



English Martyrs Catholic Parish

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022

Today's first reading, though gruesome, details a pivotal point in the development of Jewish and Christian theology. The story of the mother and sons executed for practicing Jewish customs occurs in the second century BC during the reign of a Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes IV. When the Greeks invaded Palestine in 333 BC, they had allowed the Jews to retain their customs. But after Antiochus tried to use the treasures of the Temple in Jerusalem to pay his debts and riots erupted, he reversed this. Blaming loyalty to traditions for the uprising, Antiochus executed Jews who refused to break the law of Moses, the core of Jewish life.

This era marked a significant change in Jewish theology. It had often been presumed that those who kept the law were rewarded immediately with good things in this life, while those who did evil were punished with an early, difficult death (see Dt28-29). But after the brutal experience of exile stirred a critique of such easy answers to the question of suffering (see the Book of Job), an alternative view emerged. Now those who died early could be faithful to the law while the guilty might live but awaited punishment. And so persecuted, observant Jews expected future vindication and punishment of evil.

The story in 2 Maccabees represents a type of literature that was popular at this time and remained so in the Christian era. The defiant statements of the brothers and their mother reflect the hope in the resurrection that became central for the Judaism of Jesus' time and for the faith of the New Testament. Such apocalyptic literature was inherently countercultural. Its readers looked beyond the present to the reality that awaits in the future world. Thus it supported resistance to the values and powers of the present world.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 6th 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 6 th November	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wednesday 9 th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Feast
Thursday 10 th November	St Leo the Great, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Friday 11 th November	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Saturday 12 th November	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Sunday 13 th November	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Remembrance Sunday) (World Day of the Poor)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 6 th November	10.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 7 th November	9.00 am	
Tuesday 8 th November	9.00 am	
Wednesday 9 th November	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 10 th November	9.00 am	
Friday 11 th November	9.00 am	
Saturday 12 th November	9.00 am	
Sunday 13 th November	10.00 am	Eamon Shanahan – RIP/Bday (donor – May Shanahan)
	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

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 Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

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 6th 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 or phone 01277373959.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families from Essex and East London have direct therapeutic support to our highly experienced counselling team. We provide support directly to children, adolescents on a 1:1 basis or the whole family. We help children with various reasons including anxiety, emotional health, bereavement, behaviour, bullying, family separation and illness. Sessions take place either one line or face to face at our counselling suites at our offices in Rayleigh. There is a sessional charge but support may be given if required. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you would like more information, please contact Sarah D'Lima - sdlima@bccs.or.uk or 01268 947061.

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 6th 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.

World Youth Sunday, 20th November 2022

World Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church.

A representative of The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be speaking about their work, and holding second collection on this weekend. (you can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate)

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. And of course, please do pray for all young people in your parish, in our Diocese and around the world.

Christmas Concert

Saturday 17th December @ 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church, Hornchurch, RM11 1PXA selection of seasonal carols and choral works. Full programme is still to be confirmed. Ticket prices TBC. Can be purchased as above and will be on sale after the Autumn Concert on 5th November.

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. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

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