



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?”

Among biblical texts, the letter of James is the one of the most direct in its description of the cause of the war and injustice. James does not blame the devil, unjust authority, or outside forces. “Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?” (4:1). Envy, Greed, and Ambition are at the heart of much of the world’s trouble. According to James, these are precisely the emotions that bind someone to the world rather than to God (see 4:4). Writing to the Christians in the first century, James focuses on Christian conduct and utter devotion to the things of God.

James’ identification of the sin in our lives provides a lens through which we might view all three readings. His manner of teaching resembles wisdom literature, from which the first reading comes. The picture of the wicked sketched in the verses we read today is fleshed out in the entire second chapter of wisdom. There we are shown wild desire for the things of this world. When godless people realize that someone who is righteous indicts their ambition and greed, they want to torture the righteous one because he opposes them. They want free rein to do whatever they wish. The last verse of the chapter speaks directly to James’ concern. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who are in his possession experience it” (Wisdom 2:24).

In Mark’s account of the Gospel, the disciples argue about who is the greatest among them. This dispute, set between a prophecy about the crucifixion and a teaching about the presence of Christ in the most unimportant of people, underscore the disciples’ ignorance of Jesus’ mission. Envy demands a better position, greed desires wealth, and ambition seeks power. Jesus’ life, death, and teaching contradict all three. The Apostles show they are still tied to the values of the world. To be true Disciples of Christ, they, must set aside envy and ambition and open themselves to the fruits of Wisdom and the spirit.



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Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 19th September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Home Mission Day)
Monday 20th September	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, pr & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, mm
Tuesday 21th September	ST MATTHEW, AP, Evangelist
Thursday 23th September	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio)
Sunday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham

Timetable of Masses:

Sunday Masses 10am & 12pm (open to full participation)

Weekday Masses

Please do come and join us personally in our weekday masses

Mondays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesdays	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Fridays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Saturdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners

As the pandemic is still not gone away completely, we are still asked to be careful with regard to safety procedures. So please continue wearing masks and keep safe distance and sanitise your hands.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 19th September	10.00am	Danny singleton-RIP/bday (Donor-Maria Harris)
	12.00pm	Geoffrey Mills-RIP
Monday 20th September	9.00am	Chris Cummins-RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 21th September	9.00am	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto-RIP Sean & Charlie Taplin-Wedding Anniversary
Wednesday 22nd September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 23rd September	9.00 am	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto-RIP
Friday 24th September	9.00 am	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto-RIP Betty Cummins-Well Being
Saturday 25th September	9.00 am	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto-RIP Gretta Street-Well Being
Sunday 26th September	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Zoraida Pulmano Egipto-RIP Geoffrey Mills-RIP John Fowley-RIP

Parish Notice Board

As we have started a new academic year, I am happy to inform you of the following new appointments and I am also very grateful to all who were very generous in their previous commitments. I wish to thank in particular David Maddox for his very generous and dedicated service as Steward of the Gospel in the past years over the challenging work of Restructuring along with our partnership parishes of St. Joseph's Upminster and St. Mary's Hornchurch.

I welcome the following and wish them our prayers and blessings.

Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash

Liturgy and MC: Mr Graham Daniels

Parish Finance: Stephanie Mallen

Hall & Lounge Bookings: Daphne Thomas (Parish Secretary)

Church and Hall Care taker: Mike Dineen

Returning to Normal

As of now, one half of the church has been changed back to full capacity to allow more parishioners to return for live Mass. The other side will remain restricted for those who feel more comfortable being socially distanced still.

There will no longer be a requirement to give contact details to the steward when attending Mass. The QR code will remain available and parishioners are encouraged to continue to use it.

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THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS**

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English Martyrs Catholic Church
240 Abingdon Avenue, RM11 3BB

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From the first Sunday in September, it is intended that live streaming of Mass will cease and we will return to normal Mass times.

Many thanks for your continued support to English Martyrs in helping the parish return to as near a normal as possible.

Fundraising

Tamanna is a third-year student at the University of Cambridge and will be running the Cambridge Half Marathon (13.1 miles) this October in memory of her grandad. She is raising money for a girl's orphanage in Kerala, India which is a cause that is close to her family's heart. The orphanage is home to around 40 girls and helps them to make a life for themselves. Please give generously if you can via the Just Giving link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tamanna-jithesh?utm_term=z6N7Z7yK9

Thank you very much!

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

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

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 5 th September 2021	Gift Aid -£80.00	Loose Plate £133.39	Total	£213.39
Sunday 12 th September 2021	Gift Aid -£69.00	Loose plate -£92.69	Total	£192.19

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

Communication Desk

The Brentwood Ursuline convent High school will be holding Open Evening for prospective Year 7 and sixth form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2022. For prospective Year 7 students the open Evening will be on Thursday 30 September 2021 from 6.30pm-9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. For sixth form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4 November 2021 from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a Headteachers'talk at 6.30pm

Job vacancy – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick.

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting in January 2022. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 18th October 2021, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Please note that on occasions, posts may close earlier than the closing date due to the volume of applications being received. Early applications are therefore advised.

Season of Creation Study Days: Gidea Park

“During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised two study days – on Saturday 4th September and Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on ‘care for our common home’ (*Laudato si0*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, ‘The Cry of Creation’ and ‘The Cry of the Poor’ will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary’s University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website. Please spread the word on social media.”

Seated Pilates

“Beginning Tuesday 7th September in the church hall Seated Pilates with Pilates CORE UK. Get moving safely to improve mobility and health. Tuesdays 11am - call Kim 07730409298”

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801470516)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825293308)
Liturgy and MC: Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)
Parish Finance: Stephanie Mallen (07983962465)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)
Church and Hall Care taker: Mike Dineen (07415727926)

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