



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

Today's readings show us how the faithful must often carry on in adverse conditions that require strength and alertness as they wait for God's deliverance. The second reading is especially direct. Scholars agree that Paul did not write this composition and that it was most likely a sermon, rather than a letter, by an unnamed orator. This preacher was apparently addressing Jewish Christians who were moving away from their faith. The drift from faith may have resulted from complacency or from persecutions from the non-Christian community. It was not uncommon for Christians to lose their jobs, marriages, family inheritances, or even their lives. For this reason, the author focuses on returning to authentic faith lived out together as a community.

The section we hear today points to Abraham's great faith as an example. He believed in God's promises despite obvious uncertainties and in the case of the near sacrifice of Isaac, he held on to trust even in the face of God's terrible command. Although he and others of our ancestors never saw the ultimate fulfilment of God's promises – the chosen people settled in the Promised Land – they believed in it "from afar" and followed their path (Heb 11:13). In the same way, Christians need to believe in Christ despite the adversities they might face.

The author reminds the audience that their faith will reap a reward the great Old Testament ancestors did not see in their own lifetimes. The fulfilment of all faith in God and his promises is Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose sacrificial death brought humanity back into right relationship with their Creator. For this reason, the audience should all the more recognise the incredible opportunity and grace they have received in this faith in Christ and membership in the church and return to these gifts wholeheartedly. In the view of the author, this is a gift you cannot send back!



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Sunday 7th August 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am (Mondays, 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 7th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Monday 8th August	St Dominic, Priest
Tuesday 9th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr (Edith Stein) Patroness of Europe European Feast
Wednesday 10th August	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr – Feast
Thursday 11th August	St Clare, Virgin
Sunday 14th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation Solemnity

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 7th August	10.00 am	Teresa Brewty – RIP (donor – Joan Despard)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 8th August	9.00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 9th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 11th August	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 12th August	9.00 am	NO MASS
Saturday 13th August	9.00 am	Mass
Sunday 14th August	10.00 am	Eileen Pollard – RIP
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners & Fr Jean Laurent

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

Parish Notice Board

Thank you – Fr Jean Laurent

We would like to say a big thank you for taking our church of English Martyrs and our mission to serve the community to the next level. I hope many in the congregation will follow your example. Thank you for being so generous with your time and the way you quietly lead is inspiring.

Congratulations also and all our heartfelt prayers as you commence your priestly duties at Holy Family Church Dagenham, which is a huge accomplishment. We wish you a long and happy service.

Office Closure

This is to advise you that the office will be closed on Friday 5th August to Tuesday 9th August inc. However messages can still be left on the answer machine which will be picked

up. For emergencies, please contact either Father Maurice at Elm Park on 01708 451449 or Fr Mariusz at St Albans on 01708 552897. Many thanks.

Request

Dear Parishioners

As you will all appreciate, since Father Britto's sabbatical leave commenced, we have been graced with the assistance of Fr Jean-Laurent as well as the Rainham priests.

There are some up and coming dates on a Sunday where we may have the assistance of Fr Stewart Foster depending upon whether we are able to sort out transport for him, i.e.

Sunday 21st August 10am and 6.30pm masses – NOT COVERED

Sunday 28th August 10am and 6.30pm masses – NOT COVERED

We therefore request the kind assistance of one/two or more of our parishioners to collect Fr Stewart from Witham and bring him here to English Martyrs and then kindly take him back that evening after 6.30pm mass.

If you are able to assist with this could you kindly either let Fr Jean-Laurent know after mass or alternatively contact the office and leave a message on the answer machine. Many thanks.

Baptisms

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

Parish Finance:

31.07.22- Gift Aid: £99.00 Loose Plate: £151.34 Total: £250.34

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

Communication Desk

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The cost will start be

£850 for one place in a double room, with an additional charge of £165 for single occupancy. Flights, half board at 3 and 4 star hotels, travel in Romania and tour guides are included in the price. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 on 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.

Late Vocation To The Priesthood:

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

BCYS

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14th to 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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Legion of Mary: Michael Okafor (07956 586370)

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