



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022

For anyone who has ever felt weak or dull in faith, this week's readings offer a bracing tonic. In the first reading, we listen in on a dialogue between the prophet Habakkuk, distraught with the violence and corruption around him and the Lord God responds by dictating a message for his people to the prophet – a message that combines encouragement with exhortation conveying a sense of divine tough love. Rashness will not win the prize, we learn; only through tenacious faith and just living can one live.

In the second reading, Paul is writing to his younger colleague, Timothy, a companion on previous missions. Timothy is still at work evangelizing, while Paul awaits an uncertain future in prison. Paul knows well the hardships of the missionary life and exhorts Timothy to summon from within the spiritual strength imparted to him when he was commissioned by Paul for his work. Timothy must “bear [his] share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God” (2 Tm 1:8). Even at this discouraging moment, Paul knows that they share a “rich trust” of faith (1:14). This knowledge should encourage us as it must have encouraged Timothy.

Finally, in the Gospel, we hear Jesus describe the rigors of faithful discipleship as merely what is expected. When the disciples ask for increased faith, he astonishes them with his response about how little faith it would take to propel a mulberry tree into the sea. Disciples of all times have much to ponder in this image. How could we cultivate such faith? Yet the mulberry tree analogy hints at the same hidden treasure that Paul was describing – “the spirit . . . of power and love and self-control” (2 Tm 1:7) available to all of us.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 2nd October 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 2nd October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Tuesday 3rd October	St Francis of Assisi, Religious
Friday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary (Harvest Fast Day)
Saturday 8th October	St Osyth, Religious
Sunday 9th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependants)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 2nd October	10.00 am	Marie-Jose Coxell – RIP/20th Anni (donor – Geoff Coxell) For Parishioners
	6.30 pm	
Monday 3rd October	9.00 am	
Tuesday 4th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 5th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 6th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 7th October	9.30 am	
Saturday 8th October	9.00 am	
Sunday 9th October	10.00 am	James Shanahan – RIP/Birthday (donor – May Shanahan)

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

2nd Collection

Next week's (9th October) second collection will be for CAFOD'S Family Fast Day. Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return next week. Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

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.

Parish Finance:

18.9.22 - Gift Aid: £ 35.21 Loose Plate: £176.25 Total: £211.46
2nd Collection – Home Mission Day £67.88 Total

25.9.22 - Gift Aid: £140.00 Loose Plate: £237.06 Total: £377.06
2nd Collections – Harvest Day £74.10 Total
Catholic Education £60.57 Total

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

Vocations to the Priesthood

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 4 October at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BCYS Youth Mass

Thursday 6th October, Brentwood cathedral

Starting from 6pm for pizza, we are then delighted to be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and others to share their vocations stories and answer any of your questions, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30pm where Fr Paschal will also be preaching.

Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

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's on Saturday 8th 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 The event is also live-streamed. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on www.whatgoodnews.org

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School

Open Evening for September 2023 Admissions is on Thursday 6th October, 2022. Tours of the school begin at 6pm and there will be an address by the Headteacher at 7.30p.m. There will only be disabled parking on site. Please advise the school in advance.

New Hall School Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 11 October, 6.30-8.30pm

For both events, please book online at newhallschool.co.uk

New Hall is a Catholic independent School in Boreham, near Chelmsford, offering a distinctive education to girls and boys aged 1-18. Day, flexible boarding and full boarding options are available.

Open Day St. Mary's Hare Park Independent Catholic School & Nursery – We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our Open Morning on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 9am to 12pm. Staff and pupils will be on hand to speak with you directly and show you first-hand why our school is such a special place, where pupils grow in confidence and independence, and learn skills which prepare them for a future life and love of learning. To truly understand why children and their parents love our school, we warmly invite you to come and pay us a visit and see how we nurture, engage and inspire every child. Please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysharepark.co.uk/> to register your interest, or alternatively just turn up on the day. We look forward to meeting you.

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School – Nursery

There are still spaces available in our Nursery for this coming academic year. We have Morning, Afternoon and Full Day places. If you are interested and wish to find out more information, please call the School Office on 01708 345200

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