



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2022

We are one in the Lord

When Paul wrote what we call the first Letter to the Corinthians, he was dealing with a divided community. Many of the members were boasting about the importance of their different gifts. These gifts often manifested a spiritual quality, such as speaking in tongues, prophesying interpreting, preaching healing and so forth. Paul's image of the body is intended to deflate the people's arrogance and put their fellowship with Christ in a new context. The people accept their faith as individuals, but Paul wants them to understand that at baptism, the Holy Spirit draws all believers together into fellowship with Christ as one body. Therefore, no member can be considered greater than another: all are equally relevant because each contributes to the well-being of the whole.

The image of the body was already commonly used by Greek philosophers to describe the city. Paul, however, is the first to apply its image to the Church. It is important to recognize that his explanation here is not a systematic vision of the church but rather a poetic response to a particular situation in Corinth. That said, Paul's metaphor can be a helpful way for us to think about our role in our own parish communities. As one body, we rely on one another and need to recognize the important role each part in that body plays.



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Sunday 23rd January 2022 (Cycle C)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 23 rd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Sunday of the Word of God)
Monday 24 th January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle – Feast
Wednesday 26 th January	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Friday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Sunday 30 th January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Season of the Year before Lent

This season does not celebrate any particular aspect of the mysteries of the Christ, but rather the mystery of Christ himself in his fullness is recalled especially on Sundays. During this ordinary time (winter), i.e., up to the Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the word of God; Christian unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 23 rd January	10.00 am	Katherine Lawson – Ints (donor – Fr Britto)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 24 th January	9.00 am	Fr Joe Farrell – 48 th Anni of Ordination (donor – all his old parishioners)
Tuesday 25 th January	9.00 am	Moore Family – Ints (donor – May Shanahan)
Wednesday 26 th January	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 27 th January	9.00 am	Brenda Door – Seriously Ill
Thursday 27 th January	11.00 am	Funeral Service – John Despard RIP
Friday 28 th January	9.00 am	Mrs Nellie Lee – Recovery Intentions (donor – May Shanahan)
Saturday 29 th January	9.00 am	
Sunday 30 th January	10.00 am	Eamon Shanahan – RIP/Anni (donor May Shanahan)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

English Martyrs Youth Prayer Group - Every Wednesday 8PM (See E-poster attached)

“Dear YOUNG PEOPLE, LET YOURSELVES BE TAKEN OVER BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, AND SPREAD THAT LIGHT WHEREVER YOU ARE.”–ST. JOHN PAUL II

In this new year we look forward to starting our *English Martyrs Youth Group*. We invite you to come along to spend an evening with our Lord in *praise and worship* led by our youth group at our church starting on Wednesday the 19th of January 2022 at 8pm. kindly contact Jubil (jubiljames23@googlemail.com) if you have any further questions.

First Holy Communion

Please note that the Reconciliation Service planned for Saturday 5th February will have to be rescheduled for Saturday 12th February, as Father will be on a Retreat. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parish Finance:

The collection for 16.01.22 was as follows:

GA: £57

LP: £81.20

Total £138.20

Second Collection – Pax Christi £37

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Sunday of the Word of God

This link will take you to the programme produced on Thursday 20th January to prepare for the Sunday of the Word of God 2022 (23rd January).

I hope you will find it useful. <https://youtu.be/Ts-stNUq0ek> Best wishes ,Fr Adrian Graffy

BCYS February Youth Mass with Talk from Million Minutes

February Youth Mass: our next Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3rd February at Brentwood Cathedral, Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7.30pm. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information please see www.bcys.net

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information, please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February. (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

Thresholds of Hope Question

What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith? Input will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on Sundays 23rd and 30th January 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Opportunities within our Diocesan schools

Head of School - St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

L8 - L12 Required for September 2022.

The Governing Body are seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated person to help lead St Joseph's, South Woodham Ferrers which, along with St Francis, Maldon which constitute the Federation of Christ The King. Deadline for applications: 9:00 am on Friday 28th January 2022. For further information please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

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Headteacher - Holy Cross Primary School, Harlow

Starting salary L17 – L23 (£63,745 - £73,660). Required for September 2022.

The Governors of Holy Cross invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably-qualified practising Catholics, to play a key role in the leadership and management of our school to continue to build on our successes. Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 21st February 2022. For further information please contact Karen Slater, PA to Headteacher, on 01279 424452 to arrange this. Alternatively if you would like an application pack please contact Karen Slater by email: karenslater@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk.

Further details of these vacancies and other are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Vacancy at St Peter's Primary School: St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team. The post involves supporting learning within the classroom; working with individuals and small groups to engage pupils, develop their self-confidence and fostering independence. For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs : <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=71210>

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)
Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)
Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

Church & Hall Caretaker; Mike Dineen (07415 727926)

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