



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023 (A)

“God has imprisoned all... in their own disobedience
Only to show mercy to all”

In Psalm 67, we see how the Bible has long emphasized every nation’s coming to Israel’s God. Isaiah 56 also speaks of God gathering one day both Israel’s outcast and Gentiles.

For Paul, this universal emphasis has become a reality through Jesus. Paul’s problem is no longer the inclusion of Gentiles but of Jews who reject the messianic claim and call of Jesus. What will God do with these whom God has chosen and called first?

In chapters 9-11 in Romans, Paul references various Old Testament stories to argue for Israel’s eventual salvation. First, judging from God’s choice of Isaac and Jacob over the firstborn (Ishmael and Esau), God often works in surprising ways. Second, from the same examples (especially that of the deceitful and unreliable Jacob), the realisation of God’s purposes relies less on human reliability and more on God’s faithful persistence. Third, from the stories involving foreign powers, we see that even those who oppose God can be used. Fourth and finally, from prophetic traditions such as Hosea and Isaiah, God’s aim is always the salvation of all, even though there may be temporary punishment or an interim remnant.

These arguments, especially God’s irrevocable call and emphasis to save all, are repeated in our verses today from Romans 11. God is faithful and generous and will not stop working toward the goal of saving all, including those thought to be rejected or dead.

We see these dynamics also in Matthew’s story about the Canaanite woman. Jesus first turns down the woman because of her ethnicity and then insults her by calling her a dog. But then he responds to her faith and the story ends with salvation being extended beyond Israel without denying Israel’s priority.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th August 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 20 th August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 21 st August	St Pius X, Priest
Tuesday 22 nd August	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 24 th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle – Feast
Sunday 27 th August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 20 th August	10.00 am	Alice Briody – RIP (recently deceased)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 21 st August	NO MASS	
Tuesday 22 nd August	NO MASS	
Wednesday 23 rd August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 24 th August	NO MASS	
Friday 25 th August	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for the late Alice Briody – RIP
Saturday 26 th August	12.00 pm	Baptism – Elijah Samson Oluwole
Sunday 27 th August	10.00 am	Sheila Markey – RIP/Anni
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

RIP

Alice Briody's requiem mass, led by Canon Bob Hamill, will take place here at English Martyrs on Friday 25th August at 10am. Alice's body will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Thursday 24th August.

Welcome

We welcome once again, Fr Stewart Foster who will be saying both masses today.

Mass Timetable For August

Sunday 20 th August (am)	Fr Stewart Foster
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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	Requiem Mass – Alice Briody
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 be closed on Monday 21st August and Tuesday 22nd August

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 Newsletter and Liturgy of the Word

Please would you kindly make use of the Newsletter and Liturgy of the Word at the back of the Church and take them home with you. Thanks.

Parish Finance

Weekly Collection

The weekly collection for 13.08.23 was as follows:

Main collection: £323.33 (Envelopes: £145, LP: £178.33)

Hall bookings: £150

Total : £473.33

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 Rangunathan, 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)
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Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)
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Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)

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