



**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Zacchaeus – a Radical Reversal in Discipleship**

The plot in today's Gospel is simple. A tax collector climbs a tree in order to see Jesus better. Whether it is Jesus or Zacchaeus who is short in stature is unclear from Luke's syntax and this could be intentional. Luke focuses on Zacchaeus' intention to seek out Jesus and the Lord's immediate acceptance.

Tax collectors were hated in the Judea of Jesus' time. They were unclean because they touched materials belonging to Gentiles. They were corrupt because they collaborated with the roman government and because of exorbitant service charges.

That Jesus acknowledges the tax collector scandalizes the crowds, who view Zacchaeus as unworthy of this great visitor. Zacchaeus responds not to the crowds but to Jesus, thus showing himself to be holier than the crowds presumed. The original Greek presents Zacchaeus' actions as ongoing: giving away half of his possessions (a considerable tithe!) will be a regular practice in his life. In addition, he will return any money that he misappropriated from people during collection – with interest! He is, in every sense, the ideal disciple described in the reading from the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 17:5-10), where Jesus speaks of one who does more than is asked.

The crowds misunderstand who is truly righteous when they grumble that Jesus has eaten with a sinner. But Zacchaeus' answer vindicates Jesus' decision to dine with him and Jesus' entire mission. Now it is not the tax collector who is lost but the crowds who misjudged. Zacchaeus is a model for their own relationships with God and so brings salvation closer to all of them.



**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Cycle C)**

**Parish Diary**

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30am & 7.30pm
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 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<i>All Saints</i> – Solemnity - Holyday Of Obligation
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed ( <i>All Souls</i> )
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00 am	Ann O'Connor – recently deceased (donor – Paul & Sarah Shanahan & Fam)
	6.30 pm	Harry Briody – RIP/Anni (donor – Alice & Family)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00 am	Ann Holden – RIP (donor – Eileen Hogan)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9.30 am	Patrick Denethy - RIP (donor – Eileen Hogan)
	7.30 pm	Feast of <i>All Saints</i>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.30 am	Tommy Goggin – RIP/Anni
	7.30 pm	Feast of <i>All Souls</i>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.30 am	Mrs Deirdre Alden – RIP Funeral Mass
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 am	Bridie Long – RIP/Anni (donor – Eileen Hogan)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 am	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

**Parish Notice Board**

**Parish open meeting for Committee and non-committee members**

Dear All,

I am looking forward to a restructuring of parish leadership and will be happy to have new people volunteering for the various activities in the parish. Towards this end, I would greatly appreciate your attendance at a special meeting on Friday 18th November at 7pm-8pm to discuss everything ongoing within our church community. All existing

members of a committee as well as those not on a committee (flower arrangers/cleaners/ coffee morning volunteers, choir members, counters etc) please do come along as your input is invaluable and necessary to the renewal of the Parish.

I would generally group the various activities of the parish under the following themes:

1. Liturgy and Prayer Life
2. Evangelisation and Catechesis
3. Social and Community Building
4. Finance and Maintenance

If you feel inclined towards any one of these and would like to contribute, please send an email to the parish office, so we would have an idea of how to proceed. Many Thanks.

Fr.Britto

### All Saints and All Souls

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 will be the feast of *All Saints*, which is a Holyday of Obligation, when we should make every reasonable effort to attend Mass. Mass on this day will take place at 9.30am and 7.30pm. The following day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, *All Souls*. Mass on this day will take place at 9.30am.

### November Envelopes

Mass is celebrated every day during the month of November for our deceased families and friends. We remember our dead and traditionally write their names on a 'dead list' to be prayed for during all Masses for their eternal rest and peace. It is a beautiful tradition, rich in religious and human symbolism. All are welcome to send in the names of their deceased loved ones by using the brown envelopes available at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes into the wooden box in front of the Altar. Thank you.

### English Martyrs – Social Committee

We would like to request donations towards the coffee morning ie, cakes, biscuits, etc. We will put a box at the back of the church for these donations. Those who are planning to bring freshly baked cakes, please hand this directly to the social committee on the day. Your donations are greatly appreciated

### Parish Finance:

23.10.22 - Gift Aid: £ tbc      Loose Plate: £ tbc      Total: £ tbc

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Rosaleen Grimwood, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Pradeepan Rangunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### Communication Desk

### Youth Mass & David Wells

The BCYS are pleased to welcome David Wells to the November Youth Mass being held at 6pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Brentwood Cathedral. David is a celebrated Catholic motivational speaker and writer. He is engaging and funny, often drawing on his experiences to help guide and inspire others. He offers words of encouragement and affirmation for young people and those working with them. The evening will begin at 6pm

with refreshments in parish hall, before David leads the input focused around discernment at 6.30pm. Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Youth Mass is suitable for those in Yr9 and above.

### Catechist Training and Resources Day

5<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 3pm at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster

Open to any First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those leading Youth Groups, Children's Liturgy or similar! A range of fantastic workshops and keynote speech from David Wells.

### Mass of Remembrance

For those who have a loved one remembered within the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick there will be a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the Chapel with light refreshments afterwards. For more information or to book a place please contact Joe, either via email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or phone 01277373959.

### BCCS Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Christmas Craft and Gift Fair is being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am - 4pm. Come along and browse 40 local stalls with many unique items to offer and pick up an early Christmas present. Entrance is £1.50 and under 14's and enter for free.

### Calais Light

Calais Light is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais. Age 18+. Nov 18-20 and Dec 9-11 Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

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