



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022

Today's Gospel combines three parables that explore God's abundant mercy. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin show God's mercy contradicting conventional human wisdom. Leaving ninety-nine sheep to find one who strayed is a bad business decision for a human shepherd, and the woman's party to celebrate the found coin might cost more than the coin. Both parables present God's mercy as hopelessly foolish. Why? Because, as the parables explain in vivid narrative, God's mercy is greater than human wisdom.

The parable of the lost son best elaborates Jesus' saving ministry. The younger son's demands to receive his inheritance early equates to telling his father to "drop dead". His misuse of the funds on parties and prostitutes shows him in an even worse light. It is, however, while suffering the consequences of his decisions that the lost son sees the light and returns home. The father, who parallels God, celebrates the return of the ingrate, much to the surprise of everyone in the story. Most surprised is the older, good son who has followed all of his father's instructions. The story closes when he indignantly confronts their father.

In its original setting, the parable represents as the good son those Palestinian Jews, such as the Pharisees, who strictly kept the law. It pictured the lost son as those who had slipped away from Jewish customs, as well as the Gentiles, who had never known them. In Luke's view, Jesus gears his entire ministry towards winning back those who are lost. This was controversial information for those who had never left, but the meaning of the story is clear: God's mercy is inclusive, powerful and beyond human wisdom. In God's view, the fatted calf dinner celebrates not so much good works as a resurrection from death to new life.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 11th September 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (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 11th September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)
Tuesday 13th September	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 14th September	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross – Feast
Thursday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday 16th September	Ss Cornelius, Priest and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Sunday 18th September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Home Mission Day)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 11th September	10.00 am	Frances & Terry Bethell – 60th Wedding Anni “For ALL our friends, family, parishioners And clergy both living & dead who have Supported us along the way”.
Monday 12th September	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 13th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 14th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 15th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 16th September	9.30 am	Joan Carey – B/day Intentions (donor – Ann Turner)
Saturday 17th September	9.30 am	Rt Rev Mons Van Meenan – RIP
Sunday 18th September	10.00 am 6.30 pm	For Parishioners

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

Parish Notice Board

Secondary/Primary School Applications for September 2023

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October 2022, between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Parents will be seen on a first come first served basis. Please wait in the Church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2022 - Summer 2023

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 2022, please take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the completed application by first taking a photo or make a digital copy of both the form and your child's Baptism Certificate and send this to emhornchurchholymunition@yahoo.com and then return the hardcopy by popping it through the presbytery letterbox or handing it to Father.

2nd Collection

Today's second collection is for Catholic Education Services. Many thanks for your generosity.

Next week's collection on Sunday 18th September is for Home Mission Day.

Baptisms

Please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest after mass who will in turn discuss the process with you.

Office Closure – Annual Holiday

This is to advise you that the office will be closed from Tuesday 13th September to Friday 23rd September inclusive. Please leave messages on the answer machine which will be picked up. For emergencies, please contact either Father Maurice at Elm Park on 01708 451449 or Fr Mariusz at St Albans on 01708 552897. Many thanks.

English Martyrs Summer Fete

Saturday 17th September 2022, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

bring along your friends and family for a fun day....

Lots of craft stalls, games, face painting & refreshments.

100% of monies raised going to charities affiliated with the church.

We very much welcome your DONATIONS of the usual items, i.e. bottles of drink, cakes, biscuits, toiletries bric-a-brac etc..

Parish Finance:

04.09.22- Gift Aid: £ 69 Loose Plate: £274.47 Total: £343.47

Gift Aid

Continued thanks to those who contribute to the Parish funds by Standing Order. However, we would strongly urge those donors who are taxpayers but have not yet joined the Gift Aid scheme to seriously consider doing so. For example, in the past couple of months alone, the tax on those non-Gift Aided donations would have added a further £320 to the

Parish funds without any additional expense to those contributing. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact Daphne, who will pass your details onto the Gift Aid Organiser.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Rosaleen Grimwood, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Pradeepan Rangunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Study Day – St Charles De Foucauld

Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new saints canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022. His journey in faith, preaching the Gospel to all with his life, ended with his death in his hermitage in the Sahara in 1916. Little Sister Kathleen McKee will lead a study day on ‘St Charles de Foucauld – universal brother’ on Saturday 8th October from 11.00 to 13.00 BST. You may attend this free event in person at Gidea Park Catholic Church – RM2 6DH – from 11 am (Coffee available at 10.30). Please book your place by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org The event is also live-streamed. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on www.whatgoodnews.org

The Parables Of Luke

A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21st September from 7 pm. Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelisation. Sean will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org There is no charge and no booking is needed. The recording of the talk will be available on the same website in due course.

CCRS module in Evangelisation / Autumn 2022 – Sion Community

Would you be interested in studying evangelisation - the theory and practice of how to share the Catholic faith with people who are not yet followers of Jesus? 10 hours of teaching is being offered by Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism, leading practitioners in this field since 1985. You can access the module by attending two in-person days at Brentwood, Essex, on Saturday 10 September and Saturday 12 November. Or you can access the same teaching through five Zoom sessions on Thursday evenings 3 November to 1 December inclusive. For more information go to www.sioncommunity.org.uk/ccrs/

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