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26th Sunday in**Ordinary Time – Year B****Season of Creation**

“On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home”.

These words by Pope Francis in 2022 continue to display a stark reminder that the planet needs greater thought towards what we collectively, and independently subject “mother earth” to in our daily lives.

In this Season of Creation, just as each past year, Christians are called to dedicate time to protect creation and to reflect on the strength of our ecological spirituality, using our personal actions to encourage others to follow suit. In the Canticle of Creatures, St Francis of Assisi exclaims “Mother Earth...sustains and governs us,” reminding us that the very soil we tread upon is a beautiful miracle we should not take for granted. And yet; we do. We all do.

Many individuals assume that since climate change is a global crisis, that a global response is the only resolution. This is not the case and certainly not how we should respond to God’s gift. In Laudato Sí, Pope Francis lays out 7 key goals to enhance ecological spirituality and rebalance the harmony of creation. All of these goals can be met on a personal, local and parish level. For example: Goal 3, ‘Ecological Economics’ calls for divestment from fossil fuels and associated economic activity. Here, we can increase our use of public transport, minimise buying single-use plastics and items from ecologically unethical companies and encourage our workspaces to consider renewable energy options.

If you think one person out of eight billion cannot impact the environment, consider this: Every animal organ is made up of cells. Separated out alone, these cells don’t appear to do much for the organ, but collectively, they allow this organ to function. If each of these cells work towards positive organ health, the organ works to fulfil its function. If each cell begins to cease working, other cells follow, and the organ begins to fail. Earth is our organ, and we are the cells that influence it.

In this season of Creation let us respond to Pope Francis and make our own personal commitments to our one planet.

Written by Juliette Balchin.

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

Psalter Week 2

Lectionary

Sundays Year B: week 26 Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Patricia Ranson who died recently. Her funeral will be held here on Tuesday 22 October at 11am.

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**.

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.

OCTOBER MONTH of the HOLY ROSARY

Volunteers needed to pray the rosary 30 minutes before the weekend Masses. Please see Fr Barto if you can help.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

First Friday Novena starts on **4 October** at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration. This continues monthly on every first Friday of the month until the feast of the Sacred Heart in June 2025.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

From **5 October** for 9 consecutive first Saturdays (until 7 June 2025) from 5:30pm there will be Adoration, Confession, recital of the Rosary, followed by the 6:30pm Mass. During this time you can also have the special presence of the statue of Our Lady in your home. An opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection, as Our Lady visits your home and blesses your family. Each Sunday, the statue will be passed to a new household, spreading her intercession and grace throughout the community. If you would like to participate and welcome Our Lady into your home, please sign up at the back of the church. Let's come

together in faith and experience her love and intercession.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on Tuesday 1st October with Holy Mass at 7pm finishing at 9pm at St Anne Line. The course runs over the year. Please email the parish office or Rev. Alan at alanmair@brcdt.org.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday 15 October at 7.30pm in the hall.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Is for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope.

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

The new programme will begin on Sunday **13 October at 3pm** in the hall. 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

Coffee Morning Sunday 6 October after 9.30am and 11am Masses. With Christmas card sale by The Catholic Fellowship.

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 October at 2pm in the hall.

Quiz Night on Saturday 26 October 7.30pm. £12 per person includes nibbles. Forms in the porch.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 17 November 10.30am to 3pm in the hall.

Children's Christmas party for Primary School children Sunday 1 December from 2-4pm.

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

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."

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY

On Saturday, 12th October 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. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

A DAY WITH MARY

is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Please take action now and ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It only takes 30 seconds using our easy-to-use tool: https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2frighttolife.org.uk%2fjdrx&c=E,1,qtNrWvHekjd2nmdeZTAKBZ5SEeu46K3gZSgq_UfolxgF8k2JM70C_nxWgSQVbKtEbppOxx_KGUChPITz_YHTHjZyheLrpwjYSJM3or58NywH7PUg55UVM4TY,&typo=1

SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Davenant on Tuesday 1 October from 6-9pm. Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

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.

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 and on our website for other news and information.

Mass Intentions 28th September – 6th October

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
Vigil Mass 6.30pm Orlando & family
(Thanksgiving)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th 9.30am Fernando Hermoza Ints
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass - Romanian Holy Souls

Monday

Tuesday **7pm** Mary Murphy (anniv)

Wednesday 9.30am Cynthia Luk RIP

Thursday 9.30am Fernando Hermoza Ints

Friday 9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Saturday 9.30am Mary Anne Khoo RIP

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Fr Martin Knott RIP

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th 9.30am Constance John (In Thanksgiving)
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass - Romanian

Intention for the Week “We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy...”

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 30 Sept – 6 Oct

Mrs Polledri, Anne Martinez, Mrs D Cuningham, Rachel Gould-Roberts, Walter Titley, Eleanor Collins, Kaye Barry, John Ginty, Maureen Jenner, Tess Donaldson, Cecil Bingham, Zara McKelvey, Cindy Morgan.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 234.

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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/>

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.

For the Cry of the Earth - (Pope Francis Prayer Network at clicktopray.org)

Good Father, the cry of the earth strikes in the Heart of your Son Jesus, and cries out to us "I want mercy and not sacrifices".

Our Common Home implores us to a bold and radical change in our way of life. We need courage, and a holy indignation to commit ourselves to a cultural change that welcomes the cry of the earth and the poor.