

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 (A)**

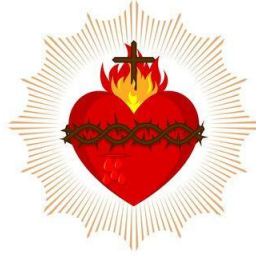
**Fulfilling God's Dream**

**“The Lord is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations” (Ps 100:5). These words, from this Sunday’s responsorial psalm, functioned as a mini-creed in Jesus’ day. Variations on this phrase appear more than a dozen times in the Old Testament. These words acknowledged that, although disasters (some self-inflicted) had happened to Israel, the nation had always recovered whenever it recommitted to faith in God.**

**The primary example of this was the exodus from Egypt, the setting of this Sunday’s first reading. In earlier days, the Israelites had taken refuge in Egypt. Over time, the Egyptians had reduced Israel to slavery. God did not forget the promise made to Israel’s ancestors to provide their descendants freedom and security. God exceeded that promise, in fact, by not only winning Israel’s freedom but in making of Israel a “priestly people”, God’s own friend and representative to the world.**

**In Jesus’ day, another disaster had struck Israel. The Romans had conquered Israel. Roman government and economic policies led to an increase in poverty and its problems: illness, malnutrition, crime, fear, and untimely death. It was among those so afflicted that Jesus found his special possession. Just as God dreamed of Israel teaching holiness to the world, so Jesus sent out his closest associates to establish a kingdom that would share the good news with the world. They cured the sick, fed the poor, forgave sinners, drove out demons and raised the dead.**

**Writing some decades later, Paul could take a step back to see a larger picture God desired humanity to share divine life, but so many were unable to receive the gift or rejected it outright. The sacrifice of the cross confirmed Christ’s preaching and changed human nature by revealing the resurrection and sharing the Holy Spirit. Christ’s work overcame the fear and confusion that had led so many astray. In this way, Christ fulfilled God’s dream of making all humanity a special possession and divine friend.**



**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (A)**

**Parish Diary**

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

**Liturgical Calendar**

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Day for Life)</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>SS John Fisher, Bishop &amp; Thomas More, Martyrs National Feast</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist – Solemnity</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mrs Jennie Guthrie-Stevens – RIP (donor – Georgina Nestle) For Parishioners</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Stephen Lawless – RIP (donor – Mary Fant) Phyllis McGuire – RIP (donor – Margo Fuller)</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Tony Yates – RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>(donor – David Perry) For Parishioners</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	

**Parish Notice Board**

## **Second Collection**

Today's second collection is for the Day for Life fund. Day for Life is the day in the Church's calendar set aside for raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition – from conception to natural death. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations.

## **Social Committee - Dates for your diary**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Going Forth Mass and party for all First Holy Communion children.

### **Sunday 9th July after mass**

In the coffee morning lounge, a special thankyou and celebration coffee morning for all English Martyrs confirmation candidates, parents & siblings, all confirmation sponsors and all the prayer sponsors.

### **Sunday 23rd July 10am mass**

An outdoor mass in the church garden with a community summer lunch & drinks afterwards.

(Please bring along donations of food, snacks & drinks to share with the community on the day)

### **Friday 8th September - 7pm**

Rehearsal evening for all confirmation candidates and their sponsors.

Attendance is compulsory.

### **Sunday 10th September**

Confirmation mass for all candidates.

The Social Committee would like volunteers for their regular coffee mornings after 10am mass on Sundays. If you are interested and would like to help out, please let Father know or a member of the social committee, who can be found in the lounge after 10am mass.

## **Gift Aid**

'Continued thanks to all those who contribute via the Gift Aid Scheme. Together we have added a fantastic £8,464.94 to the Parish funds by way of a tax refund for the year 22/23. If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the scheme. You can donate whatever amount and however often you like. Even one-off payments will qualify. The beauty of the scheme is that the Parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you can help, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration form at the back of the church and return it through the Presbytery door. Details for online donations can also be found at the back of the church.'

## **Parish Finance:**

### **Weekly Collection**

The weekly collection for 11.06.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £409.81 (Envelopes: £110, LP: £299.81)

Second Collection (Sick Clergy): £148.17 (Envelopes: £32.10, LP: £116.07)

Repository: £10

Hall bookings: £150

Total: £717.98

## **Communication Desk**

## Calais Light

Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9<sup>th</sup> July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed.

Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)

## Vacancies

### Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel– Wickford

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wickford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. Hours: 12 hours per week working three days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org) . Closing date for applications is Friday 16 June 2023.

Job description: Parish Administrator -Wickford (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Alice Briody, 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, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

### Anniversaries Occurring at this time – June/July

Oliver Carey, Cheryl Carey, Marie D'arcy, Alfie Medlin, James Poddington, Gabriel Rayappan Michael Townsend.

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

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