

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK 28/08/23—19/08/23

Monday 28th Aug 9.15am	ST AUGUSTINE, BP, D Ron Frost RIP. (Fullbrook)
Tuesday 29th Aug 9.15am	THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Fr Martin Fletcher's Intentions (Dennehy)
Wednesday 30th Aug 9.15am	In honour of St Margaret Clitherow (Jill CWL)
12 noon—1pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thursday 31st Aug 9.15am	Mick O'Donnell RIP (Bemand-Qureshi)
Friday 1st Sept 9.15am	ST SEBBI, KING OF THE SAXONS Richard Mahony RIP (Blake)
Saturday 2nd Sept 5.30pm—6.15pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Rose Powell RIP 100th Birthday (Margaret)
6.30pm	
Sunday 3rd Sept 9am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR People of the parish
11am	Suresh Salian RIP (Family)

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

19TH / 20TH AUGUST 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) - Mass Book Pg 56
(Isaiah 56:1.6-7, Romans 11:13-15.29-32, Matthew 15:21-28,)

26TH / 27TH AUGUST 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) - Mass Book Pg 58
(Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20)

RECONNECT REDISCOVER REJOICE!

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION:
LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH, WITH
THE SION COMMUNITY MISSION TEAM
30TH SEPTEMBER - 8TH OCTOBER**

**DAILY MISSION MASS 6.15PM
FREE SUPPER 7PM
EVENING MISSION EVENT 7.45PM**

**MON: EXPLORING THE WORD
TUE: EXPLORING THE EUCHARIST
WED: RECONCILIATION SERVICE
THU: HEALING SERVICE
FRI: LIVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
SAT 4.30PM: SHARING OUR FAITH**

**SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER:
CENTENARY CELEBRATION LUNCH**

In the middle of this month of August the church celebrates Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma (a formal and essential teaching) of the church that the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Of course, this was not a new idea. The assumption has been celebrated liturgically certainly since the 7th century and perhaps as early as the 4th century, if not even earlier. It is fitting that she who was the first and closest disciple of her son should be the first to share in the fruits of his resurrection. It is fitting that she who was for nine months the dwelling place of the most high, from whom the eternal Word of God received our human nature, and who was by a special grace preserved from any taint of sin, should be spared the corruption of the grave. This mystery says something about the essential goodness of our human nature as created by God, including our bodies. We are an integral unity of body and soul, and our hope is not merely for immortality of the soul, but to be raised up to eternal life as embodied human beings, complete and perfect. Mary’s bodily assumption, like the bodily resurrection of Our Lord, points to our destiny. It is through our bodies that we encounter one another, communicate with one another, perform acts of love, and in all sorts of ways build up the bonds of communion that manifest the very essence of God. And it is by using our bodies that we receive the spiritual healing, reconciliation and strength that God offers to us through the sacraments of his church.

Mary is the great woman of faith: in every moment, from the staggering announcement of the incarnation to the harrowing experience of the cross, she trusts in God. The gospel readings for the two Sundays covered by this double newsletter also speak to us of faith.

When the Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and persists with her request for his help, he declares “Woman, you have great faith.” His initial response to her request, though it might strike us as unkind, is surely intended to elicit deeper faith, and to highlight the lack of faith shown by the very people God had chosen and called to lead the world back to him. The following week we hear Simon Peter’s staggering declaration in response to the question “Who do you say that I am?” - “You are the Christ, son of the living God.” This is the core of our faith - not just a teaching we are to accept, but a person who calls us into a relationship with himself, and through him to the Father. This profession of faith is the foundation upon which the church is built.

Some theologians in recent decades have spoken of the church as having - and needing - both Marian and Petrine dimensions. The ‘Petrine’ dimension points to the apostolic ministry, established by Christ in the service of his people. The ‘Marian’ dimension refers to the openness to the Holy Spirit and attitude of total surrender to the will of God, without which the ‘Petrine’ dimension cannot exist. These are not at all in opposition and coexist not only in the church as a whole, but in each one of us. Faith - knowing and trusting Christ as saviour and friend - is the necessary glue that holds both dimensions together.

