



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2022

Today's first reading and Gospel show us different reactions to the call to discipleship. When the great prophet, Elijah, designates Elisha to be his successor, the young man asks to see his parents for a farewell and Elijah is disgusted by his hesitation. Immediately, Elisha severs his ties and follows Elijah. In the Gospel, Jesus invites people to follow him, but they hesitate for one reason or another. Jesus' and Elijah's responses, when taken literally, seem harsh, but they convey a central tenet of discipleship: it must be wholehearted. No one who is still attached to the world "is fit for the Kingdom of God" (Lk 9:62).

Sandwiched between the two call and commitment stories is Paul's teaching about the greater importance of faith over the law. This perspective encountered consistent criticism from his opponents: How would people live in a holy manner without the guidance of the law? After all, if a person could be saved by faith, then what did their actions matter? Paul replies that his message does imply a code of ethics to which believers must adhere, but this code is from the Spirit, who is received at baptism. Baptized Gentile believers should be able to live moral lives because they are guided by God's Spirit, yet they remain free from any confinement of Jewish customs or the law.

But Paul warns that this new-found freedom in the Spirit must not be misused by believers. Once chained under the slavery of sin and death, believers die with Christ to nullify their bonds of slavery. But this new freedom should be used to remain free in the Spirit and not allow one to become enslaved to one's own desires of the flesh. With great freedom comes great responsibility. The Spirit guides new believers to live in a manner appropriate for God's people. This is God's will: their freedom and their continued sanctification.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26th June 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

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| Sunday Masses | 10.00 am & 6.30 pm |
| Weekday Masses | 9.00 am |
| Wednesday | Holyday of Obligation – 9.30am & 7.30pm |
| 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

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| Sunday 26 th June | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) |
| Tuesday 28 th June | St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr |
| Wednesday 29 th June | Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity Holyday of Obligation |
| Sunday 3 rd July | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) |

Masses & Intentions This Week

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| Sunday 26 th June | 10.00 am | Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion Children |
| | 6.30 pm | For Parishioners |
| Monday 27 th June | 9.00 am | Br O.J. Victor – RIP – 25 th Anniversary |
| Tuesday 28 th June | 9.00 am | Eucharistic Service |
| Wednesday 29 th June | 9.30 am | Ss Peter & Paul Apostles – Solemnity |
| | 7.30 pm | MASS |
| Thursday 30 th June | 9.00 am | MASS |
| Friday 1 st July | 9.00 am | MASS |
| Saturday 2 nd July | 9.00 am | MASS |
| Sunday 3 rd July | 10.00 am | Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP/Anni |
| | 6.30 pm | For Parishioners |

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

Parish Notice Board

Marie D’Arcy - RIP

Marie’s funeral mass will be held on Friday 8th July at 10.30am here at English Martyrs. Please continue to remember Marie and her family in your prayers.

First Holy Communion

Many congratulations on our First Holy Communion children. Please remember them in your prayers.

Ordination

Congratulations to Rev Damian Wade, who was ordained to the priesthood for Brentwood Diocese yesterday at Ss Peter and Paul Ilford. It’s good to see young people still interested in offering themselves for service in the Church in the priesthood and religious life.

2nd Collection

Today’s second collection Sunday 26th June is for ‘Peters Pence’. Many thanks for your generosity.

Readers

We are urgently in need of some more readers. Please speak with Father or Graham if you wish to be placed on our list of readers. A rota will be compiled in due course. Many thanks

Gift Aid

Continued thanks to those who have joined the Gift Aid scheme. If you use un-numbered envelopes, please remember to either put your Gift Aid number or your name on the envelope otherwise we will not be able to identify the donor and reclaim the tax on the donation. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Daphne, who will pass on your details to the Gift Aid Organiser.

Social Committee

Many thanks to those who have volunteered for our Social Committee thus far. The list will be left at the back for anyone else wishing to put their name down. Many thanks.

Parish Finance:

19.06.22- Gift Aid: £85 Loose Plate: £174.60 Total: £259.60
Day for Life – Gift Aid £21, Loose Plate £52.33 Total £73.33

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

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

Communication Desk

The Campion School

Keith Williams, Headmaster at The Campion School is retiring at the end of this academic year. In order to celebrate his 40 years of service, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at the school at 7.00 pm on Friday, 8th July 2022. The Mass will be followed by a buffet in the Main Hall. If you and any of your family would like to join us on this occasion, please e.mail office@thecampionschool.org giving the numbers expected.

Catholic Biblical Association Of Great Britain

The Association announces its next Scripture talk, to be given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on 'Jonah: Prophet for Today'. You can attend the talk in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, from 11.00 BST on Saturday 9th July. Coffee will be provided in the hall from 10.30. If you are attending in-person please book your place by clicking on the Eventbrite link on the poster. The venue is a short walk from Gidea Park Station (TfL from Stratford or Shenfield). Alternatively please join the livestream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org at 11 a.m. on 9th July. There is no need to book if attending by livestream. The talk will be available subsequently on You Tube and on www.whatgoodnews.org Thank you.

Pilgrimage - Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The approximate cost will start at £850 for one place in a double room. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Year Of The Family- 22nd – 26th June

The 10th World Meeting of Families is taking place in Rome this coming week, with a programme of talks and liturgies which will be live-streamed via Vatican media channels. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life in July, which Bishop Alan will offer for the intentions of all families in the Diocese. If you would like a particular intention to be placed before the altar at this Mass, please complete the prayer request form which can be found on the new Marriage and Family Life pages of the Diocesan website, where you will also find more information about the World Meeting of Families: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life>

Bishop Alan has written a 'Pastoral Message Marking the 10th World Meeting of Families', please take a copy from the back of the church. There are also some lovely prayer cards at the back of the church for you to take home.

BCYS Youth Mass

7th July from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral – join us for Pizza in the Parish Hall at 6pm, followed by a Music Workshop in the Cathedral led by Art Wangcharoensab of the Cathedral Music Dept. Singers, instrumentalists and young people (roughly year 9+) are all very welcome, whether you wish to join in or simply watch and listen! Mass will begin in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, celebrated by Fr Damien Wade. All information can be found on our website www.bcys.net/events

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Is seeking a part-time Co-ordinator to assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. If you have strong interpersonal and organisational skills, coupled with the ability to work on your own initiative to implement the plans and actions determined by the charity's governing Council and its subcommittees, this role may be of interest. You will be a good communicator, able to sustain engagement with our members through personal contact, written and digital channels. In addition to being able to plan and execute a range of fundraising events, you will have a keen eye for detail, enabling you to deliver the exacting level of administrative support needed for a successful membership organisation. Full details at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>"

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