September	9.15am	Dan & Dolly Leahy
Tuesday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	29 th September	9.15am	Jack & Nancy Allan RIP
		11.00am	Requiem Mass – Brian Little RIP
Wednesday St Jerome, Pr,D	30 th September	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, John Perry RIP & Billy Burke Int
Thursday St Therese of the child Jesus, V D (Lisieux)	1 st October	9.15am	Michael Oluwatimilehin Olaniyan Int
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday The Holy Guardian Angels	2 nd October	9.15am	Alice Louro & Fr Fritz O'Kelly RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	3 rd October	9.15am	Brian Little 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	Patrick Cremin RIP
Sunday 27 th Sunday in Ordinary time	4 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Michael Grant RIP
		11.30am	Chris Murphy RIP

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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