



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022

The First Miracle, fruit of loving concern

In John's gospel the mother of Jesus is mentioned just twice: at the marriage feast at Cana, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and at the crucifixion, the end of it. That could be a way of telling us that the role played by Mary was not just the fact of her being the mother of Jesus, but that she was *actively* involved with Jesus in the work of our redemption. We have read that at the marriage feast at Cana, Mary was invited as well as Jesus himself and his disciples. As the feasting went on and the wine ran short, Mary took the initiative to intercede with Jesus and he performed what turned out to be his first miracle, the *first of his signs*.

How did Mary know what her son could do? Other interesting questions could arise from the story. Did Mary know back in Nazareth that she was living with a person who could work miracles and yet never once ask him to multiply her bread, or double her money to make ends meet? After all, one might think, charity begins at home. But for Mary and for Jesus the will of God came first.

Jesus somehow knew he had this power to enhance the lives of others. After his forty days fast in the desert he was hungry and the devil suggested it to him to turn some stones into bread for his own use, but he did not do it. Yet he later multiplied bread for crowds of his hungry followers to eat. What does the Cana miracle tell us? Is it that God's special gifts are not meant primarily for our personal benefit but for the service of others. That is what St Paul says when he lists examples of different gifts of the Holy Spirit and adds that "to each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit *for the common good*."

What gifts has God given me? Am I using these gifts for some service in the community?" We may wonder why there are no more manifestations of the Holy Spirit like what we read in the Bible. Maybe if we began better using the gifts we have for the common good – like the gift of praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating, writing, etc. – then we might begin to see miracles. Concern for others is the basic miracle.



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Sunday 16th January 2022 (Cycle C)

Liturgical Calendar

Lectionary: Week 2 of the Year - Cycle C (Sundays); Year 2 (Weekdays)

Sunday 16th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day)

Monday 17th January - The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th to 25th January)

Season of the Year before Lent

This season does not celebrate any particular aspect of the mysteries of the Christ, but rather the mystery of Christ himself in his fullness is recalled especially on Sundays. During this ordinary time (winter), i.e., up to the Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the word of God; Christian unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 16th January	10.00 am	Katie & James Nash Intentions (Donor: English Martyrs) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	
Monday 17th January	9.00 am	
Tuesday 18th January	9.00 am	
Wednesday 19th January	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 20th January	9.30 am	
Friday 21st January	9.00 am	
Saturday 22nd January	9.00 am	
Sunday 23rd January	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	

Note : If you wish to add any Mass intentions for the above week you can do so by writing the intentions on the Mass envelopes from the back of the church and posting them into the presbytery letter box.

Parish Notice Board

Georgina Nestle : Many Happy Returns

Georgina Nestle is celebrating her 80 Birthday today. We offer her our loving prayers for Continued good health and in being a great witness of prayer life in the parish. Please come into the Lounge for a small celebration.

English Martyrs Youth Group - Every Wednesday 8PM (See E-poster attached)

“Dear YOUNG PEOPLE, LET YOURSELVES BE TAKEN OVER BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, AND SPREAD THAT LIGHT WHEREVER YOU ARE.”—ST. JOHN PAUL II

In this new year we look forward to starting our *English Martyrs Youth Group*. We invite you to come along to spend an evening with our Lord in *praise and worship* led by our youth group at our church starting on Wednesday the 19th of January 2022 at 8pm. kindly contact Jubil (jubiljames23@googlemail.com) if you have any further questions.

Parish Finance:

The collection for 09.01.22 was as follows:

GA: £84.

LP: £88.60

Second collections:

Christmas: GA: £20

Crib: LP: £0.85

Total banked: **£193.45**

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

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

Communication Desk

Marriage tribunal Notification

Kindly see the attached notification along with this email from the Tribunal Office on behalf of Mgr. Gordon Read

Gidea Park Study Day: The Evolution Of The Mass

On Saturday (yesterday) Professor John Morrill led a wonderful Study Day on ‘The Evolution of the Mass’, tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He explored in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

Thresholds of Hope Questions: What is the point of canon law? will be given by Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral on Sundays 9th and 16th January 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information, please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February. (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Opportunities within our Diocesan schools.

Head of School

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

L8 - L12 Required for September 2022.

The Governing Body are seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated person to help lead St Joseph's, South Woodham Ferrers which, along with St Francis, Maldon which constitute the Federation of Christ The King. Deadline for applications: 9:00 am on Friday 28th January 2022. For further information please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

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Headteacher

Holy Cross Primary School, Harlow

Starting salary L17 – L23 (£63,745 - £73,660). Required for September 2022.

The Governors of Holy Cross invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably-qualified practising Catholics, to play a key role in the leadership and management of our school to continue to build on our successes. Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 21st February 2022. For further information please contact Karen Slater, PA to Headteacher, on 01279 424452 to arrange this. Alternatively if you would like an application pack please contact Karen Slater by email: karenslater@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk.

Further details of these vacancies and other are available from the diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Vacancy at St Peter's Primary School: St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team. The post involves supporting learning within the classroom; working with individuals and small groups to engage pupils, develop their self-confidence and fostering independence. For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs : <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=71210>

Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)

Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)

Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)

Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)

Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

Church & Hall Caretaker; Mike Dineen (07415 727926)

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