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28th & 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11th & 18th October 2026 – Pages 140 & 143

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today we're shown a foretaste of salvation and how God desires the inclusion of everyone. In the Gospel, the parable of the Wedding Banquet shows God's eagerness to offer salvation to all, yet how easily all kinds of reasons can get in the way of our response. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading affirms that the enemies of humanity – death and despair – will be overcome. The Lord will provide an abundant banquet for all, of every nation. It is a scene echoed in the Psalm, which shows a shepherd overcoming death and preparing a banquet for his flock. In the second reading we hear that St Paul intimately knows Christ, the Good Shepherd of the Psalm and, though writing from a Roman prison, he wants for nothing. His secret is that his consolation rests not with external circumstances but with Christ. Through Christ's strength and presence, Paul can live with much or little and endure any hardship or persecution.

Today there is a **second collection** for **Prisoners' Sunday**

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The First Reading teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans. The Psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour. In the Second Reading, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work. The Gospel message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that *our first duty is to serve God*, and to give God what is due.

Today there is a **second collection** for **World Mission Sunday**

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

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

HARVEST FAST DAY: Last weekend, we raised a total amount of £593.53. Many thanks

ENVELOPES FOR HOLY SOULS: The Envelopes for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of the church ready for the month of November when we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on a piece of paper and then place them in the envelope. Any money that you put in the envelope will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* who will ensure that Masses for the Holy Souls are said in different churches around the world who are struggling financially. The lists of your loved ones will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar during November. **Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office but please do not put them directly in the basket.** We also invite you to bring a photo of your loved ones who have died, so that we can put them up in the church as a way of remembering them. Perhaps avoid bringing your best photographs as we are likely to put them up using *BluTack*.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER: We kindly ask you all to save the date and come along to this year's Christmas Bazaar, which we hope will be even bigger and better than last year. If you would be interested in helping in any way, or if you would like to discuss having a stall on the day, then please contact the Parish office directly.

POPPIES WANTED: We are seeking donations of knitted or crocheted poppies for our annual Remembrance display in the Church. If you are able to make any, each one counts and would be gratefully received. There will be a basket in the church porch to collect your donations.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: This year, during the Christmas Eve carol concert, a nativity play will be performed alongside the carols. If any young people would like to be involved there will be an interest meeting after the 9:30am Mass on the 18th October, with rehearsals starting weekly from Sunday 8th November after the 9:30am Mass for an hour. There are a mixture of speaking and non-speaking roles. We look forward to seeing you there! Samantha and Liam.

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>

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

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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	10 th October	6.30pm	Alexander Taylor RIP
Sunday 28 th Sunday in Ordinary time	11 th October	8.00am	Brian Jonas & Dawn Whelan - Smith RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Frances Brownsdon RIP
Monday	12 th October	9.15am	Jackie Keane RIP
Tuesday	13 th October	9.15am	Olatunde Onyeacholam RIP
Wednesday	14 th October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family baby Norie, Laura & Nana Donovan Int John Hawes RIP
Thursday St Teresa of Jesus, V,D	15 th October	9.15am	Phillip Oates RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	16 th October	9.15am	Anthony, Josephine, Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP

Saturday St Ignatius of Antioch, BP, M	17 th October	9.15am	John & Bridget O'Sullivan RIP
		9.45-10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>

Vigil Mass		6.30pm	Martin Church & Peter Gargano RIP
Sunday 29 th Sunday in Ordinary time	18 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Rose Cahill RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	19 th October	9.15am	Peter Aipoh RIP
Tuesday	20 th October	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family, Kevin & Tracy Lenehan Int
Wednesday	21 st October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Billy Burke Int
Thursday	22 nd October	9.15am	Pat Lenehan RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	23 rd October	9.15am	Stephen RIP
		12 noon	Requiem Mass-Danny Duggan RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	24 th October	9.15am	Eveline Francois 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	Carol Bretherick RIP
Sunday 30 th Sunday in Ordinary time	25 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Brian Little & Danny Duggan RIP
		11.30am	Rose Cahill 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

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.