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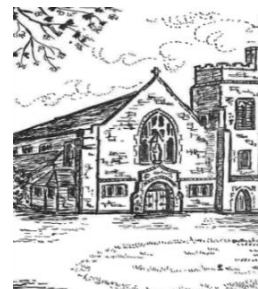
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Season of Creation draws to a close today on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is fitting that throughout this Sunday's readings, the vineyard is used as a way of illustrating our relationship with God. In the first reading, Isaiah uses a song of love to describe how God cares and protects us, his precious vines. Although we remain rooted in that love, we may not always produce the fruit of God's love. The Psalm uses the same vineyard imagery. It is a song of repentance and longing to return to God's protection. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to illustrate how God's radical message of love, professed by ancient prophets and by himself, has been ignored and rejected. Despite this, Jesus can confidently proclaim the truth: that what people have ignored will become the foundation of a new covenant of love. Paul's letter to the Philippians (second reading) assures us that through prayer and thanksgiving we need not be afraid, because our hearts and minds are guarded in Christ Jesus. We will bear good fruit when we set our hearts on what is true, honourable, just, pure and lovely in the Lord. May Christ Jesus, who forever guards our hearts and sustains us in his love, give us the courage and strength to lead lives centred on truth, justice, peace and compassion for all.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. **There is a second collection today for CAFOD Family Fast day.**

PARISH MISSION – SAVES THE DATE(S) – Monday 1st March to Friday 5th March 2027

CARITAS BRENWOOD 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>

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 20:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we reflect today on the liturgical year and its relevance for the faithful. The liturgical year is not a static representation of past events, but an encounter with Christ himself, who desires to immerse his people in the mysteries of the history of salvation. The day on which Christ rose from the dead is the core of the liturgical year, and foreshadows Christ's second coming, when we will all rise again. For this reason, it is essential for the faithful to sanctify the Lord's Day by gathering to celebrate the Eucharist. May our active participation and steadfast witness help us to enter ever more deeply into the reality of belonging to Christ, and may we anticipate with hope his coming in glory.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In March 2020, Catholics and other Christians across England took part in the re-dedication of the country to the Virgin Mary. The original dedication took place in 1381, when King Richard II made a series of 'entrustment vows' at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi. The country was in a period of turmoil and the 14-year-old King turned to the Virgin Mary for protection. So, may we *too* turn to our Lady of the Rosary as we look for her protection in our lives.

Furthermore, 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.

ENQUIRERS' EVENING FOR VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 October at St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch. The speaker will be Fr Francis Abara. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@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.

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.

BCYS Rooted 2026 – Years 7–9 / Years 10-13

Rooted – Saturday 24th October for years 7-9 / Sunday 25th October for years 10-13: A brand-new day of faith, friendship and adventure for young people with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, at Walsingham House. With inspiring talks, workshops, outdoor activities, team challenges and prayer, it's a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics and grow in faith. For more information and to apply please visit www.bcys.net/events

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Danny Duggan** who have passed away recently. We pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort and consolation of his family. 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:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	3 rd October	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
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	5 th October	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Samson Amposo RIP & Thomas Donovan Int
Tuesday	6 th October	9.15am	Mary Magadelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary	7 th October	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Trevor Magson RIP
Thursday St Osyth, Rel	8 th October	9.15am	Josie Reilly RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St John Henry Newman, Pr, D	9 th October	9.15am	Stephen Another RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	10 th October	9.15am	John Gormley 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	Alexander Taylor RIP
Sunday 28 th Sunday in Ordinary time	11 th October	8.00am	Brian Jonas, Josie, Dawn & Whelan Smith RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Frances Brownsdon 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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