



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**Bones from my Bone and Flesh from my Flesh**

When the Pharisees test Jesus, they question him on points of the law. Rabbinical discussion frequently included arguments about how the law was to be interpreted. Those promoting a particular viewpoint would use Scripture to persuade others. In the question of divorce, Jesus tests the Pharisees' knowledge of Mosaic law and then counters their answers with his own interpretation and biblical text. Quoting Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:24, Jesus points to the intimate relationship of men and women from the beginning of creation. Both are created in God's image, destined to live in relationship with one another. For Jesus, marriage is a blessed relationship and the proper arena in which to fulfil the original biblical commands to be fruitful and multiply.

Jewish law provided for a certificate of divorce (see Deuteronomy 24:1), but Jesus sees this as a compromise for human weakness. He does not specifically condemn divorce but lays out the ideal on which all marriages are based. The implication is that divorce is an aberration and a sign of the brokenness of the world. In later discussion with the disciples, Jesus defines remarriage as an occasion of adultery against a spouse.

Jesus protests the easy ending of a marriage in his society. His teaching protects women, who could be dismissed from a marriage with a piece of paper and promotes the idea that adultery is a sin against a woman as much as against a man. Jesus also makes a woman's responsibility equal to a man's in marriage, forbidding wives to divorce their husbands or commit adultery by marrying another. The Mosaic law had not considered either possibility. Most important, Jesus focuses on the sanctity of marriage rather than on the lawfulness of divorce for any reason. He raises the understanding of *marriage from a civil institution to a state of life blessed by God.*



Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 am	(donor – Bridget Fowley) Eucharistic Service
	11.00 am	Don Muscat – Requiem Mass
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 am	David Calder – Funeral Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 am	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00 am	
	12.00 am	

## **Parish Notice Board**

### **RIP – Don Muscat**

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Don Muscat. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember too his family in your prayers. Don's requiem mass will take place here at English Martyrs on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

### **RIP – David Calder**

The funeral mass for David Calder will take place at English Martyrs on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

### **First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2021 - Summer 2022**

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 2021, please sign and take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the form, along with a copy of their Baptism Certificate, to Fr Britto at the Presbytery. Closing date will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### **School Admissions**

#### **Secondary School Applications for September Year 2022**

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### **Confirmation Programme 2021-2022**

Those who are in Yr 10 and above and are willing to go through our confirmation programme please register your interest by signing our form at the back of the church.

### **RCIA 2021-22**

If anyone is interested in joining our community of Faith in the Catholic Church, please send me an email letter and contact telephone number to be enrolled for the RCIA program.

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

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'.

### Parish Finance

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Gift Aid £ 37.00	Loose plate - £ 70.44	Total	£107.44
	Home Mission Day £25.00			
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Gift Aid £100.00	Loose plate - £105.80	Total	£205.80

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

### Communication Desk

#### The Season of Creation

A reminder that tomorrow sees the second of our Study Days for the Season of Creation. From 11 am on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Fr Ashley Beck, expert in Catholic Social Teaching, will be presenting Pope Francis' 2021 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* on 'fraternity and social friendship'. Living in a world plagued by xenophobia and division we need to hear what the Church teaches about human solidarity. Your 'attendance' is free of charge and there is no need to register. Should you miss it on Saturday morning the video will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

The first study day on 'The Cry of Creation', Fr Ashley's exploration of *Laudato si'*, is available on the home page of the same website.

Please also pray for a positive result at the Climate Change Conference in November. Care for God's creation, and for all our brothers and sisters are central elements of our faith. Maybe we have neglected them for too long. Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Adrian Gaffy

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) ([cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate). And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan

#### Open Evenings September 2022 Intake

The Brentwood Ursuline convent High school will be holding open Evening for prospective Year 7 and sixth form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2022. For prospective Year 7 students the open Evening will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 6.30pm-9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. For sixth form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 6.30pm.

Admissions To Sacred Heart Of Mary Girls' School, Upminster For Year 7 In September 2022 : Please complete the form below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesdQjCQzxSiU7BOhMBOISRtTx9CubDBS7t4zs7V2ry2sVSmQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesdQjCQzxSiU7BOhMBOISRtTx9CubDBS7t4zs7V2ry2sVSmQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) or under the Admissions Section on the website

[www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net) to choose a slot for a Q & A session with the Headteacher, Vivienne Qurrey. We are unable to hold a face-to-face Open Evening this year, but are really keen to explain the Admissions process to parents and give them the chance to ask questions about the school.

Sessions are: Thursday 7 October at 6.00 p.m, Tuesday 12 October at 5.00 p.m, Thursday, 14 October at 4.30 p.m.

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

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