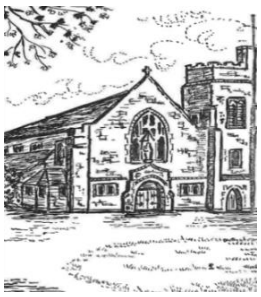
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the readings are increasingly concerned with the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord. In the First Reading, Wisdom is personified as an attractive lady, who seeks to comfort and support those who love and seek her. She prepares us for the virgins in the Gospel who are looking out for the bridegroom. Continuing the theme of watching, the Psalmist's main ambition is to find God. He will certainly be ready when the Lord comes. Using apocalyptic language, Paul in the second reading, reminds the Thessalonians that whether dead or alive, the Lord will be with them, so they can comfort one another. In the well known parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Matthew in our Gospel reading today reminds his audience that the Lord will eventually come, but that we must not only exercise patience, but also be ready at all times to welcome him. This week, we might pray particularly for all those who will be unprepared when the Lord comes, whether because they don't know him, or because they have given up waiting.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: This Sunday, 8th November, is Remembrance Sunday, when we commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two Word Wars and since. The day is kept on the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November, Armistice Day, which marks the end of hostilities in the First World War in 1918. It is usually kept by two minutes silence at 11am.
Today we remember and pray for all those who died in the First and Second World Wars and in the many conflicts since then. We remember the sacrifice that they made for us and we pray for the repose of their souls.

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

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. Raffle tickets for the Parish Christmas Draw will be available after Masses this weekend.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 23:
Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catechesis on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, we begin our reflection on the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*. This Document focuses on the Church's pastoral responsibility to engage with the contemporary world, sharing in its joys and sorrows, and calls for a commitment to conversion, bearing witness to Christ's work, and advocating for the poor and marginalized. The Church is also to be attentive to the signs of the times, interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, thereby addressing pressing issues such as the technological progress that benefits only some and the persistence of widespread poverty. In our own day, marked by profound change and much injustice, each of us, then, is called to play our part in welcoming and listening to the deepest questions and longings of the human heart, making present to all the merciful love of Christ our Saviour.

SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND:
Next weekend, we have a Mission appeal from the Spiritans, and so, there will be a second collection at the end of Mass for their good work around the world.
Founded in 1703, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. For over 300 years, our mission has been clear: to evangelize the poor and the needy, pursue justice, foster peace, care for creation, inspired by Luke 4:18 and advance God's kingdom here on earth. Today, more than 3,000 Spiritans from all continents bring this mission to life in over 60 countries, serving where the need is greatest—hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools, and refugee communities. We also support integral development for young people and work for justice globally. As Pope Francis reminded us in May 2023, we serve "in simplicity of life, respecting peoples and cultures," embracing the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Your support and prayers keep our mission alive. Together, we carry the Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners.

RECENT BAPTISMS: We congratulate Elsie & Leonard Gaplin who were been baptised recently. We welcome them to the great family of God, the Church.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: November is the month when we remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030). So, November is an ideal time to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayer and acts of love and charity. Our prayers will assist them on their journey to heaven, where they will assuredly pray us on our journey to God as well. November is also a good time to remember that we are sinners and that by God's grace we must strengthen our own souls so that we too may enter heaven. Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. Write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and put it in the envelope. Any donations will be given to *Aid To The Church In Need* for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls. Please hand the envelopes to Fr Mark or to the Parish office.

'JESUS HEALS' SERVICE: Fr Frank Mulgrew on 13th November 2026: Come with your burdens, hopes, and prayers! We are happy to inform that the forthcoming 'Jesus Heals' Service on 13' November 2026 at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm in *English Martyrs Parish*. Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ, directed by Rev. Fr. Frankie Mulgrew. The Shalom global network UK will be organising this healing service. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Dan Riordan** who passed away during the week. We pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort and consolation of his family.

NEW ROLE. CATHEDRAL HOUSE: We are looking for a new assistant within the Chancery and Tribunal Offices. The role will be to provide administrative and practical support to help to ensure the continued smooth running of the offices. The successful candidate will initially work 12 hours per week (3 days, 10am – 2pm), with the role expected to develop over the next few years into additional hours and increased responsibilities. Office based at the Diocesan Offices in Brentwood. For more details or to apply please email: hr@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications, 5pm on 16 November 2026

CARITAS BRENWOOD 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 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.

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, and Denis Fallon.

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	7th November	**6.30pm**	Thomas Fay RIP
Sunday 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8th November	**8.00am**	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Anthony, Josephine, Paula Camilleri, Alfred Farrugia RIP
		11.30am	Jacinta Neale
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9th November	**9.15am**	Paddy Shanahan RIP
Tuesday St Leo the Great	10th November	**9.15am**	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Yvonne Perry RIP, Bernadette & Martin Cornish Int
Wednesday St Martin of Tours	11th November	**7.15pm**	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Ndidi Wood Int
Thursday St Josaphat	12th November	**9.15am**	Daniel Smith RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	13th November	**9.15am**	Danny Duggan RIP
Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	14th November	**9.15am**	Philomena Crowe RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	*Confessions*
		5.30-6pm	*Confessions*
Vigil Mass		**6.30pm**	Brian Spicer RIP
Sunday 33rd Sunday in ordinary time	15th November	**8.00am**	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Stephen Goggin RIP
		11.30am	Eamon Commins 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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