



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

“Get Behind me Satan”

“Who do people say that I am?” Jesus poses this question to his disciples on his journey through Caesarea Philippi. It elicits Peter’s acknowledgment that Jesus is the Messiah. For centuries Israel had looked forward to God fulfilling his promise to King David by raising up another great leader to restore Israel’s kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). These hopes had become clouded in political and earthy expectations.

Peter’s response, in unambiguous terms, “You are the Christ [or the Messiah],” gives Jesus the opportunity to offer a different understanding. Jesus says that he has come to establish not an earthly kingdom in power but rather a spiritual kingdom in weakness. God’s Kingdom will be established through Jesus’ death and Resurrection.

The First Reading, from the third of Isaiah’s “Servant Songs”, belongs to another tradition pointing to the messiah’s coming in humiliation and suffering. Jesus draws on this tradition in referring to his own ministry of suffering and death on behalf of God’s people.

Peter fails to take this tradition into account when he tells Jesus not to talk about suffering and death. He is utterly perplexed and alarmed, for Peter believed that the Messiah would come in power and glory. When Jesus says to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan,” he is referring to Satan in the Book of Job, where Satan, as the name actually means, is God’s adversary. Jesus reinforces this by saying that Peter’s followers from his revelation that he is going to suffer and die. His followers’ lives will embrace the same path of suffering, death and resurrection. As true Christians, our lives too will share in Jesus’ redemptive suffering.

Sunday 12th September	10.00 am	Danny Singleton – RIP/bday (donor – Maria Harris)
	12.00 pm	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto- RIP
Monday 13th September	9.00 am	Vera Maclen – RIP (donor – May Shanahan)
Tuesday 14th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 15th September	9.00 am	
Thursday 16th September	9.00 am	
Friday 17th September	9.00 am	
Saturday 18th September	9.00 am	
Sunday 19th September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	

Parish Notice Board

Statement of Bishop Alan for Education Sunday 2021

For those who are unable to receive this communication from the Bishop via the internet, please help yourself to a copy from the back of the church.

Fundraising

Tamanna is a third year student at the University of Cambridge and will be running the Cambridge Half Marathon (13.1 miles) this October in memory of her grandad. She is raising money for a girls orphanage in Kerala, India which is a cause that is close to her family's heart. The orphanage is home to around 40 girls and helps them to make a life for themselves. Please give generously if you can via the JustGiving link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tamanna-jithesh?utm_term=z6N7Z7yK9

Thank you very much!

Returning to Normal

As of now, one half of the church has been changed back to full capacity to allow more parishioners to return for live Mass. The other side will remain restricted for those who feel more comfortable being socially distanced still.

There will no longer be a requirement to give contact details to the steward when attending Mass. The QR code will remain available and parishioners are encouraged to continue to use it.

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From the first Sunday in September, it is intended that live streaming of Mass will cease and we will return to normal Mass times.

Many thanks for your continued support to English Martyrs in helping the parish return to as near a normal as possible.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Parish Finance

Sunday 29th August 2021 Gift Aid £49.00 Loose Plate £116.50 Total £165.50

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates and Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

Communication Desk

Season Of Creation Study Days

“During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised two study days – on Saturday 4th September and Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on ‘care for our common home’ (*Laudato si’*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, ‘The Cry of Creation’ and ‘The Cry of the Poor’ will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary’s University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website. Please spread the word on social media.”

Seated Pilates

“Beginning Tuesday 7th September in the church hall Seated Pilates with PilatesCOREuk. Get moving safely to improve mobility and health. Tuesdays 11am - call Kim 07730409298”

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

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