



Holy Family Catholic Church

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10th October 28th Sunday of the Year - B

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus, in love shows the rich man how to be a follower of his. To lose everything was too much for the man, that should not be the case with us. We must have the courage to follow the way of the Lord wholeheartedly. The Word of the Lord cuts through all our trappings of wealth and speaks to the heart. It is a call to put everything second to the love he has given us.



Psalm Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

17th October 29th Sunday of the Year - B

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45



Jesus, our high priest, perfect and eternal has shown us the way. He understands the suffering and trials of our life. He has suffered in his service to his Father. If we do the same what praise would we expect? Our only ambition should be to serve the Father as Christ did. To pass through our trials to the Father as Christ did.

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

24th October 30th Sunday of the Year - B

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus gives sight to a blind man who with a clear insight of faith recognises him as the Messiah and sets out to follow him on the Way. The path that Jesus has set for us which all can take, returning from their own exile from God. Jesus is called by the Father to be the ultimate high priest who offers the sacrificial blood not of some animal but of himself.

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.



Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Pastoral Letter for The launch of Brentwood Diocesan *Laudato Si'*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's first reading, from the Book of Genesis, we heard about the creation of Eve, from the rib of Adam. In the Gospel Jesus tells us, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."

These two images chime deeply with this pivotal moment in the life of our planet. God's creation was gifted to us in that same Book of Genesis. Adam and Eve are asked to "till" and "keep" the earth – to steward it, care for it, and cherish it. Yet as we consider the children in the Gospel, so precious in Jesus' sight, we have to ask ourselves what kind of world we are handing on to our children, and children yet unborn? This summer has seen wild fires raging in Southern Europe, traumatic flooding in India, Pakistan and America, and a devastating earthquake in Haiti. There can be no doubt that weather patterns are shifting, and it is the poorest people in the world who are often the ones that are suffering the most.

So how can we respond? Our faith roots us in a Biblical landscape full of natural images – lakes and mountains, fish and sheep, fig trees and olive groves, wheat and lambs. Pope Francis says, "The Lord was ... in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder." The Pope wrote those words in 2015, in a letter addressed to the whole world. It is called *Laudato Si'* and these are the first words of a prayer of St Francis of Assisi – they translate as, *Praise Be*.

"Praise Be to brother sun and sister moon," writes St Francis as he continues referring to all creation as brother and sister. In those simple words he reminds us that we are all inter-connected. St Thomas Aquinas, the great Philosopher and Theologian, said "In every living creature there is a trace of the Trinity." In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis draws together these centuries of prayer and wisdom, and asks us urgently to "Listen to the Cry of the Earth, and the Cry of the Poor."

Now, in the autumn of 2021, we find ourselves at a moment which will define how human beings respond to the challenges of Climate Change. In less than a month world leaders gather in Glasgow, and the decisions they make will affect us all. So today you are receiving information about what the Diocese is doing, and what you are invited to do, as individuals and as a parish. As part of this, each of us are asked to make three personal pledges, three ways in which we will act differently. This is not just another environmental campaign; it is an integral part of our faith. In making your personal pledges – in working to heal the planet, and in striving for justice for the poorest people in the world – you are a living witness to Jesus Christ: do not be afraid to tell people why you are doing whatever you choose to do.

Let me now offer some very personal words. I have been deeply blessed in my life to explore mountains, often in Scotland. Mountains are part of the Biblical landscape, where they are places of encounter with God. For me, they are places where I see the immense scale, detail, force and wonder of God's

creation. There are moments when I have savoured the stillness and peace of an unparalleled view from a mountain peak. I sense God, and such moments inspire me to pray. So as I see the destruction of God's creation due to the effects of climate change, I take the pledges that I make today very seriously. *I will be eating less meat; I will be walking more often; I will be praying much more regularly on the challenges to God's Creation and the urgent issues around climate change.*

Today, I am also mindful of my role as Shepherd of the Diocese. It is a feature of our Church that much good work can remain hidden. This weekend, unusually, we are shining a light on what we do, so that you know about it and can share it. For over thirty years Brentwood Diocese has firmly refused to invest in tobacco or weapons manufacturers, into addition to those who produce pornography, or those who make chemical products that go against our teaching that all life is sacred. Now we have added to this; in the last three months we have divested completely from companies that produce or trade fossil fuel. In 2018 we became an employer that pays the real living wage, lifting families from poverty. The electricity and gas used in almost all our Diocesan buildings now comes from renewable sources.

