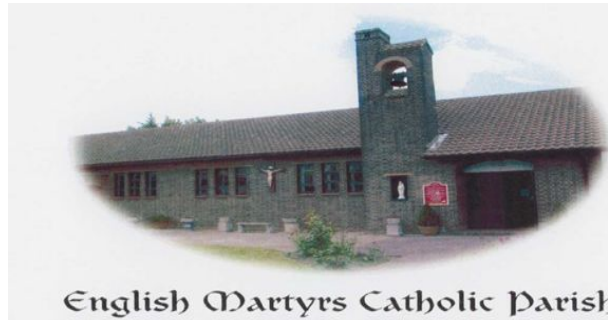


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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

The Healing Messiah

After the exorcism that is the first of Jesus' miracles, Jesus performs a physical healing on Peter's mother-in-law. Mark shows that Jesus exercises authority over both demonic possession and physical illness. Indeed, Jesus' ability to cast out demons and to heal the sick becomes the way in which the world first knows him.

The difference in the details of the two healings is significant. Jesus orders the demon out; he touches the mother-in-law, and the fever leaves her. For Mark, exorcism is accomplished through verbal authority (demons respond to command) and it is often an instrument for teaching and preaching. By contrast, physical healing is brought about by the touch of one who is holy. In both of these incidents, by command and by touch, Jesus is authoritative. His cure of both victims is total.

In the evening exorcisms that follow, Jesus will not allow the demons to speak, because they know him. Mark will show this many more times as Jesus seeks to be known in the full context of the passion and Resurrection and not just in a handful of miraculous healings. This "messianic secret" of Mark's account of the Gospel places the full revelation at the end of Jesus' public life, not at the beginning.

Night is the traditional time for confrontation with evil, and here the sick and possessed are brought to Jesus at sundown. The power that Jesus wields is not diminished by darkness. In fact, it offers a way to encounter God with no distractions. Jesus seizes the opportunity to pray in a deserted place apart from his disciples and the crowds. Mark connects Jesus' power to his prayer by interrupting the healings to narrate this incident. When the disciples search him out, though, he immediately returns to his work, extending his mission to the neighboring towns, proclaiming the message and exorcising demons. Jesus' fame spreads, but it also attracts the attention of the Jewish leaders who will begin to question him.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 7th February 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 7 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)
Monday 8 th February	(Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it)
Wednesday 10 th February	St Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese (World Day for the Sick) Diocesan Feast
Sunday 14 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (World Day for the Unemployed)

DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THE PANDEMIC THERE WILL NOT BE A 12NOON MASS IN CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LIVE STREAMING WILL CONTINUE AT 10AM AS BEFORE.

WEDNESDAY'S PRIVATE PRAYER WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 7 th February	10.00 am	Andrew Shanahan – Tragic Accident RIP (donor – Greta Shanahan)
Monday 8 th February	10.00 am	Pam Froud – Recently Deceased (donor – Greta Street)
Tuesday 9 th February	10.00 am	Ellen Daly – RIP (donor Cathy Reddy)
Wednesday 10 th February	10.00 am	Rex Phillips – RIP/Anni (donor – Ananthi Sebastian & Rosita)
Thursday 11 th February	10.00 am	Sidney Meadway – RIP/Birthday (donor Mandy Meadway)
Friday 12 th February	10.00 am	
Saturday 13 th February	10.00 am	
Sunday 14 th February	10.00 am	

RIP – Andrew Shanahan

We were very saddened to hear of the tragic accident of Andrew Shanahan (aged 29), grandson of one of our parishioners Greta Shanahan. Please keep the family in your prayers.

RIP – Kath Irvine

We also pray for Lesley Tynan and her family for the sad loss of her mother Kath Irvine.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let the perpetuate light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

Austen Ivereigh Event

I am pleased to be able to report that the recording of the sessions last Saturday with Austen Ivereigh are now available on www.whatgoodnews.org

You may also be interested in the recordings of the individual sessions of the Halki Summit, inspired by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, now available on the [Halki Summit IV webpage](#) . It is Bartholomew who inspired Pope Francis to produce *Laudato si*.

A Note from English Martyrs Parish Secretary

Please note that I am only physically in the office on Mondays and Fridays now as I am working from home. However, should you need anything urgent or to book mass intentions etc, please do not hesitate to call me on 07956 473389 during the hours of 11am – 2pm or please feel free to email me. Many thanks.

Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=hornchurch-2>. We appreciate your help and understanding.

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

Parish Notice Board

Brentwood Diocesan Directory – 2021

The Brentwood Diocesan Directory is now on sale at the back of the church for £2.80.

COMMUNICATIONS DESK

Liturgy Of The Word

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

Marriage And Family Life

Marriage is not just a relationship but a vocation and a means of holiness. Please pray for married couples, those preparing for marriage (especially those who have had to defer weddings), and those who have been widowed especially in the past year. In the run up to St Valentine's Day the Brentwood Marriage and Family Life Facebook page (BrentwoodMandFL) will include interviews with couples from around the diocese. If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage, or would like to deepen your understanding of this vocation and each other, a number of organisations are able to help remotely during the lockdown, such as Retrouvaille, Marriage Care and Smart Loving. Search for these organisations online, or look out for information on the noticeboard [adapt as appropriate]. Retrouvaille is running its first virtual weekend for couples in difficulty this month, 25th - 28th February (0788 729 6983 / 0797 338 0443 / retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com).

Vacancy

St Elizabeth's Centre in Much Hadham

Are looking to recruit a Lay Chaplain to play a pivotal role, ensuring the Catholic identity of the centre is celebrated and developed. Further information on St Elizabeth's and the very important work we do supporting Adults and Children with epilepsy and other complex learning needs and disabilities can be found on our website: <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk>

Should you have any questions regarding the role itself, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay

Are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and inspiring SENCO to join our team, with a passion for working with vulnerable children to ensure they receive the education they deserve. You will be able to bring an innovative and creative approach to supporting the strategic direction and development of SEN provision across our school, whilst effectively managing and developing the progress and achievement of our SEND pupils. You will be a strong practitioner with a degree and a teaching qualification. Ideally, you will hold the National SENCO qualification.

For more information can be found on Essex Jobs via this link

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=62538>

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Evelyn Golding, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates in Emerson Court.

Parish Priest : Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator : Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (11am-2pm) (07956 473389)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative : Katie Nash (07825293308)
Finance & Maintenance : Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)
Parish Gift Aid Organiser : Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)
Hall & Lounge Bookings : English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

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