

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

17th September **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30am MASS - Jack Mackey RIP

11.30am MASS - Alzira D'Souza & Hyacinth Young RIP

6.30pm MASS - *Fr Adrian's Farewell Mass*

Monday 18th September

9.00am MASS - Mr & Mrs Godfrey and family

Tuesday 19th September

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 20th September

9.00am MASS - Hazel Castelino RIP

Thursday 21st September **ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist**

9.00am MASS - William Herald RIP

Friday 22nd September

9:00am MASS - Ann Marie Scanlon RIP

Saturday 23rd September

NO MORNING MASS or

10.am - 10.30am CONFESSIONS

5.30pm - 6.00pm CONFESSIONS

6.30pm VIGIL MASS - Pdraig Garvey RIP

24th September **TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30am MASS - Ann Silcock INT

11.30am MASS - People of Parish

6.30pm MASS - Stephanie Sadio & Family INT

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 17th September 2023



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: “Forgive thy Brother” by the American artist, **Scott Erickson**. *Peter went up to Jesus and said, “Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?” Jesus answered, “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.”*

FR ADRIAN’S “FAREWELL” MASS takes place at 6.30 p.m. this Sunday followed by a reception and presentation afterwards. This is an opportunity to thank him most sincerely for all he has spiritually and pastorally given to the community over these past three years.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child’s relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ’s presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass.

It is essential that at least, one parent, is a baptised Catholic and practising their Faith or, at least, has a renewed openness to Christ and the practice of their Faith. The family of the child must be also be resident in the parish; the community where they and their child(ren) will grow in love of Christ.

If you wish to have your child baptised there are three simple steps:

- i) Please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish.
- ii) Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next session will be held on 2nd and 9th November starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born.

USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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VACANCIES AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD:

Head of Department - Mathematics, January start or sooner

Closing Date: Friday 15 September 2023

School Chaplain, start ASAP Pupil Support Assistant, start

ASAP Closing Date: 29 September 2023

For further information please visit: [//uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS -Fri 22nd - Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick You are made for a purpose. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, 21st - 22nd OCTOBER 2023 Youth Gather is back for 2023. Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound challenges, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike (semi-finalist on The Voice) and the SVP. All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island - all of this for just £70!

The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age 18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/

If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.

iii) Having considered whether you are willing to take on the responsibility of being “the first and best teachers of your children in the practice of the faith”, please contact the parish office to arrange a date for your child’s baptism.

If you have any queries about any of the above or you just wish to discuss your own faith, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Martin.

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS? The parish community is indebted to those catechists who have given so generously of their gifts, time and the witness of their own faith to prepare our children for their First Holy Communion and a lifelong relationship with Christ who is truly present to us in Holy Communion.

In order to discern what that preparation might look like in the future, Fr Martin would like to hear the views of parents and, indeed, their children. He has two simple questions in mind:

- i) How did you and your child(ren) find the preparation?
- ii) Would you consider assisting with the future preparation of our parish children?

Even if you can only respond with a couple of sentences this will help inform Fr Martin’s thinking. Please email winstead@brcdt.org or if you would prefer to meet Fr Martin in person, please contact the office.

THE FAMILY OF FIONA KENNEDY wish to thank all of those who offered support and prayers to them following the sad death of Fiona. A Mass will be offered for their intentions. *May Fiona rest in peace and rise in glory.*

NEXT SUNDAY IS “EVANGELII GAUDIUM” SUNDAY. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel” The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

Reflecting on the four Constitutions or key documents of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.

Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

Resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

THE INDUCTION OF FR MARTIN AS PARISH PRIEST will take place at the 6.30 p.m. evening Mass on Sunday 15th October. Fr Andrew Headon in his role as the Dean of Redbridge, has kindly agreed to preside at the Induction. All are welcome to come to the Induction and to pray for Fr Martin.

The Ceremony of Induction is an occasion when a new Parish Priest is formally presented to the people of the parish. This serves as a reminder to the new parish priest and the people that together they are to be witnesses of the good news of God’s grace and thus play their part in the evangelising mission of the Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

WEDNESDAY TEAS - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Martin's day off will be from mid-morning on a Monday until mid-morning on a Tuesday. There will be no morning Mass on a Tuesday.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS will not be resumed for the time being. Fr Martin is going to see how he manages on his own at a weekend with all the Sunday Masses, Confessions, Baptisms, Weddings and other appointments. He will then review the Saturday morning Mass. In the meantime, he thanks you for your understanding.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB meet every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEDITATION the group meet every Tuesday at 10.50am in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome to come and will be greeted warmly. So see you all then.

DIOCESAN NEWS

BCYS YOUTH MASS takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!