



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021

Can you drink the cup that I must drink?

The First Reading is probably familiar to us as the Good Friday reading about the suffering servant of God. From early times, the Christian Church has applied this image to Jesus. The prophecy of a servant who would redeem Israel through suffering is unique among prophetic books. To say that Isaiah predicted the coming of Jesus is not accurate, but Isaiah did see the world turned upside down by God's victory and the restoration of Israel. Mountains would be made low, what is crooked made straight, rivers run in the desert and those who were humiliated and brought low would be raised up. In Isaiah's imagination and poetry, the suffering servant enhanced the "new creation" God was working out.

Those who witnessed the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ were trying to describe something they had never experienced. Children who are learning to speak do much the same thing. Early Christian communities found the most apt descriptions for Jesus in the words and prophecies of the Old Testament. For them, Jesus was the fulfilment of those Scriptures because what they read there fit their experience of Jesus so closely. As Christians, we need the Old Testament to explain the identity of Jesus. The words of Isaiah help us understand the object of our belief; in turn, our belief provides some illumination on the words spoken so long before Jesus.

The New Testament quotes Isaiah more than any other Old Testament book except for the Psalms. It is Isaiah's strong poetry and imagination, as well as his insight into God's actions in history, that make his prophecy such a rich resource for understanding who Jesus is in the life of the world. Isaiah's description of the suffering one also paints a sobering picture for any disciple who would drink the cup Jesus drinks and follow in his footsteps for the sake of God and the world.

12.00 pm

Parish Notice Board

RIP

We were very sorry to hear of the recent passing of Patricia Mary Kelly. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

2nd Collection – CAFOD Family Fast Day – Crisis Appeal 17th October 2021

The second collection today is for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday – 24th October 2021

Please help yourself to an envelope at the back of the church for World Mission Sunday next week.

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2021 - Summer 2022

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 2021, please sign and take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the form, along with a copy of their Baptism Certificate, to Fr Britto at the Presbytery. Closing date will be Sunday 17th October. Thank you.

Confirmation Programme 2021-2022

Those who are in Yr 10 and above and are willing to go through our confirmation programme please register your interest by signing our form at the back of the church.

RCIA 2021-22

If anyone is interested in joining our community of Faith in the Catholic Church, please send me an email letter and contact telephone number to be enrolled for the RCIA program.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

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

Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs 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 10th October 2021 Gift Aid £235.00 Loose plate - £76.10 Total £311.10
Prisoners Sunday £30

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

Communication Desk

Parish Mission in Chingford

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st 9.15am, morning mass in the church, 7pm - Evening Mission Service in the church. <https://www.franciscanfriars.com/media-1>
All are most welcome. To watch on line please google “Our Lady of Grace Chingford Facebook videos”

Catechists Training and Resource Day – 6th November

Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS. For more information on all of our events please see www.bcys.net

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website \(cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis\)](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan.

Youth Gather – 23rd October

One day Youth Gather at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa. This event will be for Year 9 and above.

The Brentwood Ursuline convent High school

For sixth form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4th November 2021 from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher’s talk at 6.30pm.

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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