

# Sunday Bulletin

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear people,

Today's readings are a great encouragement to us because they speak to us of God's mercy - a theme dear to the heart of Pope Francis. The first reading tells us of God's mildness in judgement and of his lenience, the psalm tells us how God is full of mercy and compassion, St Paul tells us that God knows everything in our hearts and in our Gospel Matthew tells us that stays his judgement to give us time to repent.

Although God's mercy is freely given, it can only take effect if we are truly repentant. Our first reading tells us that God grants us mercy, the psalm warns us that though he is slow to anger, there will come a time when he is. Finally, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, all who do evil will be thrown into the blazing furnace!

Make no mistake, those who are repentant will by no means find mercy: so how do we know if we are truly repentant? This is a question that should really concern us, what evidence is there for my repentance?

With the Psalmist we need to say, "My offences, truly I know them: my sin is ever before me." In other words, we need to acknowledge our sin, this is why Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Confession so that we can, before God and before the Church make an act of repentance. Secondly, we must make a serious effort to amend our lives - which may be the work of a lifetime, but nevertheless must be sincere. Next, we need to carefully avoid the occasion of sin - we would not put an open bottle of whiskey in front of an alcoholic, and so we should not put ourselves willingly in temptations way. Finally we need to recognise how easy it is for us to fool ourselves about sin, and how wily the devil is "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8) If we are truly repentant we long for the opportunity to confess to a priest.

Please call me on 01702 544334/07919 416263 - I am always available for Confession.

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

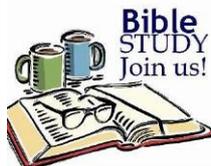
# Live Streaming in the Parish

<b>Sunday 19th July</b>	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass
<b>Monday 20th July</b>	9am Morning Prayer 9.30am - Mass
<b>Tuesday 21st July</b>	7pm – Evening Prayer 7.30pm – Mass 8.15pm – Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Wednesday 22nd July</b>	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 23rd July</b>	Fr Gerry's Day Off
<b>Friday 24th July</b>	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm – Rosary 6pm – Evening Prayer



Streaming can be found at [St Teresa's Catholic Church](#)

Please continue to join us online for Mass and daily prayer.



. Every Tuesday night with Fr Gerry. We hope you can join us on Zoom at 8.15 – please look out for the invitation to join this meeting on our FB page.

## Readings this Sunday

First Reading – Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm 85 Response – **'O Lord, you are good and forgiving'**

Second Reading: Saint Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-4

## Mass Times

Sun	19	9.00am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jackie Gravestock	
		10.30am		Ints Nikki Paterson	
Mon	20	9.30am			
Tues	21	7.30pm	S Lawrence of Brindisi C D		
Wed	22	9.30am	S Mary Magdalen	Canon Christopher Tuckwell RIP	PACT
Thur	23	No Mass Today	S Apollinaris B M		
Fri	24	9.30am			
Sun	26	9am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun		10.30am		For all those suffering and in thanks for all our blessings	BS

**Please note that we have used the Liturgical Calendar from the Latin Mass Ordo for weekday Masses**

## Notices

### Do you require a face mask?



**Ana-Maria Colvill** has been making masks since this pandemic started and has helped protect many people as they carried on their day to day lives. Since the announcement this week that we will all need to wear masks in shops, Ana-Maria has offered to continue making them. All she asks in return is a minimum donation of £3 per mask – all donations will be going to our parish.

**Thank you so much Ana-Maria for keeping us safe and helping our parish at the same time.**



This Sunday **Jackie Gravestock** celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we wish her all our love and best wishes. Due to ill health Jackie has been unable to join us in church for some time but she remains very much in our prayers.



**August** and **September** editions are now available at the back of church to purchase priced just £4.99



We hope you will notice our beautiful sanctuary lamp hanging just above our Tabernacle. If you would like this lamp to burn for a special intention; a wedding anniversary, a sick loved one or perhaps the anniversary of someone's death please put your intention alongside your offering in an envelope and mark it for the intention of Christine. Thank you

## **Situations Vacant**

**Caritas Diocese of Brentwood – Development Officer.** If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! Please visit <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/> for the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. The deadline to apply is October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 and the start date is January 2021.

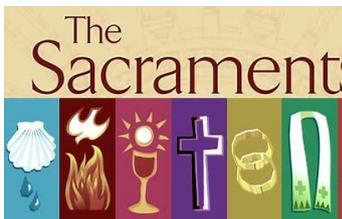
## **St Bernard's Virtual Open Evening**



Due to the recommendations of the DFE we are not holding an Open Evening for Year 5 students who wish to make an application for September 2021 intake. To view our tour of the school, parents should log on to [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk) and then go to Admissions and Virtual Open Evening. If they wish to apply to us they must complete our Supplementary Information Form and send it to the school with supporting documentations, as per the admissions policy, before the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Documents are available under Admissions, Key 3 & 4 on our website along with our Admission Policy 2021-2022 and 2021 Supplement Information Form.

If any parent has any queries on admissions they can email or telephone our Admissions Officer at [cls@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:cls@stbernards.southend.sch.uk) or 01702 608004.

## **Sacramental Programmes**



Thank you to our First Holy Communion children and our Confirmandi on their patience in waiting for their special day. Unfortunately, we have still not received the go ahead to resume preparation for these Sacraments. Once all the children and young people have returned to Mass and once we are given the appropriate guidance to resume, we will advise you of possible dates. Please do bring your young people to Mass and keep praying with them. If you have any questions, please ask.

