

English Martyrs Catholic Parish

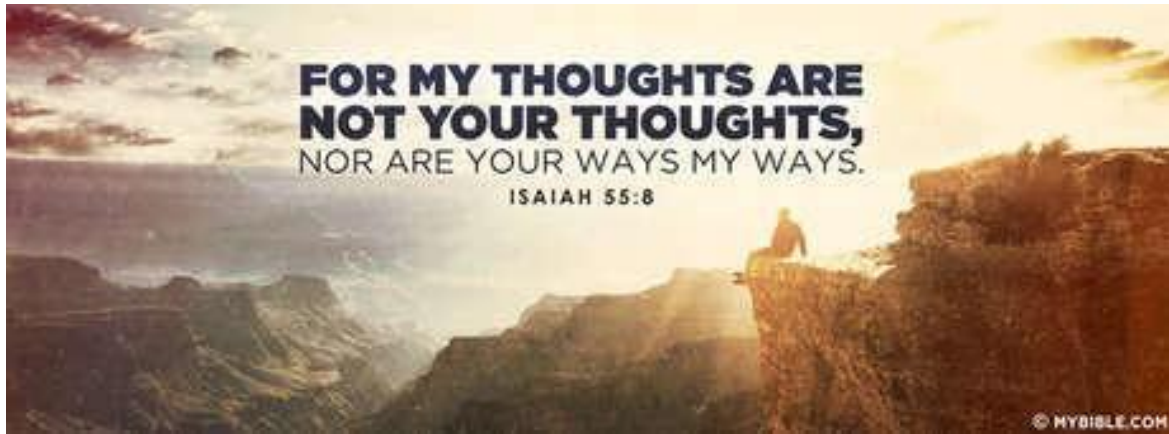
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023 (A)

“The way you think is not God’s way”

Beginning with Romans 12, Paul outlines the implications of God’s faithfulness and generosity, particularly God’s commitment to save all. Speaking of both a bodily sacrifice and an intellectual transformation, Paul effectually suggests that grace and gift should impact the entire person. Our response to God must be embodied; it has to do with how we live, move and interact with others and with the material world. John’s Gospel also emphasizes Jesus’ incarnation, or the Word becoming flesh in the world to live among others (Jn 1:14). Since Christ’s death for us while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8) has made evident God’s groundless, unreasonable, and extravagant gift, the living sacrifice of one’s body through solidarity with the vulnerable and needy, including especially the undeserving, becomes our “spiritual worship” or response (Rom 12:1).

Paul is clear that we must not conform to “this age” (Rom 12:2). We must put aside the old ways of competitive calculation that belong to the adamic humanity. Just as God is always improvising and doing something new and surprising to save all, we must also renew our minds to discern and follow God’s creative, novel acts. Not conforming to the world but renewing the mind enables the psalmist and compels Jeremiah to follow God’s will and share God’s words despite opposition and ridicule.

This is precisely what Peter is unable to do in Matthew 16. Having just confessed Jesus as the Messiah, Peter fails to change his thinking further when Jesus talks about his suffering and sacrifice at the hands of the powerful. Unable to discern and follow God’s will in ways that will please God, Peter risks becoming a stumbling block rather than a rock on which the Church is built.



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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 3 rd September	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Friday 8 th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
Sunday 10 th September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Education Day)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 3 rd September	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 4 th September	9.00 am	
Tuesday 5 th September	9.00 am	
Wednesday 6 th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 7 th September	9.00 am	
Friday 8 th September	9.00 am	
Saturday 9 th September	9.00 am	
Sunday 10 th September	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

Farewell

On behalf of all the parishioners, we sincerely thank Fr Britto for his wonderful ministry to this parish since 2015 and wish him all the best as he takes up his new role in Wickford.

Together we have been through so much in this time including the Parish Partnership process and of course the COVID pandemic with the physical church closed and Fr Britto becoming an unexpected 'YouTube star'

There are so many highlights, the healing well initiative, Father's Jubilee Mass and too many more to mention today.

Due to Father's commitments with the move to arrange next week etc, there will be no party after mass today but he will be returning, so that we can all say a proper farewell.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new priest, Fr Linu Thankachan, who will be moving into the parish during the week and will be hosting the Bishop and concelebrating at the confirmation mass here on his first Sunday, 10th September – no pressure Father!!

We look forward to getting to know him better in the coming weeks and hope he will be very happy here in our parish of English Martyrs.

Bishop Alan's visit to English Martyrs, Hornchurch

On Sunday 10th September, Bishop Alan will be with us and doing his pastoral visitation to the parish. He will also confirm our dear youth at the 10 am Mass. Let us hold this event in our prayers.

2nd Collection

Our second collection next week 10th September will be for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you in advance for your kind contribution.

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 27.08.23 was as follows:
Main collection: £273.80 (Envelopes: £122, LP: £151.80)
Total: £273.80

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

BCYS – Forthcoming Events

- **BCYS Youth Mass – Thursday 7th September, from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral**
 - Pizza & refreshments in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future. Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

- **BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS – Midweek, Weds 13th – Fri 15th September OR Weekend, Fri 22nd – Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick**
 - **You are made for a purpose.** Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation.
 - Last few places are remaining so APPLY NOW AT www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/

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)
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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)
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Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

Church & Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926)
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Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)
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