

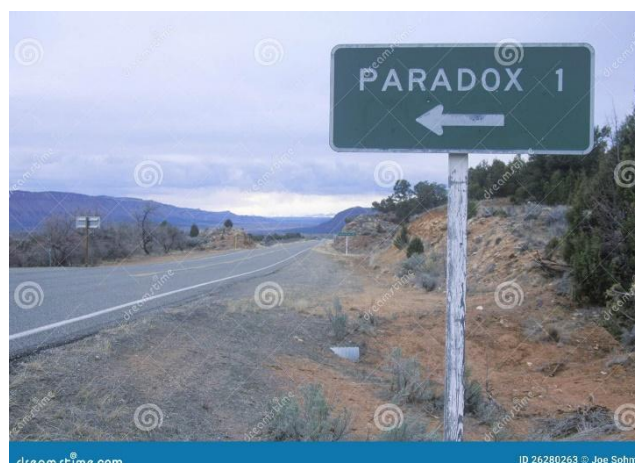
## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2023 (A)**

### **Living the Paradox**

A central theme of today's readings is accepting death to receive life. What a paradox! In the first reading, we hear the story of the Shunammite woman's son. Because of her great hospitality, the prophet Elisha promised her a son. Today's reading does not include the sequel. The woman later gave birth to a son, but then the child died so she went to find Elisha and made him return with her in order to heal her son and bring him back to life (see 2Kgs 4:16-37).

In today's second reading, Paul reflects on Christian baptism. He says it is like going down into death with Christ so that the baptized can come into new life with him. The Greek word baptizo means "to dip" or "to submerge". Paul's hearers would have understood this powerful metaphor of life out of death, because early Christians practised adult baptism by immersion. Paul's audience would have witnessed or experienced for themselves this going down into the water. Elsewhere, Paul explains that Jesus submitted to death, which came into the world because of sin, so that sin would be conquered once and for all through his resurrection (see 1 Cor 15:51-57). Thus, even though they die, sin no longer has power over the baptized. They live the new life of Christ.

Today's Gospel consists of two sets of short sayings attributed to Jesus. The first set centres on the cost of discipleship, while the second focuses on hospitality. The themes are appropriate because this reading is part of what was traditionally called the "mission discourse". The saying that embraces the whole of the mission discourse is "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 10:39). Are you willing to live the paradox?



**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 (A)**

**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 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	St Thomas, Apostle – Feast
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Sea Sunday)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00 am	Emeldhary & Arulhas – RIP (donor – Claret Arun)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eileen Molloy (Anointing) (donor – Cathy Reddy)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Cheryl Carey – RIP/Anni (donor – Carey Family)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Gabriel Rayappan – RIP/Anni (donor – Claret Arun & family)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

**Parish Notice Board**

**Second Collection – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Peter's Pence.**

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

**Second Collection – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Stella Maris – Sea Sunday – Please help yourselves to the envelopes at the back of the church.

## Our New Parish Priest

I warmly welcome Fr.Linu Thankachan as the new Parish Priest of English Martyrs, Hornchurch as I am moved to Wickford as the Parish Priest from September 2023. Fr.Britto

Please see attached Clergy Appointments

### Social Committee - Dates for your diary

#### 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.

### Parish Finance:

#### Weekly Collection

The weekly collection for 25.06.23 was as follows:

Main collection: £311.47 (Envelopes: £53.90, LP: £257.57)

Second collection (World Communications): £20 (Envelopes)

Repository: £33.00

Total: £364.47

## Communication Desk

### Stella Maris – Sea Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

### 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)

**St. John's R.C. School, Turpins Lane, Woodford Bridge, IG8 8AX .**

Fete Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 12pm to 4pm. Please join us for all-inclusive fun for the family. Races for all to enjoy, as well as side stalls, BBQ, cream teas, cakes, tombola and much more. Free entry  
[www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

#### **Talk On The Our Father**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Gaffy will give a short talk entitled 'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. The talk is available also by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

#### **Year 13 Retreat at Walsingham House**

Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept or 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website [www.bcys.net/events/](http://www.bcys.net/events/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

#### **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>
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<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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