



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022
HARVEST DAY

The readings for today again represent the scriptural foundation of Catholic social teaching. Although Amos preaches to the Northern Kingdom of Israel regarding their impending destruction, he also excoriates the Judeans in the South for similar oppressions of the poor. Amos' imagery casts the southerners' lifestyle as luxurious. Only the wealthy could afford comfort and leisure. While the poor slept on dirt floors, the wealthy enjoyed beds of ivory. The wealthy softened their unblotched skin with fine oils yet remained callous enough to ignore the lesson served from their northern neighbours. Amos' words about Judah came true a little more than a century later when Babylon invaded the land and exiled many of its inhabitants (around 586BC).

The Gospel likewise warns against becoming hardened by luxury in the face of poverty. Both the wealthy man and poor Lazarus die, yet the one accustomed to luxury goes into torment while the one licked by dogs enters into comfort. We are not told what, if any, explicit action by the wealthy man warranted this judgement. But note that the poor man lay at his gate without enjoying even a scrap of the rich man's fare. Such mistreatment of the poor was forbidden. The problem with the wealthy man was not his wealth but rather that he spent it all on himself while being oblivious to the poor man's plight before his eyes! This imbalance violates the spirit of the covenant; so the rich man's fate agrees with the teachings of the law and the prophets. The wealthy man's concern to warn his brothers shows he understood that his neglect transgressed the command to love one's neighbour. This was no new teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples; rather, he renewed the teaching of the law of Moses and of prophets like Amos.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th September 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 25 th September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Harvest Day
Tuesday 27 th September	St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Thursday 29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels – Feast
Friday 30 th September	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Saturday 1 st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), Virgin Doctor of the Church
Sunday 2 nd October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 25 th September	10.00 am	
	11.00 am	Baptism – George Brian Hubbard
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 26 th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27 th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 28 th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 29 th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 30 th September	9.30 am	
Saturday 1 st October	9.30 am	
Sunday 2 nd October	10.00 am	Marie-Jose Coxell – RIP/20 th Anni (donor – Geoff Coxell)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

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

Welcome

We welcome into the family of our Parish George William Brian, who will be baptised after our 10am mass today, and we congratulate his parents William and Laura.

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.

2nd Collection

Today's second collection is for Harvest Day. Many thanks for your generosity.

Baptisms

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

Office Closure – Annual Holiday

This is to advise you that the office will be closed from Tuesday 13th September to Friday 23rd September inclusive. Please leave messages on the answer machine which will be picked up. For emergencies, please contact either Father Maurice at Elm Park on 01708 451449 or Fr Mariusz at St Albans on 01708 552897. Many thanks.

Parish Finance:

18.9.22 - Gift Aid: TBC Loose Plate: TBC Total: TBC

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

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' 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

Relics of St Bernadette

"The relics of St Bernadette will come to our diocese in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with the woman to whom Our Lady chose to appear in Lourdes. Here are the details:

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Sunday 16 October

11 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11.30 am: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bp Alan.

6.30 pm: Holy Mass, led by the Youth Service.

9 pm: Cathedral closes.

Monday 17 October

6 am: Cathedral opens.

9.15 am: Holy Mass

12 noon: Relics of St Bernadette leave.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD

Tuesday 18 October

10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups.

7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan

12 midnight: Church closes.

Wednesday 19 October

6 am: Church opens.

9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.

You are welcome to come to pray before the relics outside reserved times for schools. If possible, book your visit through the national website: stbernadette.org.uk Whether you book or not, you may have to queue.”

My regards and thanks,

Fr Paul

Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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