



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023 (A)

“It Was Not Flesh And Blood That Revealed This To You
But My Father In Heaven”

We cannot presume to know God’s ways or assume that God works by our expectation or calculation. Doing so reduces the Christian life to one of predictable repetitions, when life with God is truly a mystery of astonishing discoveries. We cannot dictate how God works, but we can trust God’s love and the ultimate achievement of God’s purposes. The question is whether we can follow and accept God’s new work and revelations as they happen.

Peter, unlike some religious leaders, is able to accept Jesus as God’s new revelation. In response, Jesus gives him special authority and responsibility. Of course, Peter also fails later by denying Jesus but is fully restored, because God will and can always improvise to bring mercy and redemption.

Matthew plays with the Greek words for “Peter” and “rock”, as they sound very similar. Paul, in discussing the rejection of Jesus by some Jews, conflates several verses from Isaiah (8:14-15; 28:16) to talk about a rock on which some will stumble and fall (Rom 9:33). That is what happens when someone misses God’s new acts because of presumptions about God.



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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 27 th August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 28 th August	St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 29 th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday 1 st September	St Sebba, King of the East Saxons (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
Sunday 3 rd September	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 27 th August	10.00 am	Sheila Markey – RIP/Anni
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 28 th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday 29 th August	NO MASS	
Wednesday 30 th August	9.00 am	Sr Breda Ryan – 50 th Jubilee as a Sr of Mercy (donor – Clare Losty)
Thursday 31 st August	9.00 am	Desmond Losty – RIP/Anni (donor – Clare Losty)
Friday 1 st September	9.00 am	
Saturday 2 nd September	9.00 am	
Sunday 3 rd September	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

Welcome

Today we welcome Fr Joseph Muckatt who will be saying the morning mass only. We thank Father and all our supply priests for their kind help.

We also welcome back once again Fr Stewart Foster who will be saying the evening mass.

Welcome

We welcome into the family of our Parish Elijah Samson Oluwole, who was baptised on Saturday, and we congratulate his parents Allen and Tina.

Mass Timetable For August

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.

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 collection for 20.08.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £156.18 (Envelopes: £45, LP: £111.18)

National Youth Sunday: £20 (GA: £20)

Candles: £15.22

Newspapers: £2.00

Total: £193.40

Communication Desk

The Dedication Of A Church

The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20th September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed on line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

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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