

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 20th May 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Edward Horigan RIP. Anniv. (Family)
Sun 21st May 9.00am 11.00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER People of the parish Alf Driscoll RIP 3rd Anniv. (Maureen)
Mon 22nd May 09.15am 10.30am	Patricia Francis RIP (Bemand-Qureshi) Funeral Mass—Catherine Thomas
Tues 23rd May 9.15am 11am	Pat Cantwell RIP (Matton) (with our reception children) Funeral Mass—Mary Kelly
Wed 24th May 9.15am 12 noon—1pm	Jackie Presland RIP 5th Anniv. (Gerry) EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thur 25th May 9.15am	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PR, D Marie Melon RIP (Watson)
Frid 26th May 09.15am	ST PHILIP, NERI, PR Sam Wingrove RIP Anniv. (Cunningham)
Sat 27th May 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BP EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS People of the parish
Sun 28th May 9.00am 11.00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY James Anthony Beck RIP (Gillings) Donie & Maureen Muldoon RIP Anniv. (Pavitt)

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.

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

20TH / 21ST MAY 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - Mass Book Pg 152

(Acts 1:2-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16, John 17:1-11)

We are in the middle of the original novena - the nine days between Our Lord's Ascension, and the promised coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the apostles spent this time together in prayer, joined with Mary and some of the other men and women who had followed Jesus.

We do not know exactly what they were praying for in those days, but our gospel gives us a privileged glimpse of Jesus' own prayer at the last supper. He prays for his disciples and for all those who shall be led to faith in him through their preaching and witness. It is a prayer for the whole church, and a prayer especially for unity. This is a special time for us to join in focused prayer for ourselves, our parish and the universal church in the run-up to Pentecost, the day of the church's birth in the Holy Spirit. We should never underestimate the power of prayer, which is a means of drawing closer to Christ and to those for whom we pray, and of being conformed to his will (for we are not seeking to change God's mind, but to allow him to shape ours).

I encourage you to pray in particular for the following intentions:

- For the success of our parish mission (first week of October), as a time of renewal for our parish and each of us. Please pray in particular for those who are currently making plans for this week, for those who will lead the mission, and for all who will take part.
- For Jonida, who is to receive the sacraments of initiation on Pentecost Sunday, and for all those families preparing to celebrate baptisms in the coming months.
- For the young people of our parish preparing to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, and for those who will be confirmed when the Bishop visits our parish in September.
- For the couples of our parish preparing for marriage in the coming months. For the young people from our parish and our diocese who will be taking part in the pilgrimage to Lourdes and World Youth Day in Portugal this Summer.
- For the schools of our parish, the pupils, staff and governors.
- For all those involved in particular ministries in our parish.

- For those who have drifted away from practicing their faith, and for those who have not returned to practicing their faith after the covid pandemic.
- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a desire on the part of all people to discern their particular vocation and a generosity in saying 'yes' to whatever God wants of us.
- For the sick and housebound of our parish, all who are struggling with physical and mental health, and those who are finding life burdensome and difficult.

Use this special time to pray also for whatever intentions are close to your heart. Please pray also for me, that I may serve God and this parish faithfully. May God grant us a fresh outpouring of his Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

God bless, Fr Matthew.

RIP FUNERAL NOTICES: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Catherine Thomas and Mary Kelly who have died recently. Catherine's funeral will be held here on **Monday 22nd May at 11am** and Mary's funeral will be here on **Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30am**.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: There will be an ecumenical service at Trinity United Reformed Church at 6pm this Sunday, organised by Churches Together in Upminster and Cranham.

PROCESSION In HONOUR OF OUR LADY: You are invited to an afternoon of prayer and song honouring Our Lady at St Alban's Elm Park this Sunday at 3pm. The service begins outside with the crowning of a statue of Our Lady, followed by a procession through the streets and concluding in the church with the rosary (in different languages) and a sermon preached by Fr Matthew. Refreshments afterwards.

AREA MASSES: Please see the separate insert for more information about the Area Masses which are taking place on weekday evenings in June and July. Each week's Mass, aimed at a particular area in the parish (though open to all) will take place in Church at 7.30pm, with refreshments and conversation in the Social Centre afterwards.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday 1th July, please contact Fr Matthew and he will make sure you are invited.

