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This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master" Mt 25: 21). The Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God's will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

### 7th World Day of the Poor: 'Do not turn your face away'



As the Church prepares to celebrate the World Day of the Poor on 19 November, Pope Francis urges everyone to work toward providing free healthcare, medical examinations, vaccinations, and bill payment assistance to those in need.

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the World Day of the Poor in 2017. He encouraged the Church to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world."

The Pope will preside over the Eucharistic Celebration marking the seventh edition of the World Day of the Poor in St. Peter's Basilica on 19 November.

**"Do not look away from the poor"** (Tobit 4,7), is the theme for the 2023 World Day for the Poor. Pope Francis begins his message for the Day by stressing that "a great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity."

"We are living," he continues, "in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard."

"Schedule for the day: Lunch and medical care. The 2023 World Day of the Poor will be hosted by the Dicastery for the Service of Charity. A lunch with the poor will be offered by Hilton Hotels in Italy and will take place in the Paul VI Hall after the Eucharistic celebration."

The Dicastery for the Service of Charity will also offer free medical care to those in need through the Mother of Mercy Outpatient Clinic, located at the Colonnade of St. Peter's Square. About 50 medical personnel, including doctors and nurses, will be available on the day.

Pope Francis' Message- The Dicastery for Evangelisation reiterated the Pope's message.

“The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor.”

By Sr. Titilayo Aduloju, SSMA

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/world-day-of-the-poor-commitment-to-serve-the-poor.html>

You can read the message of the Holy Father for the world day of the poor 2023 following this link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20230613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html>

## *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 1

**Lectionary** Sunday Year A: Ordinary Time week 33

### **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.

### **RETIRING COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND**

**World Youth Sunday, 25th November 2023**

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be holding a second collection this weekend. Any money raised will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, and provide support and training to those working with young people.

### **DAY OF ADORATION for CHRIST THE KING – THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

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

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

From 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

Will be meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrescallerod@outlook.com) or [juliette.balchin@tintabee.co.uk](mailto: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.

## JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** from 7:40pm finishing at 9pm in the hall.

## PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATES

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION- on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.15pm in the Hall .

LECTIO DIVINA - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November after the morning Mass.

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

AFTERNOON CLUB- is meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the hall.

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30pm -5.30pm

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

## CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

## 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).

**Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist on Wednesday to Friday at 9am. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass. Mass on Monday will be celebrated privately.**

**Intention for the week:** "Let us pray for all doctors, nurses and midwives working in maternity wards, that their healing hands would be guided from above during any complications. Lord hear us".

**Please pray for those who are sick**

**Anniversaries 20<sup>th</sup> November- 26<sup>th</sup> 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 224.

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**Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator**

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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, Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

