

## PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Mary Bidnamrodi RIP

11.00am Mass Peter Robinson RIP

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Jane Reilly RIP

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Feria

7.30pm Mass Holy Souls

*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm*

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass People of the Parish

*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 4pm*

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Feria

No Mass

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – St John Chrysostom

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Private Intentions

*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm*

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Sick Members of Our Parish

*Confessions 10.00am and 5.00pm*

### TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Mary Eveling RIP

11.00am Mass John & Kathleen McCaffrey RIP

# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### Gospel Reflection – Luke 14:25-33: The Cost of Discipleship



Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey which culminates in Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead' (13th Sunday), the Parable of the Rich Fool (18th Sunday), 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded' (19th Sunday), 'Father against son, son against father' (20th Sunday), and now 'Hate father and mother' and

'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic (Hebrew/Aramaic) mode of expression (they would often use superlatives and rarely use comparatives), but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower by responding to Jesus' call. There is no turning back from the plough (13th Sunday); only pray for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.

Why does Jesus use such fierce language? What is the hardest thing about trying to be a disciple of Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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# Notices

**THIS SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY.** Today Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

Today's second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020** – The schedule of dates for the programme will be available next week. The first session for the children and parents will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am** in Our Lady's Hall (children) and St Peter's Hall (parents) with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Application forms are available at the back of the church; please either post it through the presebytery letterbox or hand in to the parish office by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH 2019/2020:** There will be an introductory meeting of the Journey of Faith Programme 2019/20 on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Our Lady's Hall. So, if you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or, if you are an adult Catholic who is yet to be confirmed, please do come along.

## **BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL:**

If you would like your child to be baptised, or if you are an adult who wishes to be baptised, please let Karen in the parish office know your contact details and Fr Mark will be in touch to arrange an appointment to meet with him.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The backlog of Mass Intentions has now cleared, If you would like Mass to be said for someone, or for any special intention, please complete a 'MASS INTENTION' envelope available from the porch, then simply hand the envelope into the parish office. PLEASE NOTE: it is possible that the date you have asked for may already be taken, in which case we will arrange for the Mass to be said on the nearest available date. By looking in the newsletter you can see when your Mass is coming up – intentions are always published one week in advance..

**MISSIO BOX COLLECTION:** The brown envelopes for all red Mission Box holders are now available in the sacristy. Please bring back by 22<sup>nd</sup> September and hand to any of the Missio collectors at the weekend masses. Alternatively the envelopes can be collected (see your envelope for details) or handed into the parish office.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:** If you are considering a place for your child at a Catholic secondary school in September 2020, the Certificates of Catholic Practice will be signed on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10.30am in the Parish Office.

**CALLING AMATEUR CALLIGRAPHERS:** We would dearly love to bring up to date the anniversary book which we have on display in church that was so beautifully kept by Maria Glavin. If you are able to do hand lettering, brush lettering or script lettering, italics or calligraphy, please speak to Karen in the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is an important part of the Parish life and has been running for at least 20 years. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for primary school children from Reception up to Y6 at the 11:00 am Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Volunteers are URGENTLY needed** to help lead the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and senior school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord. For more information or to get involved, contact the CLOW co-ordinator Jane Richards by email at jane.richards1966@gmail.com or call on 07708 333780.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Please note on the weekend of 21st/22nd September we will be producing a newsletter to cover three weekends (the next addition of the newsletter will be available 12/13 October). If you have any notices for the newsletter for this period, please hand them in or email them into the parish office by Sunday 15th September.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday there is a collection for Home Mission Sunday.

**STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS:** The 'Year of the God who Speaks', which runs from 2019-2020, is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales. Bishop Alan Williams will open the Year at the

Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 12th October. This will be followed by the launch of our renewed evangelisation website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) The main part of the day will be dedicated to two talks by Fr Adrian Graffy entitled 'Beginning with Genesis', which will provide a fresh reading of the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. Copies of the newly-published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR: DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD, FULL TIME POST.** Further details of the job are on