

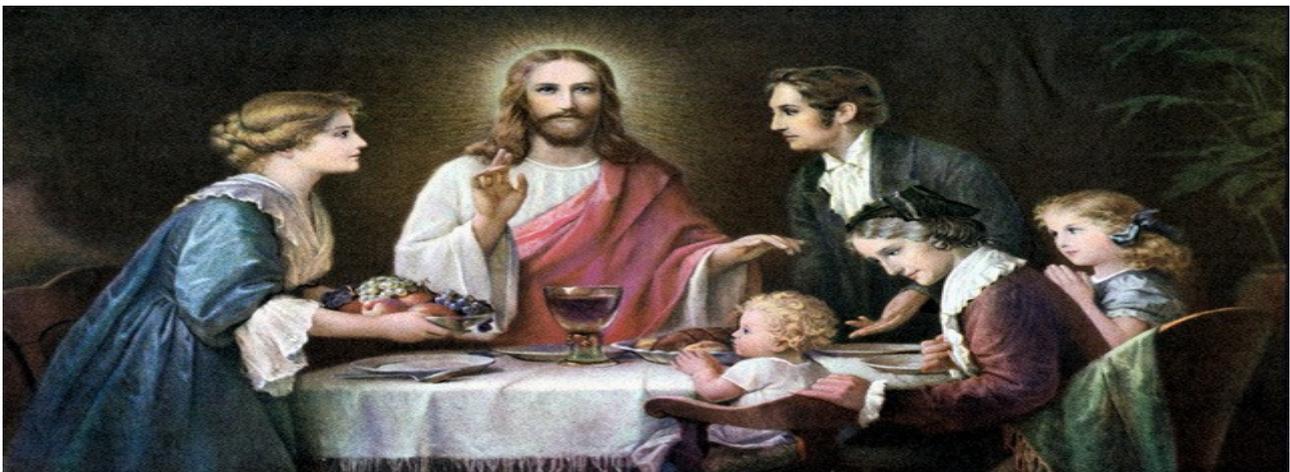
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 2022

Today's second reading and Gospel emphasise how difficult faith can be and the necessity for discipline and patience. Spiritual life is about formation, growth and change; we should be different at the end of the journey than when we began. But this transformation, while glorious in its effect, can be humbling and harsh in the process.

The second reading from Hebrews, quoting from one of the "wisdom books," the Book of Proverbs, urges the reader not to dismiss or be disheartened by "the discipline of the Lord" (Heb 12:5). We might interpret this to mean that we should not see roadblocks in life as signs of disfavour. God's processes for forming us spiritually are mysterious; setbacks may in fact help us grow. We should take heart that instruction from the Lord is a loving gesture meant to teach and prepare us for future earthly challenges and for salvation.

The Gospel passage is one of many in Luke's account that Jesus uses to teach about salvation. Here Jesus advises that we live vigilantly in expectation of judgement so that we may be invited into the master's house when that time comes. Salvation is depicted as a narrow gate that requires strength and skill to navigate. As in many of Luke's other images of judgement, the Christian life is not easy and many who begin the process become overwhelmed by its demands. This passage communicates powerfully through the portrait of those who are rejected, the "evildoers" left outside to plead and question (Lk 13:27), to wail and grind their teeth as they witness the many who were once last becoming first.

The first reading, among the very last verses in the Book of Isaiah, describes an end time that also includes a great gathering of people, but apparently not for judgment. Gentiles and Jews living in distant lands will all be reunited to behold God's glory.



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21st August 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (Mondays, 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 21st August	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Monday 22nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 24th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle
Saturday 27th August	St Monica
Sunday 28th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 21st August	10.00 am	Sheila Markey – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 22nd August	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 23rd August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 24th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 25th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 26th August	9.00 am	NO MASS
Saturday 27th August	9.00 am	NO MASS
Sunday 28th August	10.00 am	Eileen Woodstock – RIP/Anni (donor – Greta Street)
	11.00 am	Baptism – Rudi Kane
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

Parish Notice Board

Request

Many thanks for all those who have kindly volunteered to pick up Fr Stewart this Sunday, however we still need volunteers for next Sunday 28th August. If you are available and would like to volunteer, perhaps you can share the journey, please contact the office during the hours of 10am – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Many thanks



English Martyrs Summer Fete

Saturday 17th September 2022, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

bring along your friends and family for a fun day....

Lots of craft stalls, games, face painting & refreshments.

100% of monies raised going to charities affiliated with the church.



Baptisms

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

Parish Finance:

7.08.22- Gift Aid: £115 Loose Plate: £165.08 Total: £288.08

World Communications Day £3

Peters Pence £5

14.08.22 – Gift Aid: £88 Loose Plate: £175.09 Total: £263.09

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

Vocations to the Priesthood

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 September at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton.

The speaker will be Bishop Alan.

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

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

As a reminder, the relics will be visiting Brentwood Cathedral on 16/17 October and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 18 October. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely: (<https://stbernadette.org.uk>)

[Registration - St Bernadette](#)

[Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Tour this Autumn - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](#)

BCYS

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Adventure in Faith

Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

A Prayer for Ukraine

*Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choice.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen*

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