



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**HOME MISSION DAY**

Today's reading introduces us to one of Scripture's most vocal prophets on social justice. Amos, a contemporary of Hosea, preached shortly before the fall of the Northern Kingdom (c.721 BC). Both prophets pointed to Israel breaking the covenant as the reason for the impending destruction from Assyria. But whereas Hosea focused on idolatry as the main issue, Amos set his rhetorical crosshairs on the social injustice that ran rampant in that territory.

Amos was known for his harsh tone and earthy imagery as well as his preaching. He purposefully turned inside-out the slogans of self-righteous wealthy Israelites. They claimed to await the "Day of the Lord" (see Am 5:18) when God will judge the world, but Amos assured them their treatment of the poor would be their ruin on that day. They claimed a special immunity because God brought them from Egypt, but Amos retorted that this privilege only made them all the more culpable after they wasted God's special treatment.

The covenant explicitly prohibited mistreatment of the poor, widows and orphans. These people had little chance of legal recourse and were easily cheated out of their homes and livelihoods if some wealthy person bribed a judge. Amos' sarcastic mockery of the wealthy (one of his favourite strategies) portrays them as gleefully anticipating the next opportunity to use their status to increase the suffering of the poor by denying them basic necessities like food and shelter.

The Gospel develops their message regarding wealth and spirituality. One cannot be devoted both to wealth and to God in the same manner. In order to serve God, one must recognise the significant demands he makes for us regarding how we treat one another.



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Cycle C)**

**Parish Diary**

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (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 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Home Mission Day)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, martyrs
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist – Feast
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	NO MASS	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – Ints
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	
	11.00 am	Baptism – George Brian Hubbard
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE TWO MASSES ON SUNDAYS ARE ALL COVERED BY OUR LOCAL SUPPLY PRIESTS UNTIL FATHER BRITTO'S RETURN.**

## Parish Notice Board

### Secondary/Primary School Applications for September 2023

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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 [emhornchurchholychommunion@yahoo.com](mailto:emhornchurchholychommunion@yahoo.com) and then return the hardcopy by popping it through the presbytery letterbox or handing it to Father.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Today's second collection is for Home Mission Day. Many thanks for your generosity.

### Baptisms

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

### Office Closure – Annual Holiday

This is to advise you that the office will be closed from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September inclusive. Please leave messages on the answer machine which will be picked up. For emergencies, please contact either Father Maurice at Elm Park on 01708 451449 or Fr Mariusz at St Albans on 01708 552897. Many thanks.

### English Martyrs Summer Fete

What a wonderful day was had by all yesterday, it was great to see such a good turnout of people. Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers and especially to our Social Committee for organising.

### Parish Finance:

11.9.22 - Gift Aid: £ 81.63    Loose Plate: £ 288.05    Total: £ 369.68

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Education Services - £59.49

### 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

### Study Day – St Charles De Foucauld

Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new saints canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022. His journey in faith, preaching the Gospel to all with his life, ended with his death in his hermitage in the Sahara in 1916. Little Sister Kathleen McKee will lead a study day on 'St Charles de Foucauld – universal brother' on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00 to 13.00 BST. You may attend this free event in person at Gidea Park Catholic Church – RM2 6DH – from 11 am (Coffee available at 10.30). Please book your place by email to

[gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org) The event is also live-streamed. Go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### **Relics of St Bernadette**

“The relics of St Bernadette will come to our diocese in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with the woman to whom Our Lady chose to appear in Lourdes. Here are the details:

#### **BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday 16 October**

**11 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.**

**11.30 am: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bp Alan.**

**6.30 pm: Holy Mass, led by the Youth Service.**

**9 pm: Cathedral closes.**

**Monday 17 October**

**6 am: Cathedral opens.**

**9.15 am: Holy Mass**

**12 noon: Relics of St Bernadette leave.**

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD**

**Tuesday 18 October**

**10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.**

**11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups.**

**7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan**

**12 midnight: Church closes.**

**Wednesday 19 October**

**6 am: Church opens.**

**9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.**

You are welcome to come to pray before the relics outside reserved times for schools. If possible, book your visit through the national website: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk) Whether you book or not, you may have to queue.”

My regards and thanks,

Fr Paul

Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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