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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we 'love thy neighbour as thyself' as we are called to do, then we should be as concerned for their salvation as our own. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to turn our brothers and sisters from false paths. We must continue our task of being disciples, we must be prepared to take the risk of pointing out the failings in others, and, what is even more difficult, we have to have the humility to hear and learn from those who point out our weaknesses. Let us always correct with love so that the sinner hears only God's voice.

Let us help each other to goodness, advise each other, pray for each other on our way to God.

Have a blessed, worshipful and loving week.

Fr Gerry

Important reminder

12th September at 8pm - Meeting of the WHOLE PARISH in the light of the vision document 'Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese' (which can be downloaded from the Diocesan website at dioceseofbrentwood.org/news). At this meeting we will have the opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and His service. Your comments and suggestions will be

gratefully received and passed on to the Diocese as the Bishop has requested, as part of the ongoing consultation process.

I look forward to seeing you all at that meeting. If for any reason you cannot attend, please let me know. Catholics, one of the most profound ways we encounter Jesus Christ is in the Sacraments.



Baptism

If you wish your child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass. Welcoming new people into our parish and welcoming parishioners as they bring their child/children for Baptism is an important part of our mission. If you would like to help with this important ministry please have a chat with Fr Gerry.

Confirmation

If you are in Year 9 or above it is now time to start thinking about whether you are being called to make this Sacrament. If the answer is **YES** then candidates are asked to email Fr Gerry (frgerry@talktalk.net) by the end of September. Our first meeting for parents (and candidates) will take place on the 8th October after 10.30 Mass. If you would like any further information or would like to be involved in helping

the group please speak to Helen or Elaine.

First Holy Communion

We are pleased to announce that our First Holy Communion programme will start on Sunday 24th September and we invite all children and parents to our First Holy Communion Inscription Mass at 10.30am.

Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th September** at 8pm. Receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus is the greatest gift anyone can ever have. It is not a one off event but one which happens again and again, a gift we receive throughout our lives whenever we come to Mass. In the name of Jesus the Church teaches us that we should come to Mass at least every Sunday, and preferably to come to Mass through the week as well. It is therefore important that our programme this year begins with helping you as parents understand the faith and we know that you will want to play your full part in teaching your children, both by example and by word.

Children will begin their programme on Tuesday 16th January and classes will be held from 4-5pm in church. For children to take part in the course parents must have attended the Tuesday evening parent meetings.

If you would like an enrolment form or would like to help with the running of this group please speak to Fr Gerry. Thank you.

Reconciliation

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we discover that God loves us no matter what we have done, and is ready to forgive whenever we turn to him in

prayer. If you need to receive the Sacrament of Confession please call or speak to Fr Gerry.

RCIA

Our RCIA will commence on Tuesday 26th September at 8pm. This is open to everyone and is a perfect chance to find out more about the Catholic faith.



Why not come along and see what

happens?

In session 1 we will be looking at:

Why we believe... anything?

Why we believe in Truth?

Why we believe in science?

All very welcome. Any questions please ask Fr Gerry or Christine.

Children's Liturgy - I am very much looking forward to resuming Liturgy for our children on Sunday 17th September. All children are very welcome to come and experience the great joy shared with us through the Word of God.

How we Serve in the name of Jesus

The Legion of Mary is here to serve our parish beneath the standard of Our Lady's loving care. If you or a loved one would like a visit please leave your details in the 'Legion of Mary Box' in the church porch.

We meet at 5.00pm every Monday. All are very welcome.

Legion of Mary Juniors meet on Mondays at St. Teresa's school- 3.15-4.30pm. New members are always

welcome. **Our first meeting back is on Monday 18th September.**

St Vincent de Paul Society -

Turning concern into action

September is SVP Awareness Month.

The theme this year is 'Welcome the Stranger'. Posters are now on display in the church so please do take time each week to focus on a different poster.

If you can help in any way please call **David Whines on 01702 205269**. This SVP is based at Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh. **Perhaps this is the month we could think seriously about forming our own SVP group in the parish?**

Adoration - Every Friday at the new time of 3.30-4.30.

On the last Friday of every Month Adoration will be from 3.30pm - 9pm and we would ask that you sign up to a time you would like to come to ensure the church is never empty.

Day of Prayer for our Parish Saturday 30th September at St Teresa's Church

9am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

10am - Coffee & Cake

10.30am - 11am - Talk - Fr Gerry

11am - 12 - Exposition concluding with midday office

12.15-1.30 Lunch

1.30 - Rosary

2pm - 3pm - Exposition with the opportunity for confession.

3pm -3.30pm - Tea & Cake

Do not forget that our wonderful **Wellspring** will be re-opening soon. If you would like to be part of this special outreach please speak to Elaine.

Notices

Fr Gerry has changed his day of from Monday to Friday, There will therefore be a Mass on Friday morning at 9.30am, but no Mass on Monday.

