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Wisdom is bright, and
does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Wisdom 6,12-13

What wisdom does this text refer to? Undoubtedly to the wisdom that comes from God. How can we

generally describe wisdom?

The wisdom described in this text, and in general, in wisdom books, and among them the Book of Wisdom, is described with the traits and attitudes of a living being. Some personified her in King Solomon; However, the one who fully personifies it is Jesus Christ, who, being the Son of God and Word of God the Father, reveals in his person all the characteristics of wisdom described in the Bible.

The Wisdom that comes from God allows you to begin and explore the learning about the nature of God, and obtain knowledge of what God has planned for the development of humanity. But how is such a goal achieved? Through the revelation that God has made through the prophets and his divine intervention, and brought to fruition by Divine Wisdom, which is Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man.

In Christ the description we have heard of Wisdom comes true: she is easily contemplated by those who love her and she allows herself to be found by those who seek her and anticipates making herself known to those who desire her. He who gets up early for her will not be weary, because he will find her sitting at his door. Giving it primacy in thoughts is consummate prudence; Whoever works hard for it will soon be free of worries. Those who are worthy of her, she herself goes out to look for on the roads; She appears benevolent to them and collaborates with them in all of her projects.

Thus we can understand that by knowing and contemplating Christ, He attracts us and we seek him, and he anticipates those who wish to know and love Him. And in fact, the two described qualities of Wisdom, radiant and incorruptible, are fully manifested by Jesus Christ, because He is the Light of the world who radiates and gives full



meaning to all the circumstances of human life; He is the incorruptible and imperishable Truth that nothing stains or deteriorates, He is the true and eternal Life because He is the revelation of the true God, who is love.

This Sunday's parable of the ten bridesmaids, we interpret it better in the light of the reflection on Wisdom: The 10 bridesmaids represent humanity destined to share divine life, which needs to be prepared for the moment of encounter with the Bridegroom, who will arrive at midnight, suddenly, and it will be necessary to have light, provided by enough oil, to travel through the darkness and darkness, which are always found on the path of life.

The oil for light is the personal experience of knowing Christ, imperishable Light, to enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday Mass (Wednesday to Saturday). Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 4
Lectionary Sunday Year A: Ordinary Time week 32

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

There is box at the back of the Church for the list of names of departed relatives and friends that you would like prayed for. The lists will rest at the altar throughout November.

DAY OF ADORATION for CHRIST THE KING – THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Church will be opened for adoration from 10am to 7pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. If you can be in Church for an hour or two between 10am and 7pm, please speak to Fr Barto.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 12th November. The Catholic Fellowship will be selling Christmas cards and a small sale of goods (cash only). Bacon rolls and other refreshments will be served.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23/24

Next session is this **Sunday 12th November** at 3pm. Please meet in the hall.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on **Monday 12th November** from 7:40pm finishing at 9pm in the hall.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Tickets at £1 will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



For Primary School children. Sunday 3rd December from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Booking by QR code. **Closing date 19 November.** Cost is £5 per child.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday 26th November, 10.30am – 2pm. Donations of bottles of drink and raffle prizes needed. Please place the donations in the

RED container in the porch. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Friday 24th November in the hall. A great opportunity for 18-35 year olds to meet other young Catholics and to also introduce others outside the church to God and the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact andrescallerod@outlook.com or juliette.balchin@tintabee.co.uk

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

Continues monthly on every first Friday of the month until the feast of the Scared Heart in June 2024.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATES

LECTIO DIVINA - Thursday 16th November after the morning Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION- on Tuesday 21st November at 6.15pm in the Hall .

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

AFTERNOON CLUB- is meeting on Wednesday 22nd November in the hall.

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES – Saturday 9th December, 3.30pm -5.30pm

TABLE TOP & BRING AND BUY CAKE SALE on Sunday 10th December 10am – 2pm.

“AWAKE LONDON”

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18th November 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London,E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.sehionuk.org/www.sehion.net)

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

RED WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Pray for Persecuted Christians Abroad. Join Archbishop Miguel Buendía, (Apostolic Nuncio to GB) & Archbishop John Wilson to celebrate Mass at 6pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Representatives of African communities are especially welcome.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

FR FRANCIS COVENEY

Please pray for Fr Francis, who is having a quintuple by-pass operation on Monday 13th November.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

If you are interested in playing table tennis in the Church hall, please contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, monthly pads, razors, deodorant, shampoo, pasta, rice, noodles, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish
- Lollipops for the kids in the school.

- **NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.**

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence).

FRANCISCO - THE ORGANIST

Francisco is away on holiday and will return on 26th November.

Anniversaries 13th November- 19th November.

Kate Kerr, Mary Hanley, Mary McGowan, Mr M Baldacci, Edith Gooding, Tony Mozule, Brian Mackey, Mrs Fallon, Edwin Nott, Joseph Foot, Julia Dowling, Violet Williamson & Elizabeth Rendall
Last weekend Mass attendance was 263.

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Catholics Come Home

<http://www.catholicscomehome.org/>

Young Catholics in London

[@PureInHeartUK](https://www.pureinheartuk.com/)

Concerned Parents

<https://parentpower.family/>

Life matters: for help & advice

<http://goodcounselnet.co.uk/>

<http://lifecharity.org.uk/>

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

<https://www.helpersuk.org/>

Courage: those with same-sex attraction

<https://couragec.org/about/>

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday all day and Friday mornings.