

MASS TIMES

Sat 19th August

(MHR) 6.30pm

Sun 20th August

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am

Mon 21st August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 22nd August

(StD) 9.30am

Wed 23rd August

(MHR) 9.30 am:

Thurs 24th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 25th August

(MHR) 9.30am

Sat 26th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 27th August

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Morning Prayer : Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri after Morning Mass Rosary (MHR) & Tues and Thurs after Morning Mass (StD) Confession: at MHR (by request)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND HOUSEBOUND

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Franch, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Kosedá, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson., Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkoom, Andy and Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKeamey, Tina Perotti, Brenda White, Ann Carr, Janet O'Brien , Jacqueline Pears and Steve Stripe, Paul Singleton, Mary Boyle, Tom Green, Kay Bannon.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

John Lefever Mitchell, Eileen Sheila Preston, Alice Blake, Cynthia Pereira, Michael Regan, Elizabeth Rider. Fr. Arthur Ryan, Sr. Phyllis (about this time). Elizabeth Stokes, Mary O'Connell, Fr. George Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils, Ken Knight. Erna Hewett, Patricia Puchalska, Canon Vincent Cameron. Jim O'Neill, Cornelius Paul, Joseph McGuigan, (around this time) Bill Williams, Mary Marsh, Leslie Gabriel, Sally Mead, Annie Conway, Peter Costello

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MASS INTENTION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES [A]

Scott Disley

Health - Genoveva

People Of The Parish

ST PIUS X, P

Bill Martin & Anne Barton RIP - Charlotte Hunt (Sister)

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Carmen Blackett RIP 75th Birthday - Hilda Akintonde & Family

FERIA

NO MASS

ST BARTHOLOMEW, AP

Catherine (Kit) O'Brien Aniv—Tim & Janet O'Brien

FERIA

Fr. Paschal Birthday - Mum & Dad

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (A)

People Of The Parish

Brian Adeniyi - Williams - Rita Solomon

Rita Birthday - Margaret V

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and St Dominic's Catholic Church

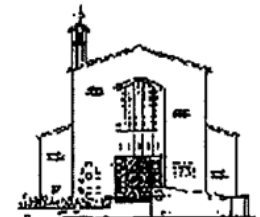


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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES [A]

20TH AUGUST 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 **Second Reading:** Romans 11:13-15 **Gospel:** Mathew 15:21-28

If it is a test, the Canaanite woman passes with flying colours! Her faith is impressive. When Jesus ignores her initial appeal, she tries again. And when he knocks her back, she replies with a witty retort: ' Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'

I always find this exchange amusing. At first reading, it seems that the woman has got one up on Jesus. Jesus attempted to fob her off, and her quick wit has caught him out. We can imagine him chuckling as Jesus concedes 'Woman, you have great faith'. But the exchange also makes me wonder: what was Jesus really up to? By the end of the conversation, he is clearly impressed with the woman's faith, her wit and her wisdom. But why the test? Why does Jesus try to fob her off, and why the dog reference? In the Gospel, Jesus often tests his followers. He certainly tests Peter and the other disciples. He challenges them to think, and to come up with the right answers. Perhaps he is testing not only the woman's faith but also his disciples'.

In using the analogy of a 'house-dog', Jesus may well be giving voice to the thoughts of his disciples. They would have little time for his Canaanite woman, a Gentile. They certainly would not have expected her to demonstrate such faith.

Perhaps it was an exchange that would come back to them at a later date as they expanded their mission to the Gentiles. Paul today's Second reading would later talk of God's mercy 'to all mankind'.

The story of the Canaanite woman comes to a fascinating conclusion. A woman of great faith, she is a model to all disciples of the Lord-of her humility, courage, perseverance, and above all love.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 — For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The application forms will be available **this Sunday 20th August**. Closing date for application **Sunday 29th October 2023**. See Paula Jones First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator.

ART AND CRAFTS AND OUT DOOR GAMES— Tuesday 22nd August Family fun mornings at Most Holy Redeemer Parish Hall 10-12 am. Come and join us for Arts and Crafts and Out door games. All children must be accompanied by Parents and Carers. **Parents & Carers must stay for the session**. Please come along all are welcome. See Theresa for further details.

MASS REGISTRATION CARDS— New Mass Registration Cards 2023-2024 will be available for collection on 20th August . Please collect a new card if your child attends **Nursery this year 2023 as you need a card for reception 2024**. Children from **year 3 for FHC and year 5 to pick up a card**. Please **RETURN** the card for **Year 5 2022-2023**. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL - If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ... Is something in you telling you to go deeper? Or find out? Perhaps you are, or maybe you know someone who is doing just that. Or maybe stopped coming to Church, and is wondering about returning. We are looking for depth. Or, you yourself might wish to informally ask questions, so deepen your understanding and faith. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along to our Parish RCIA programme and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

If you are not part of the Catholic Tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit yourself to the Catholic Faith, you may be received into the Church at Easter next year. Of course, practising Catholics who want to ask questions are more than welcome. If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Joseph for more details. (01708 343492 or email: Haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org). **Details will follow soon.**

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.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, 21ST – 22ND OCT, 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. 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.

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON - in aid of The Passage - Sunday 8th October 2023

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300, All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good.

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

CATHOLIC LISTENERS is 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, empathetic 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

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - Needs volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other duties at our HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suits all ages 16 and over. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody on 020 7091 7091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk . Thank you for your great support.

VACANCY— Site Manager, Epping A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping.. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed) Please send your CV and cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com. Job description: [JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR– CATHEDRAL HOUSE– The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective and efficient administration support. For full job description is attached. Hours: 35hrs 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 September 2023.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR– ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON- St Joseph the Worker, Hutton 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 two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 25 August 2023. Job description: [JD012_14 Parish Administrator – Hutton](#) CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 16th August 2023 Bonus Ball No: 26 Winner: 'Fr Joseph' £25

Congratulations to winners and thank you for supporting your Parishes.