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### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear people,

It was pointed out to me this week that I was referring to the wrong feast of our Lady regarding Our Lady Of Ransom. I should've known better, as it's also my daughter Poppy's birthday! And her middle name is Ransom. The Battle of Lepanto is associated with our Lady of victories, which is the title and which our own legion of Mary rejoices.

Nevertheless the point stands, that we should all be praying the rosary every day as our Lady of Fatima asked.

This week we think about vines. What is the fruit that you are producing? Are you producing what makes for unity, the building up of the faith in others, bringing them to Christ, leading them to the sacraments? Each of us has a responsibility to bear fruit. The great warning of today's first reading and gospel is that if we do not produce the fruit that God wants, then there

will be dire consequences. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of the ruin of the vineyard – the Church, and we can see that happening right now. Jesus talks about us being cast out. The ultimate casting out is that have been denied entry to the beatific vision, to heaven. Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Gerry

### Quote from the Legion of Mary:

*'Holiness consists simply in doing God's Will, and just being what God wants us to be.'* - Saint Therese of Lisieux.

### Live Streaming in the Parish

Sun 27th Sept

10am – Morning  
Prayer  
10.30am - Mass

Fr Gerry is away next week so there will be no live streaming or weekday Mass. He will be back for the weekend Mass.

### Readings this Sunday

First Reading – Prophet Isaiah

Psalms 79 Response – **“The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.”**

Second Reading: Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



Fr Gerry is available for Confession after **every** Mass or if you would prefer please give him a call on 07919 416263 to arrange a mutually convenient time.



### **First Holy Communion 2020/2021**

If you and your child in Year 3 and above are ready to make the journey towards receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion next year, please complete an



application form and return to Fr Gerry after Mass. Due to the current situation, our programme this year will be very different to previous years however further information will be shared with you once applications are received. This way we can share the most up to date guidance. It is however very important that you bring your children to Mass each week.

### **Baptism**



This Sunday we welcome Zak into the family of God as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism. We offer him our prayers and congratulations on this very special occasion.

## **Notices**

### **Little Saints**



This year we invite all our little ones to dress up as their favourite saints for All Saints Day on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and ask that you post a picture on our FB page. There will be a prize for the most original outfit.

### **Feast of St Francis of Assisi 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Ordinarily on this day, staff who work in our Catholic schools would come together for Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patronal saint of the Assisi Trust.



It is always such a joyful celebration and a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to the great work carried out in all our Catholic schools. Sadly this year we are unable to all meet safely in one parish. We will therefore be offering Mass this Sunday for the Intentions of all staff, pupils and families who form part of the ACT.

We especially ask for your prayers for our Headteachers and Senior Leadership teams who have worked tirelessly to ensure our schools are safe during this pandemic.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 -If

you are in Year 9 or above and would like to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year please email [frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com)

## Harvest Home Appeal



Can you donate food for homeless people in Southend this Harvest? **Sheila Jones** from our parish will be arranging a collection from the 27<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a box placed in the narthex for

your items.

Even if you can only spare one item, together, our donations will add up to make a big impact. Thank you.

## Help stop DIY abortions

During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion.

Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby's life. Please go to our [website](#) to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

## Situations Vacant

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking an experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant (preferably Level 3 qualified) who is enthusiastic, dedicated and an outstanding practitioner to join our team. The post involves working across the school supporting teaching staff through planning, preparing and delivering lessons and intervention programmes, to facilitate non-contact time and short term cover for teachers together with accelerated progress for pupils. Further information and details on how to apply can be found at : <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=60950>

## Parish Finance

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - **£236.15** (27<sup>th</sup> September 2020) As you can see this figure is very low, please can we ask all those unable to attend Mass to go online and make their donations. Your support is essential.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

Please remember to specify either Hockley or Rochford.

## Survive. Rebuild. Heal.

**Family Fast Day is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.** Please take an envelope at the back of church and help **CAFOD** reach those facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. Donations can also be made online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) Envelopes should be returned on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## Daily Prayers:



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: Mary Fugl, Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Monday:** The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron and Christine Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Althorpe Close, Lever Lane, Derbydale & Southbourne Grove.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Andy, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Rochford Congregational Church and their Ministers Rev David Saunders and Rev Andrew Leach.

**Wednesday:** Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur & 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 & Len Smith. The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed: John and Margaret Hennessy. **Those whose anniversaries fall over this week:** Margaret Gough, Patrick Canty, Julie Thompson, Tania Bartlett, Keely Hartnett, Riley, Emily Widera, Natalie Micallef, Gretta Nagle, John Steward, Lucy Skinner and Maria Christodoulides.

**Saturday:** The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Padraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan

Sun	4	9am	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ints All staff and pupils in the Assisi Catholic Trust	
		10.30am			
Mon	5	No Mass Today			
Tues	6	No Mass Today			
Wed	7	No Mass Today	Our Lady of the Rosary		
Thur	8	No Mass Today	St Osyth		
Friday	9	No Mass Today	St John Henry Newman, Pr		
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		10.30am		Ints The Hennessy Family	CC