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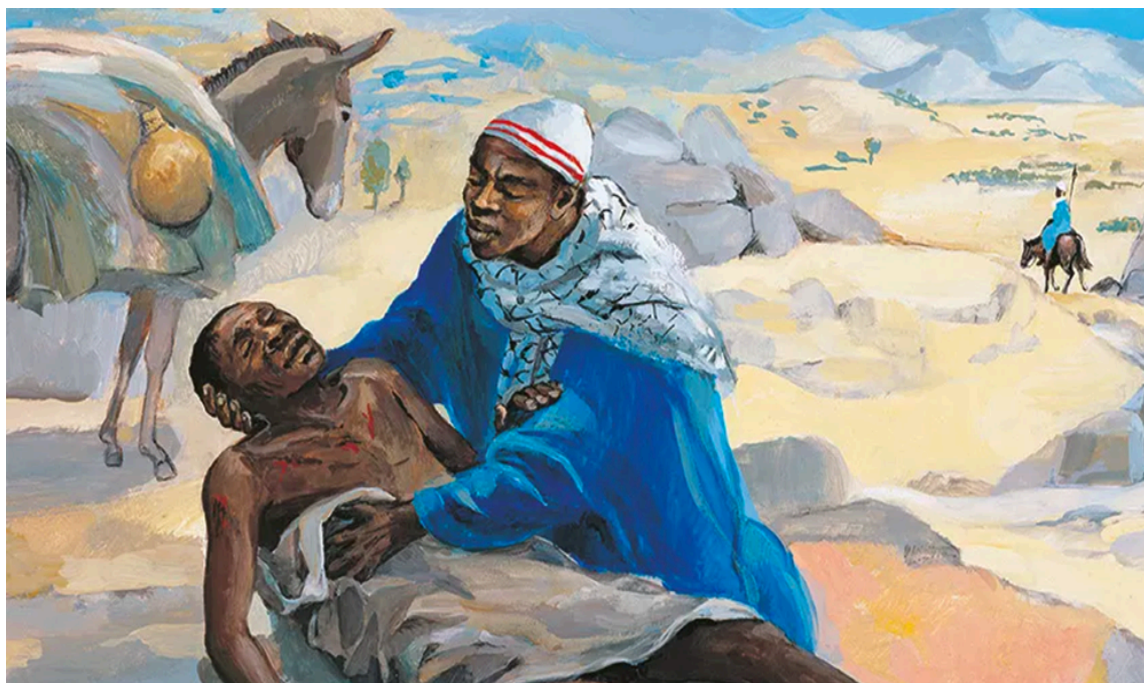
**3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B**

Week of Prayer

Please use the QR code for your weekly offertory. It is a safe and easy method to donate. Do Gift Aid if you are a Tax payer.

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for

Christian Unity 2024



JESUS MAFA. The Good Samaritan, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Go and do likewise

Resources are available for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For 2024, materials were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN).

The chosen theme is '**You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself**' (Lk 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections. They experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion – see the introduction below.

Dates

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time.

Introduction

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

Christian Aid

Each year Christian Aid provides the Go and Do action points for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

[source: https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/](https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/)

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 morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. 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 3

Lectionary

Sunday Year B: Week 3 in Ordinary Time

ST ANNE LINE FEAST DAY

On Saturday 3 February. Parishioners are requested to bring a hot or cold national dish to share with others after the 6.30 pm Mass. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941 227743 if you are attending and can help with setting up the hall and clearing up after the event.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES

BOARD GAMES EVENING – on 20 January is **CANCELLED**.

YOUNG ADULTS – meeting on 27 January from 7.30pm in the hall. All young Catholics above the age of 18 are welcome!. Contact Jules or Andres for further information via the Parish Office.

