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30th Sunday in

Ordinary Time – Year B

A Heart that changes the world

Our Editorial Director reflects on **Pope Francis' new encyclical, *'Dilexit nos.'*** saying it helps us understand the way Christ loves us.

By Andrea Tornielli

Pope Francis writes in his new encyclical that “Christ showed the depth of his love for us not by lengthy explanations but by concrete actions. By examining his interactions with others, we can come to realize how he treats each one of us.”

As children of Greek rationalism, post-Christian idealism, materialism, and, today, the fluid culture of individualism, we are struggling to fully understand that Christianity cannot be reduced to a theory, a philosophy, a set of moral rules, or even a sequence of sentimental emotions. Instead, it is the encounter with a living Person. Understanding how He loves us, how He attracts and calls us, and establishing a relationship with Him cannot, therefore, be reduced to reasoning, a cultural identity to be flaunted, or a manual of rules to consult when needed. [Read the full text here.](#)

Understanding how Jesus loves us is a matter of the heart: it is a story of actions, glances, and words. It is a story of friendship, a matter of the heart. “I am my heart,” writes the Successor of Peter, “for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people.”

We can understand how Jesus loves us, Pope Francis says, “by examining His interactions with others”; that is, by meditating on episodes from the Gospel and letting ourselves be amazed that they continue to happen around us, perhaps where we least expect them.

By watching Him act, we see that Jesus gives His full attention “to individuals and above all to their problems and needs.” What the Nazarene proposes is “the sense of mutual belonging typical of friends.” He came, He overcame all distances, and He drew near to us like the simplest and most everyday things in life. In fact, He has another name, “Emmanuel,” meaning “God with us,” God close to our lives, living among us. The Son of God became incarnate and emptied Himself, becoming a servant and sacrificing Himself out of love.

Encountering Christian faith means encountering the heart of Christ, a heart incapable of remaining indifferent, which, by embracing us with His infinite mercy, invites us to imitate Him.

And this has social consequences because the world, in the grip of wars, socio-economic imbalances, consumerism, and the inhumane use of technology, “can change beginning with the heart.”

The encyclical ***Dilexit nos*** thus becomes an interpretive key for Pope Francis' entire pontificate.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-10/a-heart-that-changes-the-world.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), 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 30 Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mary Backham who died on Sunday 13 October aged 102. The funeral service is on 12 November at 3pm at the City of London crematorium.

ALL SAINTS

All Saints Day on Friday 1st November is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass times are at 9.30am and 7pm.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

This weekend there will be a 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.

There will be a second collection on 2/3 November for Masses for Holy Souls which will be said throughout the year.

BAPTISM COURSE

3 sessions starting at 6pm Tuesday, November 12. Then at 6pm, on 19 Nov & 26 Nov in the presbytery (7 Grove Crescent).

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER DAY OF ADORATION for CHRIST THE KING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Church will be opened for adoration from 10am to 7pm, with Holy Mass at 7pm. If you can be in Church for an hour or two between 10am and 7pm, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations at the second collection last Sunday (20th). Anyone still wishing to donate can do so online at

[missio.org.uk](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford) or by using the remaining Missio envelopes in the porch. For those of you who are **Missio Red Box holders**, could we please ask you to bring them in for emptying next weekend (2nd/3rd November).

SACRED HEART NOVENA

First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration. This continues on **1 November** and 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

Next first Saturday devotion is on **2 November** and continues until 7 June 2025 starts from 5:30pm with Adoration, Confession, praying 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. Each Sunday, the statue will be passed to a new household, spreading her intercession and grace throughout the community. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home, please sign up at the back of the church. The signup sheet for January to March 2025 will be available next weekend.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On Saturday **23 November** from 9.30am to 4pm run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Please bring a packed lunch. The programme for the day can be found in the porch. The collection during Advent using the red fire extinguisher will be for the causes supported by the Friars

ST ANNE LINE YOUTH SVP

Calling all those in Years 7-13 – all welcome. The Youth SVP group will be holding its next session

on **Friday 15 November**. The theme is FESTIVE FUN with craft, decorations, baking, and music. Session times are from 6:30-9pm in the Parish Hall. For further information, please e-mail jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk.

URGENTLY NEEDED

Donations of bottles and raffle prizes for fundraising events. Please contact Tina on 07941 227743 if you can help.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on Tuesday 12 November with Holy Mass at 7pm finishing at 9pm at St Anne Line. 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**.

PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – the application process will be in the newsletter next week.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

If you would like your child to be in the nativity please contact Tina on 07941 227 743. Anyone wishing to help please also contact Tina.

The next meeting is on Sunday 10th November in the hall at 3pm.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning Sunday 3 November after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the hall.

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 November at 2pm in the hall.

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.

Christmas Nativity on 21 December at 3pm.

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

REQUIEM MASS

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be held on Monday 11th November at 11.30am

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY & RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

For those children whose dates of birth fall between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and who wish to apply for the Reception classes to start in September 2025. Nursery is open for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st December 2022. The school is holding an Open Morning on Friday 8th November @ 9.15am. Please email admin.st-antonys@redbridge.gov.uk to register your attendance.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS FAIR

At The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 3rd November from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. If you have any crafts, unopened gifts or homemade jams and chutneys you would like to donate to us and are able to drop off to our premises in Billericay, we would be delighted to receive them.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

PARISH WEBSITE

News about our parish website - On 21st October we recorded 13,806 views, which exceeds our total for 2023. We would like to share with you some of the pages that are available: Mass Times, Nativity Play, Assisted Suicide Bill, Newsletter, Parish Events, First Holy Communion, Confirmation. See <https://saintanneline.com/jubilee-year-of-prayer-2025/> for Jubilee Year of Prayer.

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)
- **Please see the notice board for other items required re: Rwanda Mission.**

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 26th—October – 3rd November

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 Linda Palmer (In Thanksgiving)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th 9.30am Atal & Singh family Ints
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass - Romanian Holy Souls

Monday

Tuesday 7pm Jerome Philomin RIP

Wednesday 9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Thursday 9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Friday 9.30am People of the Parish

All Saints 7pm Fr Cesar Peleteiro
(70th anniv of ordination)

Saturday 9.30am Holy Souls

All Souls

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Fr Barto (Ints)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Veronica Wong Ints
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass - Romanian

Intention for the week: We prepare this week to celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Let us give thanks for the witness of those who have gone before us and pray for the departed. Lord hear our prayer.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 28 Oct – 3 Oct

H Simpson, EW Bass, James Donnelly, Peter McEvoy, Louisa Orgill-Adams, William Carter, Vincent Farrell, Mary Ginty, Sarah J Poul & Mafadda Smith, John O'Rielly, Capt. G Connolly, Thomas McCarthy, Marie Hale, Victor Laar.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 252. The collection for Mission Sunday was very generous. Thank you very much.

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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.

Pray for Peace in the World

At the end of his Wednesday (Oct 23rd) General Audience, Pope Francis once again made an appeal for peace in the world. In his appeal, Pope Francis reiterated that "war is a defeat from the very beginning" and that it "does not forgive."

(For full text visit our parish website or the Vatican website)