# **Virtual Summer Party – 19<sup>th</sup> July at noon**

## **Latest News!**

Have you ordered your delicious cakes yet? 🍰🍰🍰🍰

I am taking orders for either collection or delivery. Please message me on fb

Here is the menu all cakes £1 per slice or cake-

Lemon Drizzle

Fruit Tartlets

Malteser bites

Victoria sponge

Chocolate brownies

Gluten free sponge cake

Chocolate butterfly cupcakes

Jam and cream butterfly cakes

Victoria sponge

Coffee and walnut cake

Coffee loaf

Scones

Or you can treat yourself to an afternoon tea. 1 Scones with clotted cream and Jam £2

It will be better to order. But if weather is ok, I will do a small sale from my garage at 31 weir pond road in Rochford from 2-4. Delivery will be from midday

## **Lucky Squares – only 30 left!**

The grid will consist of 100 squares and each square will cost £10. Once all 100 squares are sold, we will make the draw. **The winner will walk away with £200.00. If you would like to purchase a square, please drop a sealed envelope with your money and your name into the presbytery marked for my attention.** Many thanks to all those who have bought a square so far – we still have lots left!

**Funds raised at our summer party really help our parish and this is where we can make up for the loss. Your support is hugely appreciated.**

Thank you,  
Christine

## **Parish Finances**

During the month of June our offertory donations were down by 80%. Despite this worrying drop the government offer no help to churches. Our running costs did not reduce during this time, so this is a real worry for us. Could we please ask you all to remember to make your weekly offering.

If you are still shielding it is quite simple to do online – payments can be made via <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

Please click on the link above remembering to specify either Hockley or Rochford.

If you are attending Mass in person, please could we ask you to place your offering in the basket either on the way in or on your way out.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH, IT REALLY NEEDS  
YOU**

Dear Parishioners,

## **COMING BACK TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE**

Jesus was once asked by a young man: "Good master, what must I do to inherit Eternal Life?"

Jesus's reply was "Keep the Ten Commandments" which He summarized as "Love God and Love your neighbour. One of the Ten Commandments is: "Keep the Lord's Day Holy".

"Keeping the Lord's Day Holy" means thanking God for all He has given us and for all He has done for us.

But in thanking God in this way we also receive God's greatest gift – the Body & Blood of His Son Jesus Christ. God's greatest gift is the greatest gift any of us could ever hope to receive.

**We are all living in very difficult times.**

But that means we all need God's help so much more now than in less challenging times.

Obviously when the church was locked, we were not able to attend Mass. So, I arranged to have streaming of all Masses and Services from our church. But now our church is open again.

**Of course, even though our church is open again - not everyone is able to come to Mass.** So I will continue to stream the Mass from our church for the benefit of those unable to come to church.

The Bishops of England & Wales have said that we should not act recklessly, and we should not needlessly put our own or other people's health at risk. All those who are most at risk – those who are very vulnerable either through age or illness – most certainly are NOT obliged to come to Mass!

And obviously anyone displaying symptoms of Coronavirus and anyone self-isolating SHOULD NOT come to Mass in case they pass on this illness to others.

If you are not able to come to Mass, you can "keep the Lord's Day holy" in other ways such as:

- by prayer
- reading the Bible
- saying the Rosary
- or watching the Mass on our Facebook page.

**But if you are not in any of these categories and there is nothing else to stop you from coming to Mass again, I wish to reassure you that our church is now a very safe place.**

- Thanks to wonderful volunteers, the church is cleaned after every Mass and after each time the church is open for private prayer
- Stewards will direct you to seats that are clearly marked and are all one metre apart
- There is a one-way system – entry through the main door and exit through the side door
- There are hand sanitisers at the entrance and exit to the church
- All hymn books and even the collection bags (yes you read that correctly – EVEN THE COLLECTION BAGS!!!) are not being used - just in case they spread infection
- There is no "Sign of Peace"

**So if you are able to travel on public transport, take your children to school, go to the pub or eat at a restaurant - you need to decide, honestly and prayerfully, not if but when to start attending Mass again.**

**Naturally, I am delighted to be able to celebrate Mass with you again in person. It was not the same without you!**

**God bless you all,**

**Fr J Brown**

**Cobhole, Essex**



Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

**Sunday: The Sick:** Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somerville & Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and

especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Monday: The Sick:** Stephen Kennedy, Ron & Christine Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George, and Mary Smith. Those who live in Cornhill Avenue, Sandringham Avenue and York Road.

**Tuesday: The Sick:** Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey & Andrew Stevens. For the people of our parish.

**Wednesday: The Sick:** Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Tom Jordan, Geraldine Stevens., Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Alum, William McArthur, John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her Ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own parish priest Fr Gerry.

**Thursday: The Sick:** Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver and Len Smith. The Farming Community.

**Friday: The recently departed:** Elaine Liddon, Hughie Valentine and Oswald Calvey. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: Frank Duffy, Patricia Duffy, May Skipper, Elizabeth Collis, Peter Jay, Michael McLoughlin, Fr Pat Taylor, Brighton Rutsito, Lawrence King, Frank Miller, Albert Ruggies and Michael Purton. Those who have none to pray for them.

**Saturday: The Sick:** Bartly Igoe, Pdraig Evers, John Rice, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly & terry Lewis. Our Student priests: Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Paschal and Damian

**Keep praying together**

**Please be assured of my prayers always.**

**Wishing you every blessing,**

**Fr Gerry**