

The English Martyrs Catholic Church

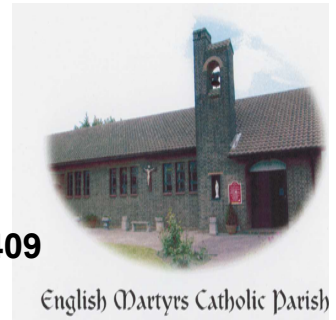
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PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Both of our Old Testament passages today refer to God's people as a vine that God has planted deliberately and carefully. Despite God's efforts, something goes wrong with the vine in both scenarios. While Isaiah 5 clearly faults Judah, the vine, for failing God's intention with its social injustice in the eighth century BC and threatens its destruction, Psalm 80 is a plea for God to restore this ravaged vine.

Matthew's parable extends this metaphor by referring to God as a landowner who planted a vineyard and rents it out to tenants, but these tenants end up trying to take over the vineyard with violence, including the killing of the landowner's slaves and heir. The parable ends with a similar declaration as Isaiah 5: God expects a harvest or produce of right(eous) fruits and will not tolerate injustice.



RIP: Michael John Curry - We have recently been informed that the father of Kathy Moss has passed away in Dublin. Please pray for the repose of Michael's soul and for the family of Kathy Moss at this sad time.

2nd COLLECTION SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Donate to CAFOD today using the envelope at the back of the church or give online at cafod.org.uk. Today Rosie Meadway will do a short talk about Dr Nasha's Mobile Clinic.

2nd COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER - PRISONER'S SUNDAY: Prisoners' Sunday on 15th October is a national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants marked by the Catholic Church. It launches a weeklong ecumenical campaign of prayer for all those affected by imprisonment, a time to reflect on how we - as individuals, as a Church and as an ecumenical community - can serve those whose lives are entwined with the Criminal Justice System.

Please kindly pick up a donation envelope from the back of the Church today and return it next Sunday, 15th October, for the Prisoners' Sunday Collection. Thank You

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023-2024: Any of our young Catholics currently in school years 9 and 10 are invited to register their interest in joining the 2023/24 Confirmation Programme. Please add your name and details on the form at the back of the Church. Thank you. *Candidates are obliged to attend the Catholic obligation of weekly Sunday worship*

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 for you to add your contact details should this be of interest to you.

FR LINU HOLIDAY: Please note that Father Linu will be away from Monday 9th October to Friday 10th November incl. During his absence Fr Frank Jackson will say Sunday morning mass. The feast of All Saints and All Souls will also be covered by a supply priest for the morning mass at 9.30am and 9am respectively. For any emergencies outside of Parish hours, please contact our local Parishes of St Joseph, Upminster (Fr Matthew 01708 222432), St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch (Fr Mark Reilly 01708 447761), St Alban, Elm Park (Canon Maurice 01708 451449), Our Lady of La Salette, Rainham (Fr Mariusz 01708 552897)

MASS INTENTIONS: There has been a very significant shortage of mass intentions. There are several available spaces throughout October, November and December. Please feel free to take a mass offerings envelope from the back of the Church and write your intention, we will always try to accommodate your chosen date but if this is not possible we will let you know if you have provided a mobile number on your envelope or we will book the nearest possible alternative. Please pop through the presbytery letterbox or hand it to Fr Linu.

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.

FAREWELL: We would like to welcome Fr Britto back to say a proper farewell on Saturday 21st October from 7pm, children welcome to come along. In order for us to first get an idea of possible attendance, could you please put your name and number of attendees on the sheet at the back of the Church if you are able to attend. There is also a list of food items, please feel free to put your name against any items you would like to make/bring along. Many thanks.

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.

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.

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 Ragnathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Denise Woodfin, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:

David Calder, Iris Canning, Marie Coxell, Johni Deely, Phil Fowley, Tommy Goggin, Evelyn Golding, Paul Hogan, Bridie Long, Paul McAvoy, Patrick Markey, Sidney Meadway, Don Muscat, Ann O'Connor, Geraldine Patterson, Charles Poddington, Judith Salisbury, Eamon Shanahan, Peter Soares, Rose Soares, Denis Sullivan, Monsignor Van Meenan, Carlos Vieira, Dr Michael Wright

PARISH FINANCE:

Offertory Collection: The weekly collection for 1.10.23 was as follows:

Main Collection: £245.51 (Envelopes: £60, LP: £185.51)

Prisoners' Sunday: £20 (Gift Aid)

Repository: £25

Total: £290.51

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

Sunday 8th October – Sunday 15th October

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| Sunday 8 th October | Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time(A) (Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependants) St Michael Mass (Catholic Police Guild) |
| 10.00 am | |
| Monday 9 th October | St John Henry Newman, Priest – National Feast |
| 9.00 am | No Mass |
| Tuesday 10 th October | Feria |
| 9.00 am | No Mass |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Feria |
| 9.00 am | Eucharistic Service |
| Thursday 12 th October | Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Religious |
| 9.00 am | No Mass |
| Friday 13 th October | Feria |
| 9.00 am | No Mass |
| Saturday 14 th October | Feria |
| 9.00 am | No Mass |
| Sunday 15 th October | Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) |
| 10.00 am | Mrs Elenor Tierney – RIP (donor – Mary Fant) |

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| Parish Priest: Fr Linu Thankachan (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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| Sunday Mass | 10.00 am |
| Weekday Mass | 9.00 am (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) |
| Saturday Mass | No Mass |
| Holy Days of Obligation | 9.30 am |
| Confession on Friday | 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)