



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023

Called to be witnesses

As we begin this new season, our readings remind us of a significant outcome of our Christian faith: we are called to be witnesses. John's Gospel presents the Baptist differently from the other Gospel accounts: the prophet does not dress in an austere manner or challenge people with a rhetoric of fire and doom. Instead, the Baptist is portrayed as a witness, one of many throughout John's gospel, to testify to the person of Jesus. The Baptist identifies Jesus as superior to him: "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me" (Jn 1:30). The Baptist testifies to Jesus' baptism and the Spirit descending upon Jesus and concludes by saying: "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (1:34).

The prophet Isaiah testifies to another figure, the servant, whose task is to lead the Israelites back to God. He reminds them that they are to be witnesses to all the nations of the world: "I will make you a light to the nations / that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Is 49:6). This servant foreshadows Jesus' mission of witnessing to all people God's plan of salvation.

In greeting his community in Corinth, Paul identifies himself as an apostle, sent to testify to the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be holy" (1 Cor 1:2) and that their lives are transformed by the person and message of Jesus Christ.

We also are called to be holy and through our baptism, our lives are to witness to the person of Jesus Christ.



“To be with Him and to be His witnesses”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 15th January (Cycle A)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
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 15 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Peace Day)
Tuesday 17 th January	St Anthony, Abott
Saturday 21 st January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Sunday 22 nd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Sunday of the Word of God)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 15 th January	10.00 am	Caroline Sherry King
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 16 th January	9.00 am	Frank McDermoh – RIP (donor – Mary Fant)
Tuesday 17 th January	9.00 am	Celia Hession – RIP/1 st Anni (donor – Mary Fant)
Wednesday 18 th January	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 19 th January	9.00 am	Karen Clinton – RIP (donor – Mary Fant)
Friday 20 th January	9.00 am	
Saturday 21 st January	9.00 am	
Sunday 22 nd January	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	

Parish Notice Board

RIP
Please remember in your prayers the families of Mary Wright and Kathleen Browne, who recently passed away. Mary's requiem mass will be held on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 12pm. Kathleen's requiem mass will be on Friday 27th January 2023 at 10.30am, both here at English Martyrs.

English Martyrs Website

Please note our website <http://englishmartyrshx.com/>
Is fully up and running, thanks to Chris Moss.

Parish Finance:

Collections For 1.1.23 and 8.1.23

1.1.23

Gift Aid: £ 137 Loose Plate: £ 331.67 Total: £468.67
Crib (bccs) £46

8.1.23

Gift Aid: £ 66 Loose Plate: £302.09 Total: £ 368.09
Crib (bccs) £28.18

Communication Desk

Study Day On The Apostle Paul

The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on Saturday 21st January 2023 from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://tangney-tours.com)

Caritas Brentwood

If you are affected by the Cost of Living crisis, or if you are part of a group that is offering help and support locally, please look at <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/cost-of-living/>. You can add to this webpage by contacting the Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, Siân Thomas-Cullinan on caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Wishing all our Music Friends a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

We are delighted to invite you to a New Year's Concert here in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 15th January at 4pm to 5.30pm. Once again we are delighted to welcome eight year Violinist Hermione Duan who will be accompanied by members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Many of you will remember Hermione's wonderful performance for us in August of last year and we are very excited to have her and the RPO back here again. Admission is FREE. Should you be interested in attending, if you have the chance, do email us at music@dioceseofbrentwood.org to let us know!

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

John Buckley, Maureen Chaliss, Rosaleen Grimwood, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Margaret, Eileen McCaffery, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Mary O'Hagan, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

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