To reinforce these Diocesan actions, and our personal pledges, today I urgently encourage every school and parish to work towards the Cafod *LiveSimply* award; this will have a great effect across East London and Essex. The Diocese is full of natural beauty, and we can help to enhance that, creating new havens for wildlife, volunteering with local charities, and growing fruit and vegetables on our land. Personally, I am very pleased to be helping to lead work which will seriously examine our use of energy in the Diocese, most especially in our buildings, and you will hear more about that in your own parish during 2022.

In an interview, Mother Teresa, now a Saint of our Church, was once asked about how her work with the poorest people in Calcutta could possibly make a difference, as there were so many of them. She replied, "Is what I am doing to serve the poor just a drop in the ocean? Yes. It is. But many drops make a different ocean."

Our personal pledges are drops in the ocean – but there are, at least, over 45,000 committed Catholics in our Diocese. That's 135,000 pledges! Making sacrifices; listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. In this way, in the name of Jesus Christ, we can help to make a different ocean.

I ask you, with me, to offer it all in prayer:

*"Teach us afresh, Lord, to care for our common home in the way that you care for us
Teach us afresh, Lord, to see 'a trace of the Trinity' in every part of creation
Teach us afresh, Lord, the precious truth that each person we meet
is a sister or brother of your Son, Jesus Christ."*

Yours in Christ and Mary, Bishop Alan Williams, sm

Fr David

Fr. David has been in contact to say how deeply touched he is by the generosity of the parish in their presentation

We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:

<i>Fr. John McKeon</i>	<i>Doreen Hegharty</i>	<i>Tom Coffey</i>	<i>Mary Ware</i>	<i>Oliver Ryan</i>
<i>Pauline Egbunike</i>	<i>Maureen Bushell</i>	<i>Margaret Kiely</i>	<i>John Connors</i>	<i>Ibiron Ayool</i>
<i>Myla Lebersidge</i>	<i>Maureen Harvey</i>	<i>Michael Harvey</i>	<i>Mark Paton</i>	<i>Olive Edgar</i>
<i>Catherine Watkins</i>	<i>Andy Gallagher</i>	<i>Tony Leahy</i>	<i>Mary Wallace</i>	<i>Lucia Watson</i>
<i>Dennis O'Flaherty</i>	<i>Gabriella Byrne</i>	<i>Danny O'Sullivan</i>		

May they experience the healing touch of Jesus

Live Mass Streaming

All church services are now live streamed. This can be accessed via the parish website on <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream/> If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

Covid 19 – Contact Tracing

After attending Mass/Private prayer can you please use the QR code displayed around the Church. You will need to download the NHS app on your phone. Alternatively you can use the link and complete the contract tracing form <https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/>. Thank you for your co-operation

Baptism Course 2021

The next Baptism course will take place on 10th, 17th and 24th November at 7:00pm. Please email the presbytery by 3rd November if you wish to take part.

November – Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to remember loved ones during the month of November. Please take one and put in it a list of any names that you would like to be remembered. Please return the envelopes by 15th October.

Sacramental preparation for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping children from GRT communities prepare for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to find out more about this work we will be running two training sessions on Thursday, 14th October and Thursday, 21st October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. If you would like more information please phone 01277 624891 or email billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Parish Food Bank

Over the past few months there have been a number of meetings to discuss and plan the setting up of a Food Bank in our parish. We have received a grant to help start this very important venture, in recent weeks some members of the parish and the priests have visited other Food Banks to see how they minister to those in need. We have received a great deal of very helpful information that will inform our planning. As we move nearer to starting this we are asking the members of the parish community to consider how they may help to set this up and keep it running. We will, of

course, be needing donations of food and other items but most importantly we will need a good number of people to help with the setting up and distribution of the food. At this moment in time we are looking at running the Food Bank of a Sunday after Mass. One reason for this is that as far as we know no other Food Bank is open on a Sunday.

We are now in a position to receive any food donations to get this project off the ground. We are in need of tinned products: Meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, beans packet products: Cereals, biscuits, pasta, spaghetti, noodles, pulses If possible with at least 6 months shelf life indicated on the packaging. Items may be left at the back of the Church in the boxes provided.

BCYS Events

As restrictions continue to ease we are able to start running events within the BCYS. Here are some 'save the dates' for your diaries, with more information coming nearer the time: For more information please see www.bcys.net

Youth Gather – 23rd October

One day Youth Gather for Year 9 and above at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa.

Catechists Training and Resource Day – 6th November

Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS.

