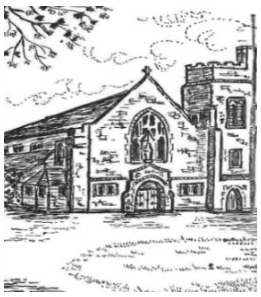
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The readings in this final week of Ordinary Time, Year A, remind us again of the need to be always prepared for the coming of Christ by the way we live our lives. In the First Reading, the writer extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life. The Psalm speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord. St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others. This week, we pray for those who struggle to realize where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognized, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND:
This 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.

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

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Today is the World Day of the Poor, and on this day, we pray for those who are in need or living in poverty. Pope Leo XIV, in his message for the World Day of the Poor, this year, invites the Church to an examination of conscience: "Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?" How much more are we called to do – in our communities, in our nations – "on behalf of the poor and for their liberation." Echoing the words of his predecessor, Pope Francis, he reminds us that "we are the Lord's Church, a Church of the poor" So, on this day, we think about ways in which we can reach out to those who are in need or living in poverty.

POPE LEO'S WED. AUDIENCE ON 'THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL' 24:
Dear brothers and sisters, in our series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, we continue our reflection on *Gaudium et Spes*, focusing on the dignity of the human person. Human dignity flows from our identity as children made in the image and likeness of God. We are endowed with the gifts of intelligence, for seeking truth; conscience, for recognizing our ultimate calling; and freedom, for choosing the good. Only through Christ do we understand that our personhood implies relationship and the call to give ourselves as a gift to God and others. May we therefore help each other to guard and defend our God-given dignity and journey together toward our heavenly homeland.

INVITATION FROM OUR NEW BISHOP ELECT:
All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.
Masses will be celebrated in three locations:

1. Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 am – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
2. Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 pm – St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
3. Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 pm - St James the Less and St Helen, Colchester CO1 2QB
4. CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.

In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.

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.

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.

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 .We are looking for donations of unopened bottles, toiletry bottles/giftset, boxes of chocolates and biscuits and we are receiving these now. Cakes to be donated on 4th December to the parish office.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: We have now cast the majority of speaking roles for our Christmas Eve Nativity play. However, we are still looking for a King, as well as non-speaking roles (angels, shepherds, donkey/camel etc). There is no Nativity practice this weekend. Next one will be on the 22nd November.

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

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:

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.

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday **Vigil Mass**	14th November	**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
Monday St Edmund of Canterbury	16th November	**9.15am**	Dec'd members of the Lenehan family, Fr John Hayes RIP, Marion & David Donovan Int
Tuesday	17th November	**9.15am**	Anne Sullivan RIP
Wednesday	18th November	**7.15pm**	Evening prayer
		7.30pm	Lucy Folorunsho Olaniyan RIP
Thursday	19th November	**9.15am**	Kathleen McDonagh RIP
		9.45-12noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	20th November	**9.15am**	James Calvert RIP
Saturday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	21st November	**9.15am**	Eileen Newman RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	*Confessions*
		5.30-6pm	*Confessions*
Vigil Mass		**6.30pm**	Joe Curtin RIP
Sunday Christ the King	22nd November	**8.00am**	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Brian Little RIP
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia 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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