



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2022

The Gospel contains the well-known parable of the widow and the corrupt judge. It stands in the midst of Jesus' teaching on prayer in the Gospel according to Luke. One of the main points of the parable, namely, that persistence is necessary in prayer, remains timeless. The cultural and temporal divides between ancient Palestine and our own time, however, leave some aspects alien to us. In particular, we today probably do not recognize how dire the situation was for widows in Jesus' day. We often characterize widows (or dramatize them on television) as successful in legal battles, even in winning against a corrupt home repairman. In ancient Palestine, however, widows were often mistreated. Women could easily be exploited and required males to speak for them in court proceedings. A widow without a son had little representation. A wealthy person who wished to swindle her out of her late husband's estate could do so with a well-placed bribe.

Jesus' audiences recognized that the deck was stacked strongly against the widow. So when Jesus pictured this widow approaching a corrupt judge, his point was not about ordinary persistence but resolute perseverance in the face of nearly insurmountable odds. In the end, this is a definitive portrait of faith. Believing despite the fact that your first attempt failed, and your second and your third, shows faith's true character. Faith is not really about winning; it is about carrying on in the face of failure.

And that is what prayer appears to be for Jesus in Luke's account of the Gospel. It is not merely about getting what we want but about believing that possibilities lie beyond the difficult reality set before us. It is about believing that God can bring good out of any daunting reality.



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 16th October 2022 (Cycle C)

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 16 th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Monday 17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Tuesday 18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist
Sunday 23 rd October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (World Mission Day)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 16 th October	10.00 am	Ann O'Connor – Recently deceased (donor – Kevin & Geraldine Shanahan & fam)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 17 th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday 18 th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 19 th October	9.00 am	Gary Carey – Birthday Intentions (donor – Joan Carey)
Thursday 20 th October	9.00 am	Deneil & Leroy Fordyce – Intentions (donor – Magdalena Joseph)
Friday 21 st October	9.00 am	Yvonne O'Shaughnessy – RIP (donor – Frances & Terry Bethel)
Saturday 22 nd October	9.00 am	Maria Dickson – Intentions
	12.00 pm	Baptism – Frankie & Bobby Chapman
Sunday 23 rd October	10.00 am	Patrick Markey – RIP
	6.30 pm	Harry Briody – RIP/Anni (donor – Alice & Family)

Parish Notice Board

Fr Britto

Father Britto returns to English Martyrs on Tuesday 18th October from his sabbatical. Please pray for his safe return. Father will say mass on Wednesday morning and masses will resume to normal times. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the priests from Rainham for all their help throughout Father's sabbatical. Please remember them in your prayers.

2nd Collection Sunday 16th October- Prisoners' Sunday.

Prisoner's Sunday is a time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. There are still a few envelopes at the back of the church, please return as soon as possible.

Next Sunday's collection is for World Mission Day. (Sunday 23rd October)

English Martyrs – Social Committee

We would like to request donations towards the coffee morning ie, cakes, biscuits, etc. We will put a box at the back of the church for these donations. Those who are planning to bring freshly baked cakes, please hand this directly to the social committee on the day. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

Campion School – Applications for September 2023

There has been some concern regarding the submitting of the Certificate of Catholic Practice to Campion School as their deadline is 21st October 2022. I can now confirm that I have spoken with Admissions at The Campion and they have said that as long as the application form is submitted by the deadline, once the Certificate of Catholic Practice has been signed by Fr Britto that can then be submitted either by email or posting through the Campion letterbox.

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 emhornchurchholymunion@yahoo.com and then return the hardcopy by popping it through the presbytery letterbox or handing it to Father. Deadline for applications is today Sunday 16th October 2022. The First session will commence on Sunday 6th November 2022.

Parish Finance:

9.10.22 - Gift Aid: £ 113.00 Loose Plate: £ 357.91 Total: £ 470.91

2nd Collection – Harvest Fast Day Total £265.22

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 Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

BCYS Youth Gather

22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island

Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday.

The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more!
The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included.
This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

Catechist Training and Resources Day

5th November, 10am – 3pm at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster
Open to any First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those leading Youth Groups, Children's Liturgy or similar! A range of fantastic workshops and keynote speech from David Wells.

Autumn Concert - Saturday 5th November @ 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Church, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. RM3 0QA

- Works being performed are: Mozart's 'Coronation Mass' K317
- Haydn's 'Nelson Mass'
- Mozart's 'Laudate Dominium' from 'Solemn Vespers'

We are being joined by professional soloists and the accompaniments will be by the Church Organ. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults and children are admitted free. It's easy to purchase tickets via our website <https://www.haveringsingers.org.uk/> or alternatively, by phoning 07342 883211

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6th November from 10.30-4pm.
Pitches are £30. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

Christmas Concert

Saturday 17th December @ 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church, Hornchurch, RM11 1PXA
selection of seasonal carols and choral works. Full programme is still to be confirmed. Ticket prices TBC. Can be purchased as above and will be on sale after the Autumn Concert on 5th November.

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