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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

And FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



The cross, as proclaimed by St. Paul in Galatians 6:14, is a source of glory for Christians: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." This statement presents a paradox to the world, which often seeks success, comfort, and progress without suffering. However, the Christian call to carry the cross, as invited by Jesus, is an invitation to embrace a different kind of wisdom—the wisdom of God that appears as foolishness to the world.

<https://bigccatholics.blogspot.com/>

The prophet Isaiah asks, "Who has believed our message?" (Isaiah 53:1), foreseeing the difficulty of accepting a suffering Messiah. Similarly, the modern world, enticed by progress and novelty, rejects the idea of suffering as

redemptive. The cross is seen not as a symbol of glory but as an outdated concept. Yet, for Christians, the cross remains central to faith and discipleship. To follow Christ is to embrace suffering, not for its own sake, but as a path to transformation and union with God.

St. Paul exemplifies this understanding by bearing in his body "the marks of Jesus" (Galatians 6:17) and rejoicing in his sufferings. He states, "I complete in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, which is the Church" (Colossians 1:24). This does not imply that Christ's sacrifice was incomplete, but rather that believers are invited to participate in the mystery of redemption by joining their sufferings to His. Through suffering, Paul experiences both the power and wisdom of God. He declares that in weakness, he finds strength; in suffering, he finds joy.

The cross is also a challenge against the complacency and mediocrity that can infect faith. Some attempt to dilute the Gospel's call by seeking a comfortable Christianity that avoids the true cross. This is a revival of ancient errors—Epicureanism and hedonism—that seek salvation without sacrifice. However, true discipleship, as Jesus commands, involves taking up our cross daily (Luke 9:23).

Therefore, the cross is not merely a symbol of pain but of victory over sin and death. It is through the cross that the resurrection is made possible. The saints and martyrs understood this profound truth; their lives were testimonies of joy amidst suffering. As St. Paul reminds us, "the sufferings of this

present time are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Thus, to glory in the cross is to embrace the fullness of Christian life—uniting our sufferings with Christ's, trusting in the promise of eternal life.

according to the article in the following link:

<https://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/39864/cat/725/fiesta-de-la-exaltacion-de-la-santa-cruz.html#modal>

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), on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. 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
Lectionary

Psalter Week 4
Sundays Year B: week 24 Ordinary Time

CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – SECONDARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

In September 2020 the Episcopal Vicar for Education reminded all priests that a Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has evidence that **they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation**. Fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the Church's Code of Canon Law.

Note: Davenant School requires 7 years of Mass attendance.

Hand in or post the following to the presbytery in a sealed envelope by **Wednesday 9th October**:

- Completed initial CCP Information form to be collected this weekend from the porch
- A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate
- Completed CCP form (the information about your child), printed from

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

- Make an appointment with the office by email to see Fr Barto to collect the CCP on **Friday 18th October** between 4pm and 6.30pm.

THANK YOU

For your support from the Good Shepherd Company who were here last weekend. They sold about £1,500 of wooden carves.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Is for Home Mission Sunday. This is to help the Catholic Bishops' Conference work of evangelisation.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

If you, or you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic and Catholic adults who have not been confirmed or made their First Holy Communion, the Journey of Faith course will begin on Tuesday 17th September with Holy Mass at 7pm finishing at 9pm at St Anne Line. The course will help discernment about the faith with possible reception into the church the following Easter/Pentecost. It runs over the year. Please email the parish office or Rev. Alan at alanmair@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. Complete one per child and

drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

CONFIRMATION 24/25

Young people (Year 10 and above) who wish to be confirmed next year need to complete an Application Form and return it to the office by **Sunday 22 September 2024**. Forms can be found in the porch. The course will start with an information evening on Friday 4th October at 7.45pm followed by sessions in the hall between October and June 2025. For any questions, contact Jacinta on 07905 973435 or jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 24/25 **(Year 3+ in September 2024)**

Enrolment forms are in the porch. Deadline for returning the completed form is **15 September**. Please post them through the letter box at 7 Grove Crescent in an envelope. The new programme will commence in the Autumn. Parents should already be providing proof of their children's attendance at Mass by completing a Mass attendance form found in the porch for their children **every Sunday**.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Bingo Night Saturday 21 September from 7.30 pm. Bingo books £5 each. Bring own drinks and glasses.

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 September at 2pm in the hall.

Young Adults next meeting on Friday 27 September at 7.30pm in the hall.

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

"AWAKE LONDON"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 21st September 2024 from 11am to 5 pm led by Fr. John Victor 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.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Recent website updated pages - Season of Creation (daily prayers for creation; Novena to

St Francis); Photos of Creation; Parish Events; Retreats & Pilgrimages.

SEASON OF CREATION

September 1st – October 4th is designated as the Season of Creation. It is a time when the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect God's Creation - Our Earth - Our Common Home. As Pope Francis stated in his encyclical Laudato Si we each share responsibility to care for creation. Each year this season has a particular theme, and this year, the theme is "To hope and act with Creation." Please check our website page - Season of Creation - and also see posters on the parish noticeboards.

PRO LIFE GROUP

On Monday 7 October, 7.15-8.45 a Pro Life Group is being launched in St Edmund and St Thomas More, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1SZ. All are very welcome. For further details please contact Paul 07861 032 174.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

The Palmer Catholic Academy would like to invite the parents/carers of Year 6 students to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 9 October 2024 from 4.30pm–7.00pm. Please visit our website at www.tpc.academy for more information.

Trinity Catholic High School, Mornington Road Prospective Open Evening for Year 7 on Wednesday 25 September 2024. There will be two sessions to tour the school and to hear the address from the Headmaster Dr P Doherty OBE at 4pm and 5.30pm. Parents are invited to book a place for one session, booking is via the Trinity website: <https://www.tchs.org.uk/year-7/>

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY

On Saturday, 12th October, 9.30am – 5pm the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. The cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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

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.**

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information.

Mass Intentions 14th - 22nd September

**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 Fr Barto Ints

Exaltation of the Cross

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Atal & Singh families Int

Sunday 15th 9.30am Kevin Fahy RIP

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday **7pm** Valentina Ribeiro RIP

Wednesday 9.30am John Kain Ints

Thursday 9.30am Irene Mwangi
(Thanksgiving)

Friday 9.30am Geoff Nicholson RIP

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints

St Matthew

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Genute Mageikiene RIP

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd 9.30am Patricia Edieveri RIP

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Intention for the Week "We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation. Lord hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 16 Sept – 22 Sept

AJ Bright, Ivy O'Connor, Sarah Hampson, Robert Harrison, Mary Burke, Eileen McPhie, Isabel Cleverly, John Bernard Kavanagh, Canon F Gahagan, Patrick Beirne, Margaret Keohane, Francis Garman, Angela Matthews, Lilian O'Brien, Patrick McNamee, Cyril Burton, Mrs E Philpot, Mrs Maggs, Iby Varga.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 277.

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[facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee](https://www.facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee).**

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Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator

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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/>

In our Lectio Divina sessions we look at the coming Sunday gospel and pray to find how God is speaking to us individually through His Word.

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, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Prayer for Creation

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.