



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 2022

Today's readings show us the suffering that God's chosen must often endure to bring people closer to God. The prophet Jeremiah is cast into a pit. The author of the second reading urges us to keep "our eyes fixed on Jesus" so that we do not "lose heart" (Heb 12:2, 3), and Jesus himself warns of the hornet's nest that his mission will stir up.

The sharp language and dramatic imagery in today's Gospel reading have been borrowed by Luke from Jewish prophetic and apocalyptic writing to express the cataclysmic significance of Jesus' teachings. His message is so radical that it will have dramatic effects – as if the earth had been set on fire. It will invite conversion in some and provoke violent resistance in others, even bringing divisions within families. If the most elemental human relationships are thrown into chaos, these words suggest, then towns and empires will be just as fractured and the natural order of the world could soon fall apart as well.

Since Jesus has already been baptized by John, the "baptism" he speaks of here cannot be read literally. It is a metaphor that anticipates his crucifixion. In fact, in the Gospel according to Luke, the long section of chapters 9-22, beginning and ending with Jesus' predictions of his sacrificial death, stands in the shadow of the cross.

The portrait of Jesus seen here is hardly the calm shepherd with a lamb on his shoulder. But it serves to draw our attention to the implications of taking Christ's message out into the world. Luke is a deliberate writer and so Jesus' words must be important to Luke's understanding of Christ and his ministry and of the stakes of discipleship demands. The anger, rejection and suffering that Jesus experienced, his disciples must be prepared for as well.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 14th August 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 14 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation Solemnity
Saturday 20 th August	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
Sunday 21 st August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 14 th August	10.00 am	Eileen Pollard – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners & Fr Jean Laurent
Monday 15 th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday 16 th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 17 th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 18 th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 19 th August	NO MASS	
Saturday 19 th August	NO MASS	
Sunday 20 th August	10.00 am	Sheila Markey – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

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

Parish Notice Board

Thank you – Fr Jean Laurent

We would like to say a big thank you for taking our church of English Martyrs and our mission to serve the community to the next level. I hope many in the congregation will follow your example. Thank you for being so generous with your time and the way you quietly lead is inspiring.

Congratulations also and all our heartfelt prayers as you commence your priestly duties at Holy Family Church Dagenham, which is a huge accomplishment. We wish you a long and happy service.

Request

Fr Stewart Foster is happy to say mass on the dates below, depending upon whether we can find a volunteer to collect him from Witham and subsequently take him back after 6.30pm mass. The journey could be split between 2 people if necessary.

Sunday 21st August 10am and 6.30pm masses – STILL AWAITING A VOLUNTEER

Sunday 28th August 10am and 6.30pm masses – STILL AWAITING A VOLUNTEER

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.

English Martyrs Summer Fete

Saturday 17th September 2022, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME so 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.

Baptisms

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

Parish Finance:

7.08.22- Gift Aid: £TBC Loose Plate: £TBC Total: TBC

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

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 Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families from Essex and East London have direct therapeutic support to our highly experienced counselling team. We provide support directly to children, adolescents on a 1:1 basis or the whole family. We help children with various reasons including anxiety, emotional health, bereavement, behaviour, bullying, family separation and illness. Sessions take place either on line or face to face at our counselling suites at our offices in Rayleigh. There is a sessional charge but support may be given if required. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you would like more information, please contact Sarah D'Lima - sdlima@bccs.or.uk or 01268 947061.

Late Vocation To The Priesthood:

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

BCYS

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14th to 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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Church & Hall Caretaker: Mike Dineen (07415 727926)
Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)

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