Job Vacancy – Cook & Kitchen Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks Saturday 10:30am – 6:30pm; Sunday 10:00am – 1:30pm & Monday 10:00am – 1:30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting in January 2022. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information can found on our website, www.bcys.net/job-vacancy-cook or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 18th October 2021.

Missio - World Mission Sunday

Sunday 24th October is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. By supporting the Pope's charity, you will help missionaries who work alongside communities that are in need regardless of their background or belief, like Sister Veronica build peace in northern Nigeria and share the love of Christ or Sister Clara educate vulnerable young girls in India, giving them the skills to break free from exploitation and abuse. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world which is 'to share God's love with all people' and please give what you can. There will be a second collection at Mass on 24th October. Alternatively, call 020 7821 9755 or visit www.missio.org.uk. to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation.

Readers for Mass

Sat 9 th Oct	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Anne Carroll
Sun 10 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Alfonse Gabriel Confirmation Candidates
Sat 16 th Oct	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem & Anne Carroll
Sun 17 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Daniel Hughes & Annette O'Donoghue Clare Nwachukwa & Onose Egualeon
Sat 23 rd Oct	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgterald & Peter Roberts
Sun 24 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Philippa Ademuyiwa & Ngozi Onodugo Veronica Obi & Nora Bell

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 9 th Oct	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 10 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Matthew Onyemah Veronica Obi
Sat 16 th Oct	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgterald
Sun 17 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Amanda Shapati Nora Bell
Sat 23 rd Oct	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 24 th Oct	9:00am 11:00am	Dennis Ahorituwere Augusta Egualeonan

Welcomers /Readers

Please contact the Presbytery if you are willing to go on a rota as a welcomer or reader now that the Church is returning to 'normal'.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box with your donation. Alternatively you can give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick at 3:00pm 19th–21st November 2021. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights' accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection after all weekend Masses this weekend for Prisoners Sunday and after all weekend Masses on 24th October for World Mission Day

Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Counters

We are looking for volunteers who can give up a few hours of their time after 11:00am Mass to count the money collected at all weekend Masses. We are hoping to get enough volunteers so that we can get at least three teams so it will be one week on and two weeks off. If you are interested please contact the presbytery via email or phone during office hours (between 10:00am and 1:00pm)

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session for 1st Holy Communion children will take place on Saturday 6th November at 10:00am in the CASA Hall. **At the same time** the parents meeting will take place. Your Mass will take place Sunday 7th November at 11:00am.

Caliyp Programme

The next 2 **sessions** for Caliyp candidates will take place on Wednesday 20th October and 3rd November 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

RCIA Programme

The next session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 19th October at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Confirmation Programme

The next session for Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 6th November at 2:30pm in the Church. Your Mass will take place on Sunday 14th November at 9:00am

Mass Intentions

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Saturday 9th Oct	6:00pm	Berni & Lai Fennessey Spec Ints	A & J Keany
Sunday 10th Oct	9:00am	Margaret McAuliffe RIP	Members of Mini Bus
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

St John XXIII, P

Mon 11th October	9:00am	Christopher Hindson (Get Well)	Cody Family
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Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Rel

Tue 12th October	9:00am	Christiana Ogunsikan (Birthday)	
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Wed 13th October	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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Thur 14th October	9:00am	Anne Forkan RIP	A & J Carroll
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St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Rel, D

Fri 15th October	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	Colin & Mary
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Feria

Sat 16th October	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Saturday 16th Oct	6:00pm	Germanus & Emilia Akunda RIP	Cecilia Akunda
Sunday 17th Oct	9:00am	Debbie Stars RIP	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

St. Luke, Evangelist

Mon 18th October	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	M Fitzgerald
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Tue 19th October	9:00am	Bernadette Hindson (Spec.Ints)	Cody Family
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Wed 20th October	9:00am	Dr Livinus Anyanwu RIP	J Anyanwu
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Thu 21st October	9:00am	Sue McGuiggan	
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St. John Paul II, P

Fri 22nd October	9:00am	Flo & George Clark (RIP)	Cody Family
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Sat 23rd October	9:00am	John Musgrove (RIP)	T&E Lighterness-Fam
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Saturday 23rd Oct	6:00pm	Dorothy Harrison RIP	J Harrison
Sunday 24th Oct	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Jean Ramsey (RIP)	Cody Family

Mass attendance
26/09/21-381 Late: 70

Collections:
26/09/21 - £880.83 Thank you

03/10/21- 368 Late: 99

03/10/21 - £1,264.43 Thank you