

The English Martyrs Catholic Church

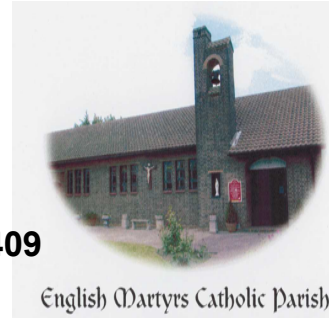
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PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Lord Jesus Christ

Son of the Living God.

Teach us to walk in your ways more trustfully

To accept your truth more faithfully

And to share your life more lovingly

Inspire us by the power of the Holy Spirit

for mission within our Diocese

so that your name may be made known

and that all may come as one family

to the Kingdom of the Father

where you live for ever and ever. Amen

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Matthew 20:1-16

Today's parable from Matthew is notoriously difficult. Some have questioned the landowner's statement that he can do whatever he likes with his money, as it implies that he may be exploitative if he pleases. The parable seems to focus, however, on the landowner's generosity by juxtaposing two economies to make a statement about drastic change or complete reversal.

The economies on display are an exchange economy and a gift economy. An exchange economy is based on a tit-for-tat agreement: you know what you will get in exchange for what you give. This economy is generally to the advantage of the owner, centering on cost, price and profit. Laborers, in exchange for their work, receive wages, but they will only receive what is rightfully earned and rarely more. An exchange economy can be described by the words *debt* and obligation: laborers owe owners service or toil and owners are obligated to pay laborers money.

In contrast, a gift economy declines this tit-for-tat calculation to operate by another principle. It goes by unmerited favour or extravagant generosity. Instead of something negotiated or agreed on, it turns calculated exchange into ungrounded magnanimity or, in Christian terminology, grace.

God's generosity with us should model our interaction with each other. We see this in Paul's willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: An update will follow in the next few weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Children's Liturgy Group will begin this Sunday 24th September and is open to all children of reception age to year 2. The Group is run by our Catechists who are all DBS checked. Father will announce when the children are to leave with the catechists and will be taken to the hall for related activities and then return to the church after.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) COURSE: Please contact Fr Linu or the office for further details. There is a sheet at the back of the church if you wish to put your name and contact details should you be interested.

MOBILE PHONES: Polite notice, prior to entering the Church, kindly either switch off your mobile phone or keep it on silent please.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Any items you are able to donate i.e. cakes/biscuits would be much appreciated. Please put in the box at the back of the Church.

HELP NEEDED: We have a parishioner who lives near Coopers School, who is unable to get to Sunday mass due to the expansion of the ULEZ. If there is anyone or maybe a couple of parishioners able to help and possibly take it in turns, would you please contact the office. You would need to be in possession of a recent DBS. Many thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS: Huge congratulations to Mike Dineen our Caretaker who celebrates his 70th Birthday tomorrow Monday 25th. Thank you Mike for your dedication and hard work to our church, hall and lounge and always there whenever we need you.

UPMINSTER PARISH MISSION: St Joseph's Upminster is holding a parish mission led by the Sion Community from 30th September to 8th October, coinciding with the centenary of the parish. The programme for each weekday includes Mass at 6.15pm followed by a free supper and a talk or service from 7.45pm. All welcome. For more information visit stjosephschurchupminster.com

CANON PATRICK SAMMON RIP: SALE OF BOOKS AND CDS: Over the last few weeks [the late](#) Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, [Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2 PR](#) (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am & 6.30pm) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr Pat to have a memento via books and CDs, £1 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

LOVE THE STRANGER: Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7th October from 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line.

This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS): They offer therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS: Fri 22nd – Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please see noticeboard for further details.

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY: Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. A particular welcome is extended to any young catechists or young people (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Reserve your place now at www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/

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 FINANCE:

Offertory Collection: The collection for 17.09.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £298.30 (Envelopes: £64, LP: £234.30)
Evangelii Gaudium Day: £93.53 (Envelopes: £20, LP: £73.53)
Candles: £16.50

Total: £408.33

We would like to encourage you to make your contributions using a standing order rather than cash. There are standing order forms at the back of the church. Our bank details are: HSBC Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs. Account No. 11019198 Sort code 4013 22.

Sunday 24th September – Sunday 1st October

Sunday 24 th September 10am	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Jonathan & Erin Street – Wedding Anniversary (Michelle Taplin)
Monday 25 th September 9.00am	Feria
Tuesday 26 th September 9.00am	Feria
Wednesday 27 th September 9.00am	St Vincent de Paul, Priest Eucharistic Service
Thursday 28 th September 9.00am	Feria
Friday 29 th September 9.00am	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Feast
Saturday 30 th September No Mass	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church No Mass
Sunday 1 st October 10am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Marie Coxell – RIP/Anniversary

Parish Priest: Fr Linu Thankachan (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
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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)

Sunday Mass	10am
Weekday Mass	9am (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30am
Confession on Friday	9.30am – 10am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)