



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

Paul's Letter to Philemon is one of his greatest rhetorical achievements. It concerns Onesimus, the slave of a Christian named Philemon, who ran away from his owner and came to work with Paul, who was imprisoned in Rome. Paul now wishes to send Onesimus back to Philemon, but he recognises the slave might be mistreated for running away. This letter aims to persuade Philemon to receive Onesimus back without any penalty.

Paul knew that owners routinely mistreated or killed slaves, since Roman law viewed them as living property. Paul describes Onesimus as "my own heart" (12) and his own "brother" (16), encouraging Philemon to see him in the same way.

This letter would not be read to Philemon alone. Since it was from Paul, it would be read before his entire Church community. Every request that Paul is making of Philemon, then, will be heard by all of Philemon's friends. It will be hard for the wealthy, respected owner to turn down a dramatic and eloquent request from Paul.

To support his position, Paul downplays Onesimus' escape as divinely ordained so that he could help Paul while in prison and become Philemon's brother in Christ. In closing, Paul reminds Philemon that he has received that Gospel message from Paul and therefore owes the apostle his life in Christ. This calculated remark reminds Philemon that if he has any hesitation about receiving Onesimus back, he should remember that his salvation would not be possible without the person asking his small favour.

In the end, the letter offers a great perspective on Christian charity and identity as a family in Christ. But it also serves as a reminder that in Christ we must pursue alternative routes to corrupt social structures in the interest of edifying the community of the Body of Christ.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 4th September 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (Fridays and Saturdays until Fr Britto returns)
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
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

Sunday 4th September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Thursday 8th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
Sunday 11th September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 4th September	10.00 am	V Akhurst – RIP (donor – Janet Perry)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 5th September	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 6th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 7th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 8th September	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 9th September	9.30 am	Chris Cummins – RIP/Anni (donor – Greta Street)
Saturday 10th September	9.30 am	MASS
Sunday 11th September	10.00 am	Frances & Terry Bethell – 60th Wedding Anni “For ALL our friends, family, parishioners And clergy both living & dead who have Supported us along the way”.

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

Parish Notice Board

Secondary/Primary School Applications for September 2023

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October 2022, 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.

First Holy Communion Programme

We are still in discussion as to when the programme will begin so please check the newsletter weekly.

2nd Collection

Disaster Emergency Committee – Pakistan Floods Appeal

There will be a collection today to help those affected by the Pakistan Floods. Your help is much appreciated.

The second collection next Sunday 11th September will be for Education Services. Your generosity as always is much appreciated.

Baptisms

Please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest after mass who will in turn discuss the process with you.

English Martyrs Summer Fete

Saturday 17th September 2022, 12.30pm – 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

bring along your friends and family for a fun day....

Lots of craft stalls, games, face painting & refreshments.

100% of monies raised going to charities affiliated with the church.

Parish Finance:

28.08.22- Gift Aid: £106 Loose Plate: £138.04 Total: £244.04

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

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

Communication Desk

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give

The Parables Of Luke

A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21st September from 7 pm. Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone,

well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelisation. Sean will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org There is no charge and no booking is needed. The recording of the talk will be available on the same website in due course.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

As a reminder, the relics will be visiting Brentwood Cathedral on 16/17 October and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 18 October. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely: (<https://stbernadette.org.uk>)

[Registration - St Bernadette](#)

[Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Tour this Autumn - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](#)

Mass For the Season of Creation

"You are invited to join a Mass for the Season of Creation. Saturday September 3rd at 4pm - Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH (nearest tube station is Green Park). Please email sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord,
in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

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Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)
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