CENTENARY PRIZE DRAW: The owner of the first-prize-winning ticket, 968, has now come forward: congratulations to the winner. The full list of winning tickets can be found on the centenary page of our website.

SION COMMUNITY: You are invited to join the Community in prayer this week: the chapel at S.E.N.T. on Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, will be open for 24 hours a day from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th May. See flyers in the porch or visit sioncommunity.org.uk.

ROSARY: All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy at 10am on Wednesday mornings in the church, each week in term-time between now and October.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: The Diocese has introduced a new shorter email address format for all diocesan emails, including our parish and Fr Matthew's own email addresses. The older version will continue to work, but you are encouraged to use the newer addresses going forward especially as the possibility of mistakes in typing the address is reduced: Parish – upminster@brcdt.org / Fr Matthew – frmatthewbemand-ghureshi@brcdt.org (if you are wondering, it stands for 'Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust' which is the legal name of the Diocese).

CENTENARY MUGS: Own a part of parish history! Commemorative mugs are now on sale from the repository for £5, featuring our centenary logo and the logo which will appear on our soon-to-be-launched new website. They are (according to the manufacturer) dishwasher and microwave safe.

SECOND COLLECTION WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Please note that we will be holding a second collection after all masses this weekend in aid of World Communications Day. Please support this worthy cause and if you are a registered gift aider please do not forget to use your special collection envelopes.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CLUB: Club survey (open to all - not just members) - Please take 5 minutes to feedback on the Catholic Club as we approach our 1st anniversary of reopening and plan for the future: <http://tiny.cc/STCC2023> We are open Thursday, Friday, Saturday (from 7:30pm) and Sunday (from 6:30pm).

BISHOP ALAN LISTENS: Bishop Alan would love to hear from you! Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass or feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience, via this online survey. PLEASE ASK your friends or family, your neighbours and colleagues who no longer come to Church to complete the survey so that we might hear from as many people as possible (the link is clickable in the online newsletter): https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts

CDOT VOICES CENTENARY FUNDRAISING CONCERT: On **Friday 2nd June at 7.30pm** CDOT Voices choir returns to St. Peter's. We hope to raise £1000 for the purchase of a statue for the grotto in our new prayer garden in celebration of our church's 100 years in Upminster. Tickets are £10 each for adults and £1 for children Listen to songs from the shows including 'Les Mis', 'Dear Evan Hansen' and 'Prince of Egypt'. Only 50 tickets left!. Light refreshments and raffle. Tickets from Bernadette on 07825235717 or from the repository.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: We would like to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. We raised £2631.00. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have words to thank you and your parishioners, but know that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk

PARISH DATABASE: If you are new to the parish, or if you haven't got round registering for our new database please pick up a registration card in the porch or visit tinyurl.com/stjosephsup—thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Michael Coady, Jeanette (Jan) Cavalier, Reuben Jack Dodd (Lacey), Emilia Gunn, Deborah & Paul Bussutil, Christopher Noel Ashford, Joan Spoor, Margaret Munnely, 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, Meg Nellist, John (Johnny) Hayes, Irene Stubbings, Janet Martin, Tony White, Nora Delor, Maureen Pain, Ian Laidlaw, Julie Cordell, Stella Owen, Patrick Rodgers, Mary Smith, Frank Hamilton, Christine Sejas, Jeff Woods, Anna Gawlik, Maureen Anderson, Patricia Mylod and Lisa Bostock.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Josephine Houghton, Albert Willsmer, Harry Westwick, John Gibbs, Thomas White, Lawrence Clarke, Jillian Peters, James Woolward, Thomas Collier, Alicja Savrimoutou, David Wood, Bernadette Holland, Michael O'Donoghue, David Isbell, Annie Pitt, Maureen Flower, Jaqueline Brown, Florence Pearson, Herbert Greentree, Anthony Crick, Cecilia Fletcher, Vera Steeden, Patricia Millward, Eileen Aitkin, Dominic Ivens, Ray Sarson, James Barker, James Cullen, Moira Raven, Laurence Hale, Rosemary Lawson, Susan Ross, John Pawlikowski, Joan Purcell, Fr Stanley Joynes, William Washbourne, Agnes Phillips, Mary Stenson, John Heelan, Kathleen Petenuzzo, Isabella Butler, Alfred Christmas, Katherine Cornwall, Thomas Speight, Charles Fitzpatrick, Denis O'Riley, Lilian Mills, Anne Allen, Sophie Caruso, Frank Norley, Norah Hutchings, George Garnier, Elizabeth Atkins, John Fairchild, Maureen Muldoon, Jeremiah Morrissey, Nora Herlihy, Susan Barrett, Edward Horigan, Gerald McCann, William Delaney, William O'Malley, Thomas Walsh, Patrick McConalogue, Alfred Driscoll, Bronislarva Wiszniewska, Gordon Davis, Helen Cakebread, Jacqueline Presland, Patricia Silverlock, Mary McSweeney, Eileen Lyngcoln, Donald Muldoon, Sylvia McDonald, George Thompson, Beatrice Dampster, Clara Neala, Tony Nellist, William Butler, James Apicella, Mario Pettenuzzo and Ellen Walsh. May that all rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