Faith is a gift, which we need to seek with open hearts. It is a grace from God, but it is something we can also cultivate by getting to know him better through the scriptures, through prayer, through one another, and through the sacraments and the teaching of his church. To that end, I encourage you all to make the most of the mission week taking place here in just over a month’s time (30th September – 8th October). Hopefully you have already received and perhaps passed on a ‘save the date’ card.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, 21ST – 22ND OCTOBER, ESSEX OUTDOORS ON MERSEA ISLAND A brilliant event for all those in Year 9 – Year 13, featuring the amazing singer Adenike, plus a wide range of outward bound activities. Have a look at the full details, and apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/. The cost is £70 – if that is not affordable for you, please speak in confidence to Fr Dominic, as support can readily be offered.

YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR: The Diocese of Brentwood require a for parishes in the Newham Partnership. Based in East London, 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work). A fixed 2 year contract starting October 2023 and salary £25,000pa. Full details on the diocesan website. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org. Closing date 11th September 2023.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK 19/08/23—27/08/23

Saturday 19th August

5.30pm—6.15pm

NO ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS TODAY

6.30pm

Mary & Bob Collins RIP (Mason)

Sunday 20th August

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am

People of the parish

11.00am

In Thanksgiving for the life of Meg Nellist (Family)

Mon 21st August

ST PIUS X, P

9.15am

For the intentions of Bob Scranney & Marie (RIP) (Street)

Tuesday 22nd August

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.15am

Jimmy Timoney RIP (Maguire)

Wed 23rd August

9.15am

Fintan Callaghan RIP (Etchells)

12 noon—1pm

NO ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS TODAY

Thurs 24th August

ST BARTHOLEMEW, AP

8.30am

Helen Brady RIP (Maguire)

Friday 25th August

9.15am

Ron Frost RIP (Coakley)

Sat 26th August

5.30pm—6.15pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

6.30pm

William & Elizabeth Mason RIP (Mason)

Sun 27th August

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.00am

Anthony Earley RIP 30th Anniv. (Earley)

11.00am

People of the parish

SVP CHARITY SHOP UPMINSTER: We are in need donations - anything from clothing, bric-a-brac, electrical items, books, DVD's, cd's & toys. All donations very much appreciated.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS: We are a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathic and non-judgemental. The helpline is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm -7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

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 more information at www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*. 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org *Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ. Tel. 01362 421442. www.walsinghamcommunity.org*

CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD: We will be celebrating on 100th Annual Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 2pm. Please come along and join us in this celebration. Priority given to Guild Members.

BCYS ALUMNI FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC: Are you or have you ever been part of the BCYS or Walsingham House? If so, you are invited to join us, with your family and friends, for an afternoon in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Monday 28th August arrivals from 11.30am. Mass at 12 noon and finish at 4pm. Please bring a picnic to enjoy the beautiful grounds. There will be soft drinks and ice creams to purchase as well as a bouncy castle and games for all the family.

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FINAL: Please note that the social club will be open from 10.30am on Sunday 20th August for members to watch the FIFA Women's World Cup Final. New members are welcome and the bar will be open.

VESPERS FOR UKRAINE On Wednesday 23rd August at 6.30 p.m., the eve of Ukraine's National Day, Brentwood Cathedral will be holding a special Vespers for Ukraine in the Cathedral. This will be an opportunity to join in prayer with the Ukrainians who have been welcomed into our town and the people of Ukraine. It will feature Ukrainian and English music and hymns with a dual language service book available.

