



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021

The First of all Commandments

“Love God and love your neighbour” captures the essence of Jesus’ message. Today’s First Reading contains a passage known as the Shema Israel (“Hear, O Israel,” Deuteronomy 6:4), the central statement of belief of the Jewish people. A high point in the synagogue service still today is the recitation of these words. There is only one God, and God alone is Israel’s God. This belief calls forth a total dedication to God with your heart, your soul and your strength – God must be loved with our entire being.

A scribe (someone well trained in interpreting the Jewish law) comes to Jesus in today’s Gospel with a question: “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

This was a much-discussed question in Israel at that time, with two main schools of thought: Rabbi Shammai was very strict, while Rabbi Hillel was more pastoral and taught that the whole law is summed up in the words “What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbour”. Against this background the scribe wishes to see where Jesus stands. Jesus quotes the words of the Shema Israel, but goes even farther by adding a second part: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (from Leviticus 19:19). By bringing together these two commandments, Jesus makes an important point. While he upholds the Old Testament, he also offers a clear way of interpreting the numerous laws – through the lens of love: love god and love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus offers us today a path to follow in life: love of God and love of neighbour should direct every action. When faced with decisions in life, our first question must always be: How does the law of love of God and neighbour influence this situation?



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday 31st October 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 31 st October	ALL SAINTS - Solemnity Holyday of Obligation
Tuesday 2 nd November	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ALL SOULS
Thursday 4 th November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Sunday 7 th November	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Timetable of Masses

From the month of November, we will revert back to our prior mass time arrangement: i.e., Sunday Masses 10am and 6.30pm. Holy days of Obligation 9.30am and 7.30pm

All Saints Day 31 st October	10am & 12pm (final noon mass)
All Souls Day 2 nd November	(Tuesday) 9.30am and 7.30pm
Friday Morning Adoration	Begins on 5 th November after 9am mass until 11 am.
Sunday 7 th November	Sunday Evening Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Masses with effect

From Sunday 7 th November	10am & 6.30pm
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Weekday Masses

Mondays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesdays	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Fridays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Saturdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners

As the pandemic is still not gone away completely, we are still asked to be careful with regard to safety procedures. So please continue wearing masks and keep safe distance and sanitise your hands.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 31 st October	10.00 am	
	12.00 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 1 st November	9.00 am	Charles Poddington – RIP (donor – Georgina Nestle)
Tuesday 2 nd November	9.00 am	Iris Canning – RIP (donor – Cathy Hartie)
Wednesday 3 rd November	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 4 th November	9.00 am	The Barteluk Family – RIP (donor – Dani)
Friday 5 th November	9.00 am	Evelyn Golding – RIP
Saturday 6 th November	9.00 am	Iris Canning – RIP (donor – Anna McVey)
Sunday 7 th November	9.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

Parish Notice Board

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.

RIP

We were very sad to hear the news of the death of *Charles Poddington*. Please remember Maria Poddington and her family in your prayers.

The Requiem Mass for *Patricia Kelly* is at 10 am on Monday 1st November.

We were also very sorry to hear of the recent death of *Margaret Mary Tully*. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass is on Thurs. 11th at 10 am.

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

Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs 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

To be confirmed

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, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Catechists Training and Resource Day – 6th November

Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS. For more information on all of our events please see www.bcys.net

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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