



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023 (A)

“Lord! Save Me!”

In Romans 9, Paul turns from discussing an Adamic humanity to the people who have descended from Abraham. Earlier Paul asserted the priority of Jews in God’s salvation plans (Rom 1:16; 2:9-10). Paul has already asked in Romans 3:1-8 if the Jews’ rejection of the Messiah can revoke the entrusting of God’s Word given to them and, hence, whether God is faithful. This issue is important, especially given the long anti-Jewish history of the Christian church. Just as – and because – Paul has adamantly declared God’s goodness and generosity in Romans 8, he will argue fiercely for Israel’s salvation and God’s faithfulness.

We see Jesus’ faithful determination to save in our Gospel reading today. Although the disciples mistake him as a ghost and Peter doubts, Jesus walks on the stormy sea to join them and reaches out to save a sinking Peter.

Psalms 85 and Elijah’s story in 1 Kings 19 affirm this divine and faithful determination to save. Because of Jezebel’s death threat against him, Elijah becomes fearful, runs away, feels sorry for himself, and even asks God to take his life. But God’s angel provides for him, and God assures him that he still has mission to perform, and that God will have a faithful following despite how things may look (1 Kgs 19:15-18).

Paul also expresses a wish for self-destruction in Romans 9. Not as a way to end one’s disappointment but so his fellow Jews would replace him in God’s redemption. To be condemned and cast off himself so others would be saved is precisely what happened to Jesus. By alluding to this, Paul points to God’s faithfulness while showing his own commitment to salvation through solidarity with Jesus’ suffering.



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Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service – Office Closed
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30am & 7.30pm
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 13 th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 14 th August	St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Tuesday 15 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holyday of Obligation – Solemnity</i>
Sunday 20 th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 13 th August	10.00 am	Brian Morgan – RIP (donor – Ann Morgan) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	
Monday 14 th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday 15 th August	9.30 am	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wednesday 16 th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 17 th August	NO MASS	
Friday 18 th August	NO MASS	
Saturday 19 th August	NO MASS	
Sunday 20 th August	10.00 am	Alice Briody – RIP (recently deceased)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

RIP
Alice Briody's funeral will take place here at English Martyrs on Friday 25th August at 10am. Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace, Amen.

Welcome

Today we welcome Fr Stewart Foster who will join us for both masses. We are very grateful for all the help from our supply priests.

Mass Timetable For August

Sunday 13 th August	Fr Stewart-Foster
Monday 14 th August	No Mass
Tuesday 15 th August (Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary)	Fr Stewart-Foster
Wednesday 16 th August	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 17 th August	No Mass

Friday 18 th August	No Mass
Saturday 19 th August	No Mass
Sunday 20 th August (am)	Fr Francis Ward
(pm)	Fr Stewart Foster
Monday 21 st August	No Mass
Tuesday 22 nd August	No Mass
Wednesday 23 rd August	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 24 th August	No Mass
Friday 25 th August	No Mass
Saturday 26 th August	No Mass
Sunday 27 th August (am)	Fr Joseph Mukkatt
(pm)	Fr Stewart Foster
Monday 28 th August	No Mass
Tuesday 29 th August	No Mass

Wednesday 30th August Fr Britto returns and will say mass for the rest of the week. Fr Linu will join Fr Britto for a concelebration on Sunday 3rd September.

Fr Britto - Summer Break - 2023

Fr Britto will be away as follows: Wednesday 2nd August - Tuesday 29th August inclusive. In Fr Britto's absence, we will have supply priests for ALL Sunday masses, please check the 'Masses and Intentions' timetable for weekday masses.

The Parish Office will also be closed from Monday 21st August – Tuesday 29th August inclusive. Thank you

In the case of an emergency, please contact the Dean of Havering, Fr Dominic Howarth (01708-740308) at St Edward's, Romford.

Collection for Fr Britto's Farewell

We are starting a collection for Father Britto, whilst he is away, for his 'farewell'. The collection will be taken every Sunday until he returns. You may also put into an envelope and pop it through the Presbytery letterbox, marked 'Fr Britto Farewell' if you wish

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2023 - Summer 2024

The above First Holy Communion Programme will commence this coming Autumn. Would parents of children who are parishioners of English Martyrs, and who will be Year 3 and above in September 2023, please take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the form, along with a copy of their Baptism Certificate, to the Presbytery/Parish Office. Thank you.

Social Committee - Dates for your diary

Friday 8th September - 7pm

Rehearsal evening for all confirmation candidates and their sponsors. Attendance is compulsory.

Sunday 10th September

Pastoral Visitation – Bishop Alan. Confirmation mass for all candidates.

Parish Finance

Weekly Collection

The collection for 06.08.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £318.76 (Envelopes: £89, LP: £229.76)
Candles: £15.28
Newspapers: £2

Total: £336.04

The standing orders for the period 06.07.23 - 05.08.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £1,412 (GA: £678, LP: £734)
Hall bookings: £910.

Total: £2,322

Communication Desk

BCCS

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Theresa Camilleri, Maureen Chaliss, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Colin Johns, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Margaret, Eileen McCaffery, Sheila McCurdy, Doris Mizzi, Sheila Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Mary O'Hagan, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Denise Woodfin, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

Anniversaries Occurring at this time – August/September

Sergio Biagioni, David Calder, Chris Cummins, Molly Cummins, Eileen Woodstock, Brendan Murphy

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)
Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)
Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)
Church & Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926)
Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)

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