The mission team have put together a timetable for the week with themes for each day's main event: Exploring the Word of God and the Eucharist; Reconciliation; Healing; what it means to live in the Holy Spirit; sharing the story of our church will be open beforehand). There will be other opportunities for prayer and to meet the mission team during the day as well as a mid-week early morning Mass and breakfast. Young families will be invited to a picnic along with members of our children's liturgy team. Those currently at or just starting secondary school will have their own special event. While all this is going on a dedicated primary school mission team will be working with the children at St Joseph's school. The week will finish with a bring and share lunch to celebrate the centenary of our parish. All are welcome to come along and take part in anything happening that week and I hope everyone will make it to at least something. Please save the date, spread the word, and pray for the success of our mission week!

I will be away for part of the time covered by this newsletter. I am grateful to Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral, for celebrating weekend Masses (and Fr Martin Boland for making this possible), and Fr Gerald Gostling for celebrating masses during the week. My prayers for those who are travelling, and for those awaiting or who have recently received exam results and are making plans for the future.

God bless, Fr Matthew.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There is no eucharistic adoration on Saturday 19th August or Wednesday 23rd August.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Bishop Alan will be making a pastoral visitation on Sunday 17th September. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 11am Mass and due to the number of candidates there will be limited space for those other than candidates, sponsors and family; others who normally come at 11 are encouraged to come to one of the other weekend Mass instead. It is expected that the Bishop will also preside at the 9am Mass.

PARISH MISSION: Please take some of the 'save the date' cards for our parish mission "Reconnect, Rediscover, Rejoice!" to give to those who might be interested. More detailed information about events during the week will be announced via the newsletter and website.

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH: To celebrate the centenary of our parish and the conclusion of our mission week all are invited to a parish lunch at St Peter's Catholic Centre on Front Lane in Cranham on Sunday 8th October. We hope that those who can will bring a dish to share – the more variety the better! All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of children moving into year 3 or above hoping to make their first holy communion next summer are asked to sign up online at tinyurl.com/stjfhc There will be an initial meeting early in October, and details will be sent to those who have signed up as well as being announced in the newsletter nearer the time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please note that children's liturgy will be re-starting on Sunday 10th September at 9am mass.

RIP MICHAEL HEALY: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Healy, formerly of this parish and his family.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CLUB IS SHUT ON SATURDAYS IN AUGUST: It remains open on Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Membership for 2023/24 is now due and can be paid at the bar for £10 or online (+£2 admin) here: <https://st-josephs-catholic-club.mailchimpsites.com/store> - Save the date: Saturday 14th October *RETRO DISCO* with DJ Adam Grace.

REPOSITORY: Please note that the repository is unable to take card payments at present. All purchase will need to be paid for in cash. Apologies for any inconvenience.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Isabel and Valentina Ghiotti who were received into the parish this week through the sacrament of baptism.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Eric Grace, Monica Goold, Robert Watson, Christina Kelliher, Amy Atkins, Monica Pugh, Daniel Casey, Giuseppe Biagioni, Madge Everett, Beryl Mattis, Patricia Lane, Annie Hawes, Thomas Stenson, Jean Stubbs, Thomas Brennan, Anthony Gregory, Sr Raphael, Cyril Cooke, Anne McGreevy, Timothy Clarke, James Davis, Elsie Milburn, Beryl Gallagher, John Parish, Aileen McGovern, Daisy Mowatt, Rose Gooch, Anne Wells, Irene Waters, John O'Sullivan, Ivy Partridge, Mary Lynch, Anne Richards, Mary Tylar, Colin Brooks, Sr Columba, Georgette Horlock, Sr Dorothy Clinton, Freda Hallum, James Griffin, Michael (Jack) Murphy, Eileen Finigan, Patrick Walsh, Thomas Bailey, Henry McKeown, Patrick Kelly, Ethel Cave, Elizabeth Leech, Ronald Hope, Michael Rogers, Catherine Gricks, Olga Marchetti, Elsie Rogers, Keith Dagnall, George Farrell, Eileen Shave, Stephan Grubb, Lilian O'Donnell, Henry Rochford, Maxwell Lightbody, Sylvia Ford, Tony Faughnan, Jane Megoran, Mary McCarthy, Roland Stables, Hugh Farrell, Billy Murphy, Thomas Halligan, Phyllis Burke, Michael Kinchin, Edward White, Douglas Black, Marjorie Copland, Daniel Barclay, Bernard Gallagher, Teresa Payne, Jack Crowley, David Clohesy, Molly Ramsay, Rose Taylor, Winifred Pavitt, William McCarthy, Jessie Callaghan, Nicholas Anfiligoff, Thomas Pearson, Margaret Garvan, Rose Ann Murphy, Dennis Richards, Mary Precieux, Cornelius Scully, John Haran, Patricia Kingsman & Margaret Caldon. May they and all the faithfully departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