WICKFORD PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 3 days (preferably Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 2nd June 2023. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr Mark Reilly on 01268 733219 or email or wickford@brcdt.org.

CAFOD—Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING: There will be a Service of Prayer, Teaching and Healing on Friday 26 May 2023 from 7 pm to 9 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. This Service will be led by International Lay Evangelist, Dr D Jayanand from Bangalore, India and will include Worship, Scripture teachings and healing. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.

AREA MASSES

Did you know that our parish extends from Upminster Bridge to West Horndon, taking in the villages of Bulphan and North Ockendon as well as Upminster and Cranham?

This summer there will be a series of evening Masses and social gatherings designed for people living in the different parts of our parish.

The format for each of these Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings will be a Mass in Church at 7.30pm, followed by drinks and nibbles in the Social Centre. If you cannot make the evening for your own area you are welcome to come another week. If you live outside the parish boundaries you are encouraged to come for the week that most closely corresponds to where you live (though welcome any week). If you would struggle to get to here by yourself but might manage it with some assistance, please contact the parish office. Please invite anyone you know in your area—we'll have some invitation cards for this purpose.

These descriptions are not meant to be interpreted too strictly, but to give a general sense which area of the parish you naturally fall within. See the map overleaf as well.

Thursday 8th June – Upminster West

South of the railway line and west of Station Road/Corbets Tey Road, including the area south of Upminster Park.

Thursday 15th June – Upminster South

South of the railway line and east of Station Road/Corbets Tey Road, as far as Wantz bridge.

