



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

We've all experienced great days when we feel we could accomplish anything. But imagine that god visits and calls you to serve on your worst day. How would you respond then? In the first reading, Isaiah, a prophet preaching in Jerusalem in 742BC, is overwhelmed by a heavenly vision of God enthroned, worshiped by seraphim. In the presence of such majesty, he feels unworthy until a seraphim purifies his lips with a burning coal. Only then can he answer God's call.

Around seven centuries later, a band of fishermen experience fewer special effects, but the result will be similar. Along with a bad night at work, Peter (still called Simon) is struck by Jesus' gracious help just as Isaiah was overwhelmed by God's blinding glory. Suddenly aware of God's presence, Peter, like Isaiah, laments that he is not prepared for this meeting. After all, how many of us would like to meet our saviour after failing at our day jobs? But there is no ritual of purification in this story. Instead, Jesus encourages, "Do not be afraid" (Lk 5:10), and says the men will now be fishing for people.

Perhaps the most comforting part of this gospel is that Christ does not give these soon-to-be apostles a glorious makeover before they begin to work with him. He takes them as they are. On our worst days, perhaps we need to keep this in mind: we do not become disciples because we are great people; we become reflections of God's glorious image in Christ due to our attempt to become disciples. But we begin that journey as disciples who are in many ways unqualified for the job. That is where God's grace comes in. And that is very Good News.



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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (Cycle C)**

**Liturgical Calendar**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	(Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	St Scholastica, Virgin
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese - Diocesan Feast (World Day for the Sick)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Racial Justice Day)

**Season of the Year before Lent**

This season does not celebrate any particular aspect of the mysteries of the Christ, but rather the mystery of Christ himself in his fullness is recalled especially on Sundays. During this ordinary time (winter), i.e., up to the Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the word of God; Christian unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	Sidney Meadway – RIP/Bday (donor – Mandy Meadway)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am	
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

**Parish Notice Board**

**Hearty welcome to La Salette Missionaries**

As I am away on a Spiritual Retreat from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February, I have asked Fr. Mariusz and Fr. Krysz to help us with the Masses. Do welcome them and remember me in your kind prayers. Fr. Britto

**Second Collection - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

We have two 2<sup>nd</sup> collections today, one for 'Pax Christi, World Peace Day', slightly delayed from 16<sup>th</sup> January and 'Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund' much apologies to bombard you so soon after Christmas, but your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated. Many thanks.

**Second Collection – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Our second collection next week will be for Racial Justice.

### **Baptism - Welcome**

We welcome into the family of our Parish Ava Anaiya Narenthira, who was baptised on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February and we congratulate her parents Harry and Vanessa .

### **First Holy Communion**

Please note that the Reconciliation Service planned for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February will have to be rescheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, as Father will be on a Retreat. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **Parish Finance:**

The collection for 16.01.22 was as follows:

Gift Aid: £96 Loose Plate: £104.15 Total £200.15

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

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### **Communication Desk**

#### **Thresholds of Hope Question**

What does it mean to talk about a woman as Mother of God and Mother of the Church? **Input will be given by Fr Martin Hardy, parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays today, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February** To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

#### **Sponsored Sleepout**

“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of April 8<sup>th</sup> to the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout; Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout) or by emailing [sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org)”

**Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:** If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

#### **Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry**

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an

introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information, please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to [bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. (From Claire Bailey Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood)

### Opportunities within our Diocesan schools

#### Head of School - St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

L8 - L12 Required for September 2022.

The Governing Body are seeking to appoint an inspirational, enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated person to help lead St Joseph's, South Woodham Ferrers which, along with St Francis, Maldon which constitute the Federation of Christ The King. Deadline for applications: 9:00 am on Friday 28th January 2022. For further information please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

#### Headteacher - Holy Cross Primary School, Harlow

Starting salary L17 – L23 (£63,745 - £73,660). Required for September 2022.

The Governors of Holy Cross invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably-qualified practising Catholics, to play a key role in the leadership and management of our school to continue to build on our successes. Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 21st February 2022. For further information please contact Karen Slater, PA to Headteacher, on 01279 424452 to arrange this. Alternatively if you would like an application pack please contact Karen Slater by email: [karenslater@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:karenslater@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk).

#### Cleaner – Forest Gate:

A cleaner is required to manage effectively the routine cleaning of St Antony of Padua Parish, Forest Gate. The successful applicant will ideally have experience of working in a similar environment. The applicant must have excellent communication skills. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task and work to deadlines within this role.

Hours per week – 12 hours, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-1pm, (you may occasionally be required to work Saturdays).

The salary for this post is £11.05 per hour.

Closing date: Friday 4th February 2022.

Please send a CV and covering letter (around 500 words) to the Parish Office via email [forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Further details of these vacancies and other are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Pastoral Team Leader: Graham Daniels (07542 588763)
Steward of the Gospel: Mandy Meadway (07801 470516)
Parish Finance: Mrs Stephanie Mallen (07983 962465)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825 293308)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)
Church & Hall Caretaker; Mike Dineen (07415 727926)

The English Martyrs Catholic Church (Diocese of Brentwood)

**Parish address: 240 Alma Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6BJ**

**Parish tel no: 01708 507020**

**Parish email: [hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Parish website:**

**<http://englishmartyrshx.weebly.com/>**

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