KIDS' BULLETIN": A children's version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website: www.thekidsbulletin.com and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

BCYS MONTHLY YOUTH MASS: Celebrated on the **First Thursday** of the Month At Brentwood Cathedral. Each month, **on the first Thursday**, we invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups, School Groups and anyone who wishes to join us to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese. The evening will begin with something to eat in the Parish Hall at 6pm (as we know many of you will come from work, school or far corners of the Diocese!) which will be followed by an hour of different input each month. This may include speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more! We will of course then finish the evening with Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm and refreshments back in the Parish Hall, where the evening should finish no later than 9pm. Anyone who wishes is very welcome to bring instruments or sing with our Youth led music group, or if you would like to serve, read, or be involved in the Mass in any way you would be incredibly welcome! Next month (September) we particularly welcome those who travelled to Lourdes and World Youth Day with us this Summer.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Job specification and application form available at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

MARYVALE INSTITUTE, BIRMINGHAM- Study part-time, by distance learning for a Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) or a Licence in Divinity The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world. The Ecclesiastical BDiv is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium. The Licence in Divinity: Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility. Contact: Admissions tutor, Deacon Dr Harry Schnitker at: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The Jumbulance Trust is delighted to be able to offer a new pilgrimage date for Lourdes 2023 for those who would love the opportunity to travel with us. We are able to take children, young people and adults of all ages, who may need assistance of any kind. We are also looking for helpers, with or without experience, but willing to be trained and able to help with assisting others. Some funding is available to help if the cost is prohibitive and fund-raising ideas may also help you to meet such costs. The dates are 29 September - 6 October 2023 and the cost is £1,100, inclusive of travel and half board accommodation. Please contact Caroline Southgate for more information on 07775773805 or info@jumbulance.org.uk

CATECHISTS TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY 2023: *"Catechesis is the echo of the word of God"* – Pope Francis. Saturday 4th November, 10am – 3pm. Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. Itinerary: 10am arrival, 10.30am welcome, 10.45am speaker David Wells, 12.15pm Lunch, 1pm worksop 1, 2pm workshop 2, 3pm closing prayer. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. To reserve your place for this FREE event, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or complete the form below with the following information of each person attending: Full Name, Role (First Holy Communion Catechist/Young Catechist/Confirmation Catechist/etc), Parish, Email Address.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Michael Coady, Reuben Jack Dodd (Lacey), Emilia Gunn, Deborah & Paul Bussutil, Christopher Noel Ashford, Joan Spoor, Margaret Munnelly, Liam O'Byrne, Tom Martin, Maureen Peek, Frances Oskis, Maggie Ollington, Maureen Springham, Joseph Furzer, Martyn Oliver, James Nickelson, Len Rawlings, Stella Rogers, Wenda Cordell, Irene Stubbings, Janet Martin, Tony White, Nora Delor, Maureen Pain, Ian Laidlaw, Julie Cordell, Stella Owen, Patrick Rodgers, Mary Smith, Frank Hamilton, Christine Sejas, Anna Gawlik, Maureen Anderson, Patricia Mylod and Lisa Bostock.