AFTERNOON CLUB- is meeting on Wednesday 31 January in the hall.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Holy Communion - Next session on Sunday 28 January at 3pm in the hall.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING DATE

LECTIO DIVINA - Thursday 25th January after the morning Mass.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The red fire extinguisher used for donations to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be in place until 2 February.

PILGRIMAGE to the SHRINE of OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

On Sat 27 January. Meet at Sts Mary & Ethelburga, Linton Road, Barking at 10.30am or meet at Willesden Junction station at 11.40am. Holy Mass at 12pm. Talk, Adoration & Benediction after lunch. Bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

A FIRE IN MY HEART - A CONVERSATION WITH BIBLICAL FRIENDS:

On Saturday 3 February from 11 am - 2 pm (coffee at 10.30 am), at Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy, will be in conversation with professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, archbishop of Lima, Peru. The speakers will be present in-person, but this free event is also live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org If attending in person please book your place at gideapark@brcdt.org.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024 in Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. For information visit www.fcjsisters.org or contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

EVANGELISING POST-CHRISTIAN BRITAIN

Lecture at 7pm on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at St James' Church, Spanish Place by Monsignor James Shea, co-author of From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, in which he will draw bridges between the different visions that the Church and the world have for our society and suggest effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q & A and then refreshments will be available.

YEAR 12 RETREAT – Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February

“Life to the Full” - You are at a stage where you are about to start making decisions and dreaming about future plans. This retreat will give you time to think, pray and chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London. There will be a mix of fun and games, along with times of reflection and personal prayer. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Apply at www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/

FLAME 2025

Saturday 15th March 2025 11am – 6pm, at Wembley Arena. The Bishops of England and Wales have nominated Flame as their Jubilee Year event for young people across the country. Picking up on the theme for the Jubilee Year, “Pilgrims of Hope” the Flame theme is “Unstoppable” – Fan the Flame of Hope. The BCYS will purchase a block of early bird tickets so that the group from the Diocese can sit together as close to the front as possible. These early bird tickets are £29 each, a saving of £5 per ticket on the full price of £34. To request tickets with BCYS, visit www.bcys.net/flame2025 or e-mail gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

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.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS- JANUARY

Sun 21st at 6.30pm Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Woodford Methodist Church.

Wed 24th 11am – 12pm Coffee Morning with the Police and Redbridge about Scams, Fraud and Personal Safety at St Mary's Woodford.

More details of the above community events are on our website - Parish & Community Events page

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.

BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2024

On sale in the porch. Price £2.95. Please place money in the wall box marked 'CTS & publications'.

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
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

• NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Intention for the week "For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 22nd – 28th January.

Michael Regan, Edward Mayo, Robert Burton, Patrick Kenny, Mr Wong, Michael O'Brien, Edward Hampson, Michael Hanley, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Richard Fitzgerald, Dorothy Kemp, Anastasia Joy, Dr J McEnery, Kenneth Shrimpton, Vincent O'Toole, Terence Henry, Bishop Patrick Casey, Bernard Abbott, Fr Alfred Perrott Field, Victor Palmer, Eileen Dunseath, Ralph Dale, Mrs Sallnow, Mrs Wakelin, Sidney Jeunes, Jessie Daisy Smith, Muriel Murphy, Rina Coala, Gustave Simonon, and David McGilloway.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 268.

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facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee. Follow us On Twitter/X - **@Stannelinesw**

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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)

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

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

Pope Francis Prayer Network:

Holy Spirit, who builds the unity of the Church and shows your infinite creativity through the diversity of charisms, fill the Church with your gifts, according to the marvelous God's Providence design, so that we may learn to appreciate the gifts of others and work together for the good of all, sharing our charisms at the service of the community. May diversity among Christians never be a cause of division, but of mutual enrichment, because diversity gives depth and richness to life. Do not allow us to fall into the temptation to consider our gifts as superior to those of others, or ourselves as superior to them. May there be room for all in the Church and may we grow together in harmony, in faith and in love as one body, the Body of Christ. Amen.