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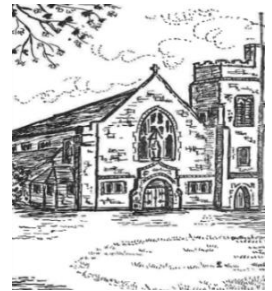
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our readings this Sunday remind us of God's love and compassion. We are asked to live this out each day in our relations with him and with others. The First Reading is from the book of Exodus. God tells Moses to teach the Israelites the kind of care they are to show each other as children of God. The Psalm is a song of praise and thanksgiving to God, who is the only source of our strength. We can of course express our love for him in our dealings with others. St Paul, in the Second Reading, praises the Christians in Thessalonica for the way they have responded, in joy, to the Spirit, becoming imitators of Christ. In the Gospel Jesus answers the question, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' The answer is, of course, to love God – with our whole being. Love of our neighbour is inextricable from this. This week let us, with joy, strive to imitate Christ's love for us in the smallest details of our motives and actions with regard to others.

NEW BISHOP OF BRENTWOOD – TIMOTHY MENEZES:

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Timothy Menezes as the new Bishop of Brentwood. Bishop Timothy, until now an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, succeeds Bishop Alan Williams SM, whose resignation has been accepted by the Holy Father having turned 75 years old on 15 March 2026. Bishop Alan has been Bishop of Brentwood since 2014.

Bishop Timothy said: "It is a great privilege to be appointed by Pope Leo XIV as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. I'm aware there will be much to learn, so I ask the Lay Faithful, the Clergy and the Religious of the diocese to pray for me, and with me, in our shared mission as Pilgrims of Hope in a world in need of hope. I am grateful for all those who have shaped my life, faith and priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Birmingham over many years. I look forward to building on Bishop Alan's good work in the diocese and pray that Christ the Good Shepherd will help us all to be a people of thanksgiving for his many blessings, and to show his compassion to those in most need."

Bishop Timothy's Mass of Episcopal Installation as the eighth Bishop of Brentwood will take place at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood, on Thursday, 3 December, the memorial of St Francis Xavier.

A WARM WELCOME TO FR JOSEPH - our new Assistant Priest. We wish him much joy and happiness here at St Mary's. Please make sure that you say hello to him after Mass.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 21:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, today we consider the importance of sacred music. Indeed, singing and playing a musical instrument are acts of prayer. Music thus fosters our unity in praising God and opens our hearts to be fashioned by his grace. Far from being merely decorative, therefore, sacred music is a treasure of profound value. It should always be dignified, draw inspiration from Sacred Scripture and reflect the grandeur of the mystery celebrated. Sacred music is also to reflect local cultures, expressing the authentic traditions of peoples, while promoting the universal Church's musical heritage. The Council also emphasized the need for solid liturgical formation and education in sacred music. Dear brothers and sisters, in the liturgy, may we join together in love, and – in the words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch – “with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ.”

AUNTUMN MASS COUNT 2026: We have just completed a count over 4 weekends (20/9-11/10) of the number of people attending Sunday Mass here at St Mary's. The average weekend total for our 4 Sunday Masses was 938 which compares with 862 last year, 890 in 2024 and 809 in 2023. 938 is a good number but we are still down on our pre-Covid figures of just over 1,000.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Last weekend, we raised £318.88. Many thanks.

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER- 5.45pm - INTERNATIONAL ROSARY: Throughout October, the statue of Our Lady has been visiting homes across our parish as we come together in prayer during the Month of the Holy Rosary. To mark the final day of this special month, we invite all parishioners to gather at the church on **Saturday, 31 October, at 5.45 pm** for a community Rosary, prayed in several languages, including Latin, Spanish and Italian. If you know the Rosary in another language and would like to take part, please contact **Kathy O'Dea or Ray John**. Let us come together as one parish family to honour Our Lady and unite in prayer.

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*.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY–Saturday 7th November 2026
Join the BCYS at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, 10am-3pm, for an inspiring day of faith, workshops and resources, with guest speaker Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. Free to attend, open to all catechists and leaders working with young people, including young leaders aged 16+. Register at bcys.net/events/catechists2026.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD TALKS: Join Caritas Brentwood this autumn for one further special gathering exploring Catholic Social Teaching in action. 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>

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 12noon -4pm: 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.

KNIT OR CROCHET A POPPY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY and pop it in the jar in the porch. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance of all those who died in wars from WW1 up to the present day. There are small labels available on which to write the name of a relative or friend who died in war which you can attach to the poppy if you wish to. The poppies will be displayed in the church on Remembrance Day. If you would like a name added to the Remembrance posters please fill in the form by the Poppy box and put it the basket. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: We have now cast the majority of speaking roles for our Christmas Eve Nativity play. We continue to advertise for our non-speaking roles (angels, shepherds, the star, donkey/camel etc). Rehearsals start from Sunday 1st November after the 9:30am mass for an hour. We look forward to seeing you there! Samantha and Liam.

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/ housebound, 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/ the Anointing of the Sick) to where they are.

MASS INTENTIONS: The diary is now opened for the new year.

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 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	24 th October	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
Monday SS Cedd & Chad,Bpp	26 th October	9.15am	Martha Sheridan RIP
Tuesday	27 th October	9.15am	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Christopher David Giles RIP, Bernadette & Martin Cornish Int
Wednesday SS Simon & Jude,App	28 th October	7.15pm	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Paul Hiscock RIP
Thursday	29 th October	9.15am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	30 th October	9.15am	Tom & Eileen Swan RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	31 st October	9.15am	Shaila John 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	Marie & Alby Edgley RIP
Sunday All Saints	1 st November	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Patricia Fells RIP
		11.30am	Alexander Taylor 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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