



Holy Family Catholic Church

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12th September 24th Sunday of the Year - B

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Peter is right when he calls Jesus the Christ. Jesus shows that if we accept this we are called to act. To take up our cross, stand up to the world for the Lord is our vindicator. A faith that does not act in the world is not in full communion with Christ. In following the example of the disciples and Christ we show our faith is fully alive.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.



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!

19th September 25th Sunday of the Year - B

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 - 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

There is division in the world. People want to be greater than each other and through jealousy lay traps for the virtuous. Even the disciples wondered who was the greatest among them. All this is because the human heart is divided. Only when we let ourselves to be taught by God, as a little child would, do we become pure of heart.

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

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!

26th September 26th Sunday of the Year - B

Numbers 11:25-29

James 2:1-5 James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Spirit of the Lord is offered to all. There is no inner circle of faith that the Spirit is confined to. The elders in the desert and the man working in the name of Christ show they have the Spirit in them. If only we all did! That was the prayer of Moses and is the wish of Christ. If we were there would be no injustice in the world and no more sin.

Psalm Response: the precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Statement of Bishop Alan for Education Sunday, 2021

Education Sunday is a day on which can we focus on the wonderful work that is done in Catholic schools up and down the country. The last year has been a challenging time for all, as we have had to face the full impact of the pandemic and find new ways to live and work. Only time will show the full impact of the days that our children have had to stay at home and try to study. There are, I fear, some areas of inequality in the provision of the pupils' learning, which may impinge on their development for some time. Having said that however, I know that the schools in the diocese have worked tirelessly to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the children. On behalf of the diocese, I offer my deep gratitude to our Catholic schools for all that they have done and achieved during the pandemic.

When the Catholic hierarchy was re-established in the ninetieth century, one of the first actions was to establish schools to support the Catholic community and help them overcome the many obstacles, including illiteracy, in the way of so many people. In our times the call to make Education a priority has not diminished in any way. As your bishop I heed the call of Pope Leo XIII given over a hundred years ago when he called on the bishops of the world to carry on *"making the young your chief care; press onward in every way your work; and cultivate with enthusiasm and hopefulness whatever good seeds you find: for God, who is rich in mercy will give the increase."*

In recent times some of our schools have had to face hostile approaches from those who do not share our vision for Catholic education. They would want to influence the direction of travel for their own purposes rather than for the benefit of the children and young people in our Catholic schools. Pope Francis writes that *"Education is an enterprise that demands cooperation on the part of all involved – the family, the school and social, cultural and religious institutions."* A positive way of achieving this cooperation which, in turn, furthers the vision and tradition of those pioneers, is for our schools to work more closely together by joining Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs). Whilst this may be in line with thinking coming out of national Government it is also genuinely my firm belief that this is the best future for our schools. It is an opportunity for schools to work together actively and formally to shape the Catholic education system in their locality. It is this approach that will enable high standards of Catholic education to be maintained and where schools can contribute more widely as beacons of good practice in the local community. Indeed, where CMATs have been established in our diocese benefits have already been identified, including financial savings, greater inter-school support and renewal of the mission they share as Catholic schools.

As the pandemic recedes and a growing sense of normality returns, I know that we will be able to move forward collaboratively with the wonderful

work of enabling our young people to reach their full potential. I encourage all associated with our Catholic schools, as Pope Francis has said, to “*persevere with courage and tenacity*”. Once again, thank you to all who work in and support Catholic education whether as pupils, staff, governors or parents. I will keep you in my prayers and ask that you join me in praying for the flourishing of our Catholic School communities.

***Yours in Christ and Mary,
Bishop Alan, sm
Bishop of Brentwood***

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/> Please be aware that if you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible. In addition Sunday 2nd May will be the last time we will be sending the Mass via Zoom.us.

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 two sessions for the Baptism Course will take place on 15th and 22nd September. If you wish to attend the next course please look for dates in future newsletters.

Votive Candles

Only votive candles provided on the candle stands may be lit and displayed in the church. This is due to the immediate fire risk. If no candles are lit on the stand, please do not light from matches yourself, the altar servers will light them.

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 member so 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

Monthly Youth Mass

Providing restrictions allow we will resume in person Youth Mass at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa.

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.

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'.

Parish Survey

A team of parishioners have produced a survey to find out the views and the wishes of members of the parish community. By scanning this QR code with your phone or computer you will be linked to the survey. Please spend a few minutes to do this to help with our future planning. Thank you.



