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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

THE EIGHTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

“The prayer of the poor rises up to God” (cf. Sir 21:5)

Pope Francis' message for the Eighth World Day of the Poor, celebrated on November 17, 2024, revolves around the theme: "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sirach 21:5). This reflects the year's focus on prayer as the Church prepares for the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. He draws from the wisdom of the Book of Sirach, which highlights themes of divine justice, humility, and prayer, emphasizing that the cries of the poor hold a special place in God's heart.

The Pope asserts that all humans are spiritually poor and dependent on God, calling for humility and trust in divine providence. He critiques societal systems that prioritize wealth and power at the expense of dignity, particularly in the context of war and economic inequality. Christians are urged to see Christ in the vulnerable and to respond with solidarity, charity, and concrete action that promotes justice and dignity.

Pope Francis emphasizes the connection between prayer and action, stating that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). This year's emphasis on prayer encourages integrating the poor's prayers into spiritual practices, providing them with not only material aid but also spiritual care. Figures like Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Benedict Joseph Labre exemplify the transformative power of humility, prayer, and service to the poor.

He urges the Church to use the World Day of the Poor as an opportunity to listen to and assist the poor while thanking volunteers for their dedicated efforts. Lastly, Pope Francis calls for "pilgrims of hope" who enact small gestures of love, guided by prayer and inspired by Mary, the "Virgin of the poor." These acts, rooted in faith and solidarity, prepare the Church for the hope and renewal of the upcoming Jubilee Year.

You can read the message of the Holy Father entirely accessing the following link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20240613-messaggio-viii->

Lunch with some of the poor people of Rome has become tradition for Pope Francis as he, along with the global Church, celebrate the World Day of the Poor. This year will mark the eighth edition, since the Pope established the day in 2017, and it will be no different to the last, as over 1,300 poor people are due to join Pope Francis for lunch.



A project of help and hope.

Falling on the third Sunday of November, this year the day will be celebrated on the 17th and will officially begin with Holy Mass, presided over by Pope Francis, in St Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis presides over Mass for World Day of the Poor, November 2023

However, shortly prior to the Eucharistic celebration, the Pope will have blessed 13 keys, each symbolically representing thirteen countries where the Vicentians will be inaugurating their "13 Houses" project. The project consists in

building new homes for disadvantaged people in thirteen different countries. There, various charitable initiatives will take place, such as covering utility bills for low-income families through parish connections. One of the countries welcoming this new project is Syria, which has been forgotten by much of western media as it continues to suffer the devastating effects of almost two decades of conflict.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-11/pope-francis-will-have-lunch-with-over-1000-poor-people.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 **Lectionary**

Psalter Week 1
Sundays Year B: week 33 Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

There is 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.

BLESSING OF NEW LECTIONARIES

Fr Barto will be blessing the new lectionaries at all Masses this weekend.

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.

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY

This will be for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. If you are a tax payer please use the Gift Aid forms at the back of Church for your donations.

FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This **Sunday 17 November** from 10.30am to 2.30pm in the hall. Please do come along!

URGENTLY NEEDED for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Donations of bottles for the bottle stall. Please contact Tina on 07941 227743 if you can help.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Tickets at £1 on sale from this weekend at all Masses.

BAPTISM COURSE

Next session at 6pm Tuesday, November 19. Then at 6pm 26 Nov in the presbytery (7 Grove Crescent).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session is on **Sunday 24 November** in the hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

SPONSORS

11 sponsors needed to pray for the 11 children making their First Holy Communion next year. Please contact Joanna on 07852 923376 if you would like to be a prayer sponsor.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

For new and existing servers on 15 December at 4pm in Church.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on Tuesday 26 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.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE

From next weekend you will be able to donate your weekly offertory using your bank card. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – NURSERY & PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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.

Hand in or post the following to the presbytery in a sealed envelope by **Sunday 1 December**.

- 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 **Wednesday 11 December** between 4pm and 6pm.

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**.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration. This is 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

First Saturday devotion 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. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home, please sign up **for January to March 2025** at the back of the church.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 20 November at 2pm in the hall.



Children's Christmas party for Primary School children Sunday 1 December from 2-4pm. Please use this QR code to book. **Closing date 22 November. Cost £6.**

Next Coffee morning Sunday 8 December
Christmas Nativity on 21 December at 3pm.
Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403

WORD ON FIRE UK CONFERENCE

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025. Location: Excel Centre, East London. Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. To register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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

PARISH WEBSITE

We invite you to check the parish website <https://saintanneline.com/> where you can find: Mass Times, Nativity Play, Year of Jubilee (including the new app), Assisted Suicide Bill, Newsletter, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Parish Council Minutes. Also there is a link to Pope Francis' latest encyclical - Dilexit Nos - listed under Faith in Action. Plus a Year of Jubilee

page, as well as, a link to Spes Non Confundit (Hope does not disappoint) - the recent Papal Bull.

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 16th November – 24th 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 Robert Kirby RIP

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Fr Barto Ints

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Sunday 17th 9.30am People of the Parish

11am Dec'd Hinkins family

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 9.30am Atal/Singh family Ints

Thursday 9.30am Fernando Hermoza (Ints)

Friday 9.30am Ann Kyndt Ints

**Saturday 9.30am Dec'd Keating/
Colleran families**

*Vigil Mass 6.30pm Franciscan Friars of the
Renewal Ints*

Sunday 24th 9.30am People of the Parish

Christ the King

11am Therese Burke (anniv)

12.30pm Holy Mass - Romanian

Intention for the week: Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of St Margaret of Scotland, who was a great lover of the poor. We ask St Margaret to teach us this same love. May we be like her, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless, the sick, the dying and the unborn. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 18 Nov – 24 Nov

Joseph Foot, Julia Dowling, Violet Williamson, Elizabeth Rendall, Bill Hinkins, William C Preston, Miss ER Chapman, Martin Shiel, Mrs Smith, Mrs C McCormack, Mrs K Kavanagh, William H Preston, William Howard, James P Connelly, Adrian Carroll, Winifred Pond, Mary Casey, Mrs B Dold, Joseph Saunders, John O'Sullivan, Doris Canitz, Kathleen Smith, Kathleen Benjamin, Elish Laar, Mary Gardiner, Joseph Daniel Buckley, Robert Heyman, Sophie Silcock, Philip Tracey.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 248.

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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.

School of Prayer

In order to pray deeply and grow in availability to the mission of Christ

<https://clicktopray.org/school-prayer>