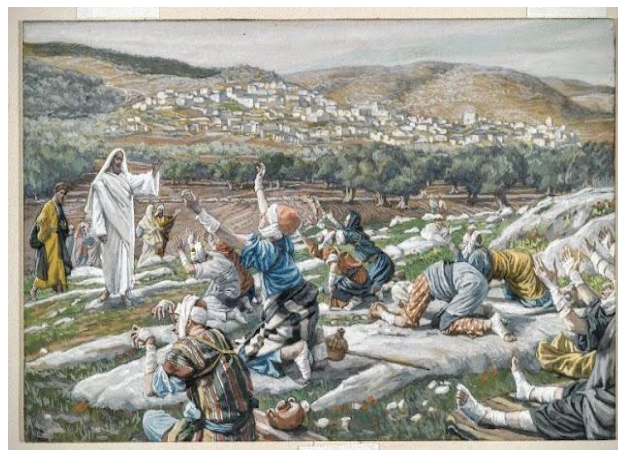


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022

The first reading presents an unusual story from the Old Testament in which God heals the Syrian military man, Naaman. This Gentile trusted the Israelite prophet Elisha to heal his leprosy in the water of the river Jordan and then professed faith in the God of Israel. This story offers a scriptural precedent for Luke's theological perspective that Gentiles will have a covenant relationship with God along with Israel. In Luke's earlier account of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth, the Lord had indicated God's inclusiveness by referring to the example of Naaman.

Later in the Gospel, Jesus heals a leper who is not a Jew but a Samaritan. Samaritans were descendants of ancient Israelites who had intermarried with the Assyrians who invaded and destroyed the Northern Kingdom in the eighth century BC. They were no longer considered part of God's people. Though they had adopted some Mosaic traditions, they did not worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. So they remained culturally and ritually separate. Violence was common between the neighbouring peoples and it was considered dangerous to travel through the other's territory. For a Samaritan to return to Jesus, a Jew, would have been a bold move.

The Samaritan leper and Naaman the Syrian exemplify Luke's theological outreach. Both are outsiders who show great fidelity to the God of Israel after a miracle touches them. These examples contrast with the Israelites who witnessed the exodus in Egypt but fell in the desert. The stories of the two outsiders also exemplify the scriptural tradition that God looks to reclaim all creation in a binding relationship. While God gave Israel a special place of agency in his plan of salvation, that did not preclude his relationships with others. God created the entire universe. No people, custom, or early power can limit his love and mercy.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 9th October 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 9th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependants)
Wednesday 12th October	Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Religious
Saturday 15th October	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) Virgin, Religious Doctor of the Church
Sunday 16th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 9th October	10.00 am	James Shanahan – RIP/Birthday (donor – May Shanahan)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 10th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday 11th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 12th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 13th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 14th October	9.30 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – Ints
Saturday 15th October	9.30 am	
Sunday 16th October	10.00 am	Ann O'Connor – Recently deceased (donor – Kevin & Geraldine Shanahan & fam)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.
PLEASE NOTE THE TWO MASSES ON SUNDAYS ARE ALL COVERED BY OUR LOCAL SUPPLY PRIESTS UNTIL FATHER BRITTO'S RETURN.

Parish Notice Board

2nd Collection

Today's second collection is for **CAFOD'S Family Fast Day**. There are still some envelopes at the back of the church, which you can take and return next week. Many thanks for your generosity.

2nd Collection Sunday 16th October- Prisoners' Sunday.

Prisoner's Sunday is a time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. There are a few envelopes at the back of the church, please feel free to take one and return next week.

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.

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.

Campion School – Applications for September 2023

There has been some concern regarding the submitting of the Certificate of Catholic Practice to Campion School as their deadline is 21st October 2022. I can now confirm that I have spoken with Admissions at The Campion and they have said that as long as the application form is submitted by the deadline, once the Certificate of Catholic Practice has been signed by Fr Britto that can then be submitted either by email or posting through the Campion letterbox.

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2022 - Summer 2023

The above First Holy Communion Programme will commence this coming Autumn. Would parents of children who are parishioners of English Martyrs, and who will be Year 3 and above in September 2022, please take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the completed application by first taking a photo or make a digital copy of both the form and your child's Baptism Certificate and send this to emhornchurchholymunions@yahoo.com and then return the hardcopy by popping it through the presbytery letterbox or handing it to Father. Deadline for applications will be Sunday 16th October 2022.

The First session will commence on Sunday 6th November 2022.

Parish Finance:

2.10.22 - Gift Aid: £ 134.62 Loose Plate: £ 208.65 Total: £ 343.27

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

BCYS Youth Gather

22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island

Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday. The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more! The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included. This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

New Hall School Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 11 October, 6.30-8.30pm

For both events, please book online at newhallschool.co.uk

New Hall is a Catholic independent School in Boreham, near Chelmsford, offering a distinctive education to girls and boys aged 1-18. Day, flexible boarding and full boarding options are available.

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

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT 'MY LORD AND MY GOD'. FRI 4TH - SUN 6TH NOVEMBER 2022. Led by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on how closeness to Christ enables us to develop a deeper level of intimacy with Him. It enables us to recognise Jesus more readily in our lives and acknowledge Him both in private and in public. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com

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