Readers for Mass

Sat 11th Sep	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald and Anne Carroll
Sun 12th Sep	9:00am	Pamela Anike and Philippa Admuyiwa
	11:00am	Veronica Obi and Immaculata Nnadi
Sat 18th Sep	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem and Peter Roberts
Sun 19th Sep	9:00am	Pamela Anike and Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	Veronica Obi and Nkem Okoli
Sat 25th Sep	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald and Anne Carroll
Sun 26th Sep	9:00am	Pamela Anike and Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	Ify Durojaiye and Immaculate Nnadi

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 11th Sep	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 12th Sep	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Bernie McKeag
Sat 18th Sep	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 19th Sep	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Bernie McKeag
Sat 25th Sep	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 26th Sep	9:00am	Amanda Shapati
	11:00am	Nora Bell

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)

Season of Creation Study Days

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action for common home www.seasonofcreation.org From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised two study days – on Saturday 4th September and Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on ‘care for our common home’ (*Laudato si'*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, ‘The Cry of Creation’ and ‘The Cry of the Poor’ will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary’s University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org. No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website. Please spread the word on social media.

Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it



Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it



Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers

Archconfraternity of St Stephen, invites all Altar Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2:30pm. Principal celebrant Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Servers from beyond the Westminster Diocese are welcome to this Mass if they can't attend the National Mass on 25th September in Wolverhampton. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email by 18th September johnmccormack528@gmail.com

Job Vacancy

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for an SEN Class Teacher with PHSE responsibility and Classroom Support Assistants. These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrchool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrchool.co.uk

Apply to work for Right to Life UK

Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world?

Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations.

In particular, they are looking to urgently fill positions in their Public Affairs team, to ensure that they have the right team in place ahead of their opposition making further attempts to introduce radical changes to abortion and assisted suicide legislation.

They are looking for highly-skilled, hard-working, professional individuals to join them.

If this is of interest to you or if you know of anyone that would be suitable for one of the positions, please visit the link below to view the roles they are looking to hire for and learn how to apply.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

First Holy Communion Programme

The first session for 1st Holy Communion children will take place on Saturday 18th September at 10:00am in the CASA Hall. **At the same time** the parents meeting will take place – venue to be announced.

Caliyp Programme

The first session for Caliyp candidates will take place on Saturday 18th September at 10:00am in the CASA Hall. **At the same time** the parents meeting will take place – venue to be announced.

RCIA Programme

The first session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 21st September at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Confirmation Programme

The first session for Confirmation candidates and their parents will take place on Saturday 18th September at 2:30pm in the Church

For all above programmes can you please ensure you turn up on time. Thankyou.

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.

Mass Intentions			
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B			
Saturday 11th Sept	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 12th Sept	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	Anteyi Family
	11:00am	Daniel Crangle RIP	M Fitzgerald
St John Chrysostom, Bp, D			
Mon 13th September	9:00am	Mayville Commettant RIP	J Xavier-Small
Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross			
Tue 14th September	9:00am	Thanksgiving for all His Mercies	Anonymous
Our Lady of Sorrows			
Wed 15th September	9:00am	Mary Rose Nwosu RIP	Anteyi Family
Ss Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, Mm			
Thur 16th September	9:00am	Daniel Crangle RIP	SVP
Feria			
Fri 17th September	9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Estelita Maduli & Family	
Feria			
Sat 18th September	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	M Fitzgerald
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B			
Saturday 18th Sept	6:00pm	Fr David Pearce Spec Ints	J Harrison & T Power
Sunday 19th Sept	9:00am	Elfrida Rosekilly Foundation	
	11:00am	People of the Parish	
St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mm			
Mon 20th September	9:00am	Frances Cerabire Get Well	J Xavier-Small
St Matthew, Ap, Evangelist			
Tue 21st September	9:00am	Priscilla Ezeifeka RIP	Anteyi Family
Feria			
Wed 22nd September	9:00am	Crangle Family	M Fitzgerald
St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio)			
Thu 23rd September	9:00am	Bernadette Hindson Get Well	R Cody & Family
Our Lady of Walsingham			
Fri 24th September	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	M Fitzgerald
Feria			
Sat 25th September	9:00am	Teresa Knott RIP	M & T Oneymah
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B			
Saturday 25th Sept	6:00pm	Private Intention	
Sunday 26th Sept	9:00am	Mary McNicholas Get Well	A & J Keany
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Mass attendance

Collections:

29/08/21-329 and 06/09/21- 382 29/08-£881.01 and 06/09/21-£784.43