



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

Today, we learn lessons about prayer. The scene in Genesis occurs just after two of Abraham's visitors (to whom he gave hospitality in last week's reading) have departed. The Lord remains, telling Abraham about "the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah" and his plans to destroy them (Gn 18:20). In what follows, Abraham fears for the innocent who may live there, and he bargains with God as if with a human overlord – flattering, reasoning, persuading. Six times Abraham resumes his plea, whittling down the number of innocent that would prevent destruction from fifty to ten. Shocking as this approach may seem to us, the character of the Lord in this story does not seem impatient or offended by Abraham's approach. He appears to be persuaded without much resistance.

In the Gospel, we hear the familiar, beloved words of the Our Father, the model Jesus gave to the disciples at their request. These simple words show us what Jesus thinks is essential, humanly and spiritually: recognizing God's holiness, desiring that the Kingdom come, food to sustain us, forgiveness received and given and the request to be released from the ominous-sounding "final test" (Lk 11:4). Even more intriguing are the lessons following the prayer that illustrate the attitude with which disciples should pray and God's response to prayer. As in Genesis, the examples come from human interactions: the friend who responds because of persistence, the urgent instruction to "ask", "seek", and "knock" (Lk 11:9). Jesus invites us to pursue intimacy with our Father actively! But the final words realign our perspective. It is not that our persistent prayers persuade an indifferent God to become generous. Rather, our Father eagerly awaits our asking, seeking and knocking so that he can give us the Holy Spirit, which mysteriously meets every human need.



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 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 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St James, Apostle – Feast
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Margaret Thomas – RIP/ 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (donor – Peter Thomas)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am	NO MASS
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00 am	Tom Guidera – RIP/Birthday (donor – Pauline Guidera)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

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

### Parish Notice Board

#### Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr Stewart Foster who will kindly be saying mass for us today (10am only), and later on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It is always difficult at this time of the year to find a supply priest so we are very grateful for all he can do for us. Thank you also to Liz Bethell for transporting Father Stewart from Witham and back again today.

#### Request

Dear Parishioners

As you will all appreciate, since Father Britto's sabbatical leave commenced, we have been graced with the assistance of Fr Jean-Laurent as well as the Rainham priests.

There are some up and coming dates on a Sunday where we may have the assistance of Fr Stewart Foster depending upon whether we are able to sort out transport for him, i.e.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am mass only - COVERED

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am and 6.30pm masses – NOT COVERED

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10am and 6.30pm masses – NOT COVERED**

We therefore request the kind assistance of one/two or more of our parishioners to collect Fr Stewart from Witham and bring him here to English Martyrs and then kindly take him back that evening after 6.30pm mass.

If you are able to assist with this could you kindly either let Fr Jean-Laurent know after mass or alternatively contact the office and leave a message on the answer machine. Many thanks.

### **Gift Aid**

If you have been using Gift Aid Envelopes number 36, it appears that you have picked up the wrong numbered box by accident. Please contact Daphne, the Parish Administrator, who will be able to advise you accordingly.

### **Parish Finance:**

**17.07.22- Gift Aid: £105.00 Loose Plate: £216.73 Total: £321.73**

### **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, Elizabeth Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### **Communication Desk**

### **2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Last year Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 24th July, with the theme; *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92:15). The National Office for Vocation has put together a web page with resources for this celebration, at <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>

We are reminded that Grandparents and the Elderly, as well as being a powerful witness by their own living out of their particular vocation, are also in a position to encourage and support younger people discerning theirs. Let us take this opportunity to think of and pray in thanksgiving for those who have inspired us in our lives, including those who have gone to their rest.

We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.

### **Prayer**

*Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons,  
we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age.*

**Pope Francis**

There are some printouts at the back of the church 'Message of His Holiness Pope Francis For the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' please feel free to take a copy.

### Beginning Experience Weekend

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).

### The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

"The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; [CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk) or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on our website, [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk)" Over the years we have raised over £15,000 for Good Counsel with sponsorship from the Pilgrimage. Donations can be made here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>

### Adventure in Faith

Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Only 40 places available.

### Vacancies

Please see the noticeboard for job vacancies within the Diocese.

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
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