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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



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This Sunday, once again, our Church dresses up in solemnity. Not only because it is Sunday, but also because 13 children will receive Jesus Christ for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. After an 8-month preparation, these children, accompanied by their parents, will approach the Lord's altar to receive Jesus Christ, His body and blood, in their hearts in the Holy Eucharist. Let us accompany them with our prayers, them and their parents who accompanied them in this preparation. Our thanks to the catechists Johana and Cristina who gave of their time in training these children.

The Gospel of the 11th Sunday in ordinary time presents us two parables from the Farmer's Life. Jesus emphasises the wonder of the soil and God's role in growth. The farmer works hard, but only God can make the seed grow and bear fruit. Similarly, the Kingdom of God is in God's hands. Workers in the Lord's fields must create the proper environment for growth, but God causes the growth. This parable comforted early Christians facing discouragement, as their efforts often seemed fruitless. Early Christianity, emerging from the Jewish faith, was rejected by Jews, making it difficult to explain Jesus to pagan gentiles. Early Christians faced mockery, persecution, and the martyrdom of leaders like Peter and Paul.

Despite these challenges, the early Christians trusted God to grow His Kingdom, and He did. The Church has endured through Roman persecution, internal dogmatic conflicts, the Fall of Rome, Middle Ages and Renaissance corruption, Reformation fratricide, rationalist attacks, and modern attacks by radical groups. Despite internal divisions and two thousand years of martyrdom aimed at destroying the faith, the Church still lives and grows. God gives the growth, transforming our feeble efforts into substantial results.

Pope Francis, during the audience on Wednesday, June 12, in St. Peter's Square, addressing the crowd, spoke about the importance of the Holy Scriptures in the life of the Church and in our personal lives. At the same time, he emphasised the importance of **Lectio Divina**, praying with the Word of God, a practice that we also started in the parish a year ago and takes place every Friday after the holy Mass.

“The Church, Bride of Christ, is the authorised interpreter of the inspired text of the Scripture; the Church is the mediator of its authentic proclamation. Since the Church is gifted with the Holy Spirit – this is why she is the interpreter – she is the “pillar and bulwark of the truth” (1 Tm 3:15). Why? Because she is inspired, held steady by the Holy Spirit. And the task of the Church is to help the faithful and those who seek the truth to interpret the biblical texts correctly.

One way of conducting spiritual reading of the word of God is that which is called the **Lectio Divina**, a word whose meaning we perhaps do not understand. It consists of dedicating a time of the day to the personal and meditative reading of a passage of the Scripture. And this is very important: every day, take the time to listen to,

to contemplate, reading a passage from the Scripture. And therefore, I recommend you always to have a pocket edition of the Gospel and keep it in your bag, in your pocket...

So, when you are travelling, or have a little free time, take it and read it. This is very important for life.”

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2024/documents/20240612-udienza-generale.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 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 Sundays Year B: week 11 Ordinary Time

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep the 13 children from this Parish who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 16 June in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sadie Moore who has died. Her funeral will be held here on Friday 21 June at 11am. May she rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

This will be for Day for Life. Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Young adult group meeting: On Friday, 21 of June at 7,30 in the parish hall

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 19 June at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Murder Mystery at the Casino, Saturday 22 June from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 **must** be bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Summer BBQ on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941 237 743 for more information.

MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 8th July 2024 at 11.30.am

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

From 20th to 27 July. There are a handful of last minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27 July – 3 August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: "We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead." The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

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**.

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.

On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist

, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. This is the last monthly day of prayer and fasting for life before the General Election. An election which could well result in an even more pro-abortion government than we have currently had. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10) Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1037436687798327/>

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit

- a Subject Lead: Computer and IT Studies.
 - a Learning Support Assistant. Working Monday – Friday, term-time only.
- Please see our website for further details www.uai.org.uk

Youth Mass, Thursday 4th July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024

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Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF**

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

Volunteers needed to clear the raised bed running along the side of the hall. Please contact Tina Marrai for more information.

Mass Intentions 15th June – 23rd June

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

Saturday 9.30am Thanksgiving (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal)
Vigil Mass 6.30pm People of the Parish

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th 9.30am Dec'd McCormack family
11am First Holy Communion children & their families
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday Maureen, Tricia & Norah Ints

Tuesday 7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 9.30am Benson Chin (health recovery)

Thursday 9.30am Jerome Philomin RIP

Friday 9.30am Sr Stanislaus Beh RIP
11am Funeral Mass – Sadie Moore RIP

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Sherif Lawal RIP

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Mary Biss RIP
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 17 June – 23 June

Rose Walker, John Kelly, James Roche, Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall, Michael Manze, Patrick Hudson, Roy Tinsley, Fr Vincent Dutton, Sr Cecile Agnes, Laurence Dillon, Rupert Bernard, James William Hughes, Mgr Henry Posluszny, Annie Perkins, John Bryan, Ian Kieran Preston, Fr Edward Thomas, Anna Stevenson.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 283.

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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.

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)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

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

Pope Francis - the importance of the Holy Scriptures.

Please check the link below to our parish website for more details and information about the audience given by Pope Francis on Wednesday, June 12, in St. Peter's Square.

<https://saintanneline.com/words-of-the-holy-father/>

Also for more information on **Lectio Divina**, please follow this link to our parish website.

<https://saintanneline.com/let-us-pray/lectio-divina/>