Tuesday 20th June – Upminster North

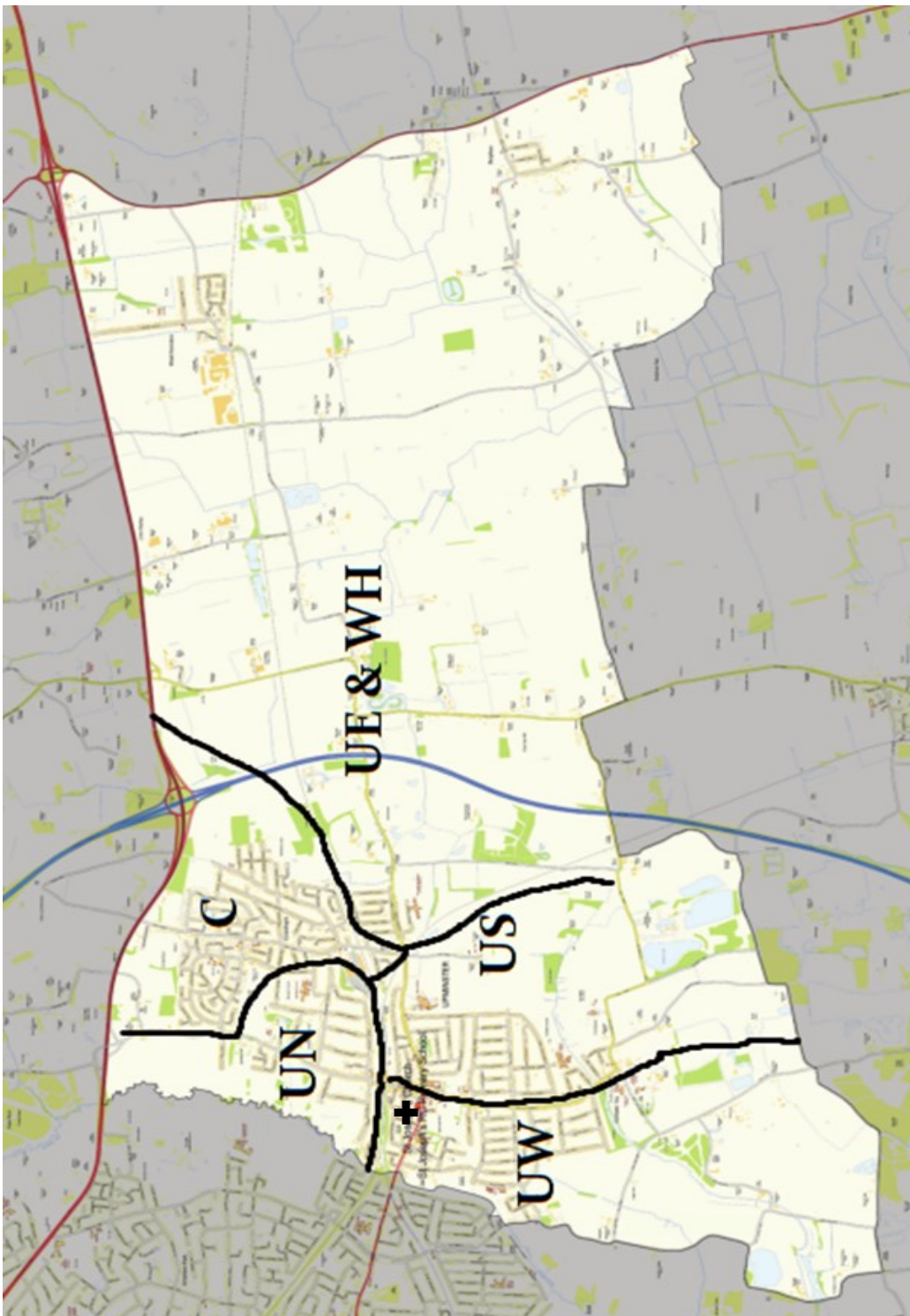
North of the railway line, including the area between Hall Lane and Front Lane south of Upminster Hall playing fields (unless you are near enough to Front Lane to count as Cranham), as well as Hall Lane itself and everywhere to the west.

Wednesday 28th June – Cranham

North of the railway line taking in Front Lane and Avon Road as well as the roads to the East or North respectively. Also Rectory Gardens and Meads Lane.

Wednesday 5th July – Upminster East & West Horndon

St Mary's Lane East of Wantz bridge mini roundabout and side roads including the 'Cathedral' roads, Pike Lane, Clay Tye Road, Ockendon Road, as well as West Horndon, North Ockendon and Bulphan.



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (BCYS) NOTICES: BCYS YOUTH MASS, 1ST JUNE AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: Beginning in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, there will be pizza and refreshments available, with the Cathedral open for quiet prayer, music and reflection, particularly thinking of those in the middle of, or nearing the end of, exams who may need a quiet space to rest and revitalise. Join us for as long or short a time as you wish to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral before we celebrate Mass with Fr Michael at 7:30pm. 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!

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, 21ST – 22ND OCTOBER, ESSEX OUTDOORS ON MERSEA ISLAND: Youth Gather is back for 2023 and the BCYS are absolutely thrilled to be joined by the fantastic Adenike, semi-finalist on the voice, who many of you will have seen perform and heard from at Flame back in March. Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities, opportunities for climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike and the SVP! All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island – all of this for just £70! The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age 18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY, SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER: The BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster! With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood! Visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/ for details on how to book your place now!

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, "Holiness in our local Saints and Martyrs", will be given by Fr Stewart Foster on Wednesday 24th May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.. All very welcome.

MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals is recruiting a supporter engagement officer for London and the Southeast. The role is fully remote with optional working from the London office available. We're looking for someone with passion and personality to help grow the Mary's Meals movement in London & South East. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from all walks of life and we are focused on one goal – that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. There isn't a closing date currently, and we are actively meeting with applicants throughout May and June.

CALAIS LIGHT: Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9th July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed. Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: www.calaislight.com