This Sunday **Alice**, our wonderful organist, will be leaving for university. Alice has been playing for us every Sunday now for many years and we are very grateful to her for sharing her talent and serving God in this way. **Alice we send with you all our love and prayers and wish you much happiness in your new adventure.**

A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit us on weekend 16th-17th September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciate" (when you help the poor you help our Lord").

The Gifts of Old Age:

Mental wellbeing, spirituality and older people 2nd December 2017, St Mary's University, Twickenham.

9.30 - 4

A day exploring the integration of mental health and the spiritual life, bringing together older people and those who care for them:

parishioners, chaplains, clergy, ministers, counsellors and mental health professionals.

There will be opportunities to explore methods of practice and talk about the integration of spirituality and mental health.

Keynote by Paul Farmer CEO of leading mental health charity Mind. The day will cost £35 including a buffet lunch. For more details, contact Kit Penny at inspire@stmarys.ac.uk or see www.stmarys.ac.uk/inspire To book www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/178798

Andrew Dawes is fundraising for Myeloma UK.

Peter Hall is doing the Great North Run this Sunday in Andy's name. **Donate to Andrew's JustGiving page https://www.justgiving.com/Andrew-Dawes13?utm_source-Whatsapp**

Andy is currently in Barts Hospital receiving treatment at the moment, please remember him in your prayers. Thank you.

"Celebrating the Work of The Holy Spirit in Our Lives"

A Diocesan Day of Celebration and Witness, which is open to all, will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on **Saturday 4 November** from 10.30

a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers will be Bishop Alan Williams, sm; Bishop of Brentwood; Bishop Thomas, Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood & Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic

Renewal Services).

Dates for your Diary

1st Oct at 10.30am St Teresa's Feast Day Family Mass welcoming our new Reception Class. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All very welcome.

7th Oct - 'Quiz n Chips' Night at St Teresa's Church. This will be a fun evening and tickets are on sale now at just £5 per person which includes a portion of chips. Why not invite your family and friends? Teams are for 6-8 people but if you haven't got a team sorted please do still come along as we are a friendly bunch and would love to welcome you. Please speak to Tracey or Mike Heddon if you need any other information.

4th Nov - Parish Firework Party

2nd December - World Food Day

24th June - Parish Summer Party

Advanced Notice: Sunday

8th July 2018 - Pastoral Visit from Bishop Alan, who will confirm our candidates at the 10.30am Mass

Finances

1st Collections

27/8/17 - £736.31

Parish finances are not good and the only money our parish receives is what you give, we are not funded from the diocese or any other source. It is not too late to complete a planned giving form. Thank you so much.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Home Mission Day.

Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mel Packer who can be contacted on 01702 547954

Weekly Prayers-That each one of us may know more deeply the love God has for us, and that we may have the courage to share His love.

Sunday: The Sick: Jules McFadden, Joyce Hall, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Lily-Rose Robinson, Andrew Stevens., The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

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Tuesday: The Sick: Joe Nagle, Georgina Cook, Pat Murray, Christina Thomas, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey. For the Lapsed.

Wednesday: Kevin Cosset, Gabriella Prideaux, Alan Gunn, Pat Short, Emily Gough, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Marjorie

Jay, Jeannette Oatley. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely.

Thursday: The Sick: Theresa Igoe, Ron & Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Baby David, Mary Norris, Vera Moore, Sheila Van de Vyver, Len Smith, Sarah Jane Jackson, Ava Hallmark. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, John Mitchell & Joyce Bates. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: William Gary, Douglas Gullick, Mary Pike & Ernie Greenburgh, William Catling, Catherine & Fred Whittlesey. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Michael, Adrian, Paschal & Eamonn. Our new Seminarians starting in September: Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

Saturday: The Sick: Simone Miller, Shirley Corboy, Ian Chandler, Bartly Igoe, Andy Dawes, Pdraig Evers, Oliver Kelly, Helen Clapp, Terry Purton, Gareth Lewis, Vicki Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Sianne Robinson.

Sat		5.30pm			
Sun	10	9.00am St Pius X	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Repose of the souls of the Sylvester & McIntyre Families	E&TS
		10.30am		Pro Populo	
Mon	11	No Mass Today			
Tue s	12	7.30pm		Ints Ayckbourn Family & Michael Ayckbourn RIP	E&TS
We ds	13	9.30am	S John Chrysostom, Bp D	Ints Brentwood Diocese Clergy	Fr Gerry
Thu rs	14	9.30am St Teresa's	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Douglas Gullick RIP	
Fri	15	No Mass Today	Our Lady of Sorrows		
Sat	16	9.30am St Pius X	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Bp Mm		
		5.30pm	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	17	9.00am St Pius X		Ints Bishop Alan Williams	Fr G
		10.30am			