

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 17th June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Henry (Chris) Nye RIP. B'day. (Family)
Sun 18th June 9.00am 11.00am	ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR People of the parish Ronald Robinson's Intentions (Robinson)
Mon 19th June 09.15am	Pamela Chew RIP (Bemand-Qureshi)
Tues 20th June 9.15am 7.30pm	Pat McDaid RIP (Maguire) (With our Year 4 children) Area mass for Upminster North
Wed 21st June 9.15am 12 noon—1pm	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, REL. Brian & Maureen Springham's Intentions EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thur 22nd June 9.15am	SS JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMASORE, MM. Pat Monaghan RIP. Anniv. (Sheila)
Frid 23rd June 9.15am	Doug Woulds Sr. RIP. (Woulds)
Sat 24th June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS People of the parish
Sun 25th June 9.00am 11.00am	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Eileen Furzer RIP. (Ferreira) Moya Armstrong RIP (Goldfinch)

USEFUL INFORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening 5.30-6.15pm and Wednesday 12 noon-1pm. Confessions also available on request when Fr Matthew is available or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm (except Wednesdays).

St Joseph's School - School office 01708-220277

Sacred Heart of Mary School - School office 01708-222660

Baptisms & weddings - please speak to Fr Matthew after Mass

Repository: Saturdays before & after Mass, and Sundays after the 9am Mass until 10.55am

Queen's Hospital: If someone staying in the hospital would like Holy Communion, please contact the lay chaplaincy coordinator Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. In an emergency ask the ward staff to request the on-call Catholic priest via switchboard.

Facebook: [stjosephschurchupminster](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephschurchupminster) **Web:** www.stjosephschurchupminster.com

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH, AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SILENCED BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

17TH / 18TH JUNE 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) - Mass Book Pg 33

(Hosea 6:3-6, Romans 4:18-25, Matthew 9:9-13)

This weekend, after the season of Easter and the feasts that always fall on the Sundays after Eastertide - Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi - we are back in green, celebrating the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The word 'ordinary' usually means 'nothing special' but in these weeks which make up the greater part of the year we are to contemplate and honour the 'mystery of Christ in its fullness' - hardly 'nothing special'! Ordinary really refers to the counting of weeks with 'ordinal numbers' - so we might wonder what happened to the other 10, if this is now the 11th Sunday? The answer is that we count backwards from the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King, which is always the 34th Sunday as well as being the 5th Sunday before Christmas. This 'season' has its own distinctive colour, green, which reminds us of growth and life. As we journey through the year we are continually nourished by the Sacraments and by the word of God.

This week we take up once more St Matthew's account of the ministry of Jesus, with a brief account of the sending out of the twelve on mission. They are told not to go to pagan territory but to the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel'. Jesus is not expressing favouritism towards his own race so much as indicating that God's plan for the salvation of the whole world has to unfold in stages. Israel was originally chosen to be the people through whom the whole world would be lead back to God. For the most part, the people lost their way and failed to live up to this great calling, but it was from within this people that the promised Saviour emerged not only to redeem Israel but to give life to all people. The authority and task given to the twelve - the same as the number of the tribes of Israel - is immense, for they are to do all that Jesus himself has done. When Our Lord ascended to the Father forty days after the resurrection he gave them an expanded mission - the proclaim the good news to all the nations. This mission was not given only to them but to the whole church - it is a mission we share in. And it is a task motivated by love - our love for the Lord and our love for all those he loves. We may be daunted by the scale of the task, even if we think just of our own circle of friends, colleagues and acquaintances. Yet we are not given this mission alone, but as part of the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit goes before us, gives us courage, and helps us to know what we should say and do in order to bring people to know the love of God. We do not need to browbeat people, but simply to show that being a follower of Christ makes a positive difference to our lives, and not to be afraid to be known as a Christian. Let us take note of one specific instruction Jesus gives us: to ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his

harvest. This means praying for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as praying that those whom God calls will respond generously. It also means praying for vocations to other areas where we need a strong and positive example of faith – in teaching, in healthcare, even in business and politics. It means praying that we ourselves will respond generously and boldly to whatever God asks of us, for when we make a prayer like this we have to be ready to be part of the answer. Finally, as we consider the different callings that exist within the life of the church, on Father's Day let us think especially of those called to marriage and parenthood. 'Father' is the name by which we are invited to address the God who made us, the first person of the blessed Trinity. A name which expresses his loving care for us. And the fact that this name is also given to some of us mere mortals is an awesome joy and privilege and a reminder that we are called in our human relationships to mirror that divine love which is beyond human comprehension. The blessing of fathers in the rite of Baptism says "With their wives they will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do in Christ Jesus our Lord." May God bless all the fathers in our parish, including those who exercise a spiritual fatherhood, may God receive in his tender care those of our fathers who have died, and may he be close to those who for a variety of reasons feel the absence of a father as a source of sadness.

God bless, Fr Matthew.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Please pray for the children of our parish who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday afternoon. Together with those who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday, they will have a 'going forth' celebration at the 11am Mass next Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION—DAY FOR LIFE: Please note that we will be holding a second collection after all masses this weekend 17th / 18th June in aid of Day for Life. This collection is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

AREA MASSES: This summer we are holding a series of evening Masses and social gatherings designed for people living in the different parts of our parish. On one evening each week there is a Mass in Church at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments and conversation in the Social Centre afterwards. If you can't make the week for your area, or live outside the parish boundaries, feel free to come any week. Please take some of the invitation cards and use them to invite neighbours to come along, especially anyone you haven't seen in church for a while. The third of these gatherings takes place **this Tuesday (20th June)** aimed at those living in the area we have termed **Upminster North**. This area includes everywhere north of the railway line that isn't Cranham: Hall Lane and the roads to the West, as well as the area between Hall Lane and Front Lane south of Upminster Hall playing fields. The last two area Masses are **Wednesday 28th June**, for **Cranham**, and **Wednesday 5th July** for **Upminster East & West Horndon** (St Mary's Lane east of Wantz bridge, North Ockendon and Bulphan as well as West Horndon).

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: Champion School are holding a year 7 admissions evening on 29th June. Please note that Certificates of Catholic Practice will only be signed at the times which will be advertised in the Autumn, prior to the closing date.

DAY FOR LIFE: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year i.e. this Sunday. Each year a message is released, and in light of the chosen theme for this year, 'Listen to her', the message shares the experience of one woman who went through the experience of ending a pregnancy, and subsequently found healing through an organization called Rachel's Vineyard. You can read her story at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/>. You can find more information about this organization at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/>.

FR JOHN TAYLOR: Please note that Fr John Taylor will be 94 on Saturday 24th June. If anybody would like to send him a birthday card which he enjoys opening then his address is St Michael's Care Home, 93 Marine Parade East, Clacton-On-Sea, CO15 6JW.

CWL COFFEE MORNING IN CELEBRATION OF 75 YEARS OF THE NHS: On Wednesday 5th July, the NHS is celebrating 75 years. The CWL will be holding a coffee morning to commemorate this great occasion. Everyone is welcome to join us in the social centre from 9.30am and are more than welcome to stay for lunch. All money raised on the day will be donated to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Basildon hospital in memory of baby Poppy Hatfull.

FOOD BANK: Thank you for your very generous support for our foodbank appeal. Donated items will now go to the Rainham Foodbank and cash donations will be sent to Canning Town. Rainham Food Bank are in need of jam, shower gel and general toiletries.

AFTERNOON TEA: Come and join us for afternoon tea on **Sunday 2nd July** at 3pm in the social centre. All profits raised will be donated to the parish to help fund the prayer garden. Tickets are available from Bernadette in the repository £7 for adults and £2 for children.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CLUB AGM: Thursday 22nd June 7.30pm. Please make every effort to attend. Its your club run by the community for the community.

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: MADE FOR A PURPOSE. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

PROPERTY ASSISTANT CATHEDRAL HOUSE: Cathedral House are seeking a property assistant. The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is attached. Hours: 35 hours per week- Office Based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 15th July 2023.

ORGAN RECITAL BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: We do hope you can join us next Wednesday 21 June at 1pm – 1.45pm for a Lunchtime organ Recital to be given by Alexander Evans from the Royal College of Music.

VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>