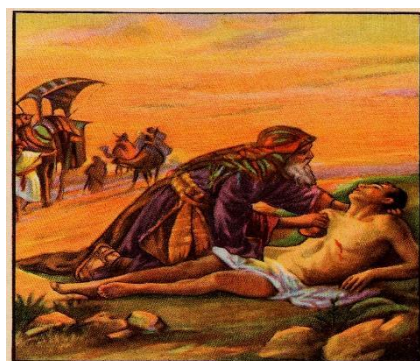


**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEA SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

The parable of the Good Samaritan is such a captivating story that we often miss the riches of the other two readings on this Sunday. In today's second reading from the Letter to the Colossians, Paul sings of the incarnation, describing poetically Christ's role in the creation of the universe and in its reconciliation. We hear in this an echo of Moses' voice as he urges the people in the first reading from Deuteronomy to keep the commandments that God has lovingly given them. By following the law, they allow God into their hearts, the very place in which God urgently wants to dwell.

In the first reading, Moses is leading the people beyond a superficial practice of religion to a heartfelt, substantial, loving relationship with God through knowing his will and attending to his presence. This is why Moses stresses that God's will and love are "very near" (Dt 30:14) as opposed to something "mysterious and remote" (30:11). God has given us the "book of the law" (30:10) but also has placed it "in [our] mouths and in [our] hearts" (30:14). Observance does not require strenuous external feats but hearts open to God's will and actions that follow it.

Yet God's Word is understood most fully only in the incarnation, in which, Paul tells us, Christ is the image of a God who is otherwise invisible to his creation. Christ is the firstborn of all creation – the beginning of all things, in whom all things came into being. This participation in the creation of the world underscores Christ's divinity. The fullness of God's Word did not stand remote from humanity but was pleased to take on flesh and bone in order to complete what the law could not – to reconcile humanity and creation to God in peace by the blood of the cross.



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sea Sunday**

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Cycle C)

### Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays until Fr Britto returns)
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
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 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Sea Sunday)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	St Benedict, Abbot Patron of Europe , European Feast
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Pat Silverlock – RIP (donor – Kate & Liz Sharma)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Tony Chesnais – RIP (donor – Frances Bethell)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	MASS
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Alfie Medlin – RIP/Anniversary (donor – Mary Wright)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

### Parish Notice Board

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

#### Apostleship Of The Sea Second Collection

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in the second collection next week or by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

#### Request

**Dear Parishioners**

**As you will all appreciate, since Father Britto's sabbatical leave commenced, we have been graced with the assistance of Fr Jean-Laurent as well as the Rainham priests.**

**There are some up and coming dates on a Sunday where we may have the assistance of Fr Stewart Foster depending upon whether we are able to sort out transport for him, i.e.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am mass only**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10am mass only**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am and 6.30pm masses**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10am and 6.30pm masses**

**We therefore request the kind assistance of one/two or more of our parishioners to collect Fr Stewart from Witham and bring him here to English Martyrs and then kindly take him back that evening after 6.30pm mass.**

**If you are able to assist with this could you kindly either let Fr Jean-Laurent know after mass or alternatively contact the office and leave a message on the answer machine. Many thanks.**

#### **Update from Father Britto**

**Greetings from Tamil Nadu India . Hope you are enjoying the warm weather over there at this time and season !**

**I have been slowly settling down to my new reality of the sabbatical space and time . I have spent some time in the Salesian Renewal centre in Trivandrum Kerala. I have attended a personal program of Inner Healing. I have also taken two weeks of Ayurvedic treatment for my pains and aches and feeling refreshed in both body and soul !**

**I should have been at the Jesuit meditation centre in Kodaikaanal ( the popular hill resort of British India ) but unfortunately I tested positive with omicron variant and so was resting at home in a village near Palayamkottai, in the southern most state of India. Palayamkottai is the head quarters of five Christian denominations including the church of south India/ England earlier). I heard that Archbishop Rowan Williams' wife hails from here originally! Palayamkottai is also Known as the Oxford of the South with numerous Universities and Catholic religious institutions.**

**Now that I have come out of Covid, I am staying with the Salesians of Don Bosco, closer to Madras and started offering some workshops for college teachers in counselling and facilitation skills.**

**I should of course mention that I have been enjoying some quiet time doing solitary walks on village roads early morning and evening everyday and praying to the Holy Spirt for inner guidance and enlightenment.**

**Kindly ask the parishioners to continue to support me with their prayers and blessings.**

#### **Parish Finance:**

**03.07.22- Gift Aid: £124.00   Loose Plate: £273.74   Total: £397.74**

#### **Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:**

**Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.**

## Communication Desk

### Pilgrimage - Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The approximate cost will start at £850 for one place in a double room. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to [benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### Adventure in Faith

Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to [WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Only 40 places available.

### Year Of The Family

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families is taking place in Rome this coming week, with a programme of talks and liturgies which will be live-streamed via Vatican media channels. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life in July, which Bishop Alan will offer for the intentions of all families in the Diocese. If you would like a particular intention to be placed before the altar at this Mass, please complete the prayer request form which can be found on the new Marriage and Family Life pages of the Diocesan website, where you will also find more information about the World Meeting of Families: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life>

### Vacancies

Please see the noticeboard for vacancies within the Diocese.

<b>Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)</b>
<b>Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs &amp; Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)</b>
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<b>Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)</b>
<b>Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)</b>
<b>Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)</b>
<b>Hall &amp; Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)</b>
<b>Church &amp; Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926)</b>
<b>Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)</b>

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**<http://englishmartyrshx.weebly.com/>**

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