

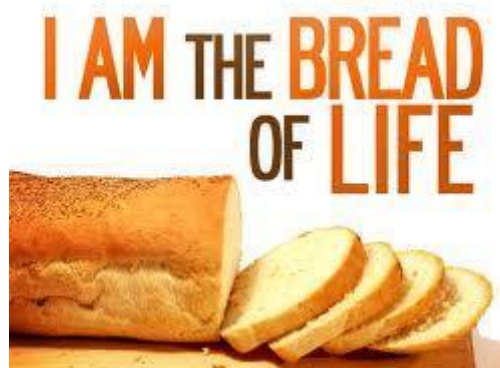
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021**

John's account of the Gospel often gives a different version of stories told in the Synoptic accounts Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His account of the Last Supper, for example, is remarkably different. In the Synoptics, we hear the familiar story of breaking bread and blessing wine that is part of our liturgy. But John recalls how Jesus washed feet at the Last Supper (John 13:1-11). Eucharistic references are plentiful in John's account, however, especially in chapter 6. In the middle of Ordinary Time, the Church takes the time to read John 6 and savor the words and actions of Jesus as he talks about the bread of life and the hunger of humankind.

That chapter opens with the multiplication of five loaves and two fish. This is one of only two stories that all four gospels relate. Jesus seems to be following in the footsteps of the great prophets like Elisha who multiplied loaves and gran, but two things set Jesus' action apart from the Old Testament prophets. First, he takes the bread and fish and gives thanks (in Greek, *eucharisteo*, from which our word *eucharist* comes) and then distributes them. Second, he has the disciples gather up what's left over. Twelve baskets of fragments are left, one for each of the disciples who doubted they could feed the multitude.

Some commentators refer to this passage as an institution of the Eucharist because of what Jesus does with the bread and the fish. There is no cup of wine, no table ceremony, no transforming words. Nevertheless, the ritual of giving thanks and giving to others to eat is highly symbolic. Later in the chapter, Jesus uses bread as a metaphor for himself.

The crowd follows Jesus because they see the signs he does. Believing only because of outward signs is the most tenuous form of faith. At the end of the passage, the crowd wants to make Jesus king because of what they have seen. They have misunderstood Jesus' person and message. He is forced into hiding because earthly kingship is not what Jesus came for (see John 18:36).



**Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Liturgical Calendar**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the BVM</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>St Martha</b>
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b>

**Sunday Masses In Church**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10am (in church)</b>	<b>12pm (in church)</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>10am (in church)</b>	<b>12pm (in church)</b>

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Rt Rev Monsignor Van Meenen – RIP</b>
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Liz Manning</b>
		<b>Thanksgiving for 40 years of Marriage</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Fredrick Cyrus – Get Well</b> <b>(donor – Maria Dickson)</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mrs Rohini Gnanasekeram – RIP/1<sup>st</sup> Anni</b> <b>(donor – The Sebastian Family)</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Donna Joseph – RIP</b> <b>(donor – Maria Dickson)</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Peter Murray – RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Evelyn Golding</b>
	<b>12.00 am</b>	<b>Baptism – Finley George Lofthouse</b> <b>Son of Rosaleen Clark and Adam Lofthouse</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>The Shanahan Family</b> <b>(donor – May Shanahan)</b>

12.00 pm Nelly Lee – Get Well  
(donor – May Shanahan)

## **Parish Notice Board**

### **Welcome**

We welcome into the family of our Parish Abbie Ashley Evans and Ivy Lisa Morris, who were baptised this weekend, and we congratulate their parents Adam & Ashley Evans and Richard & Katie Morris.

### **Anniversary - Congratulations**

Let us all pray for Jim and Liz Manning on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and wish them many congratulations.

### **Reopening of English Martyrs Hornchurch**

The Church is now open for public worship on the following days: -

#### **Sundays 10am and 12pm:**

Both the 10am and 12pm masses are now open for People's Physical Participation. The 10am mass will also be livestreamed.

As the numbers are still restricted, kindly participate in either of the two masses so as to avoid parishioners being turned away due to overcrowding at the 10am mass which I reckon to be the more popular one.

#### **Weekday Masses:**

The weekday mass time table is as follows:

##### **Fridays**

9.00am - Eucharistic Service

9.30am - Mass with Parishioners

##### **Saturdays**

9.00am – Holy Rosary

9.30am - Mass of our Lady

I will be offering Private Masses from Monday to Thursday until the restrictions are totally lifted. Mass intentions are still accepted for all masses.

Kindly inform those you know, who may not be able to access emails, of the above changes.

### **English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish**

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either

donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

**HSBC UK**

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Many thanks  
Parish Office

**Parish Finance**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021      Gift aid - £60 - Loose Plate £73 -Total: £133

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:** David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates and Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

**Communication Desk**

**Prayer For The First World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly**

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

**Memorial Mass – Fr Tom Jordan, RIP**

Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

**The Cry Of Creation – A Study Day On Laudato Si**

As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015

encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato si'*, on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark and associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) – the event is scheduled for 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

#### **Living *Laudato Si'* – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

#### **The Gospel Of Mark**

"On Most Sundays Of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'.

#### **Liturgy Of The Word**

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

#### **USEFUL WEBSITES**

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

<b>Parish Priest : Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)</b>
<b>Parish Administrator : Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs &amp; Fri (11am-2pm) (01708 507020)</b>
<b>Diocesan Safeguarding Representative : Katie Nash (07825293308)</b>
<b>Finance : Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)</b>
<b>Parish Gift Aid Organiser : Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)</b>
<b>Hall &amp; Lounge Bookings : English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)</b>

#### **The English Martyrs Catholic Church (Diocese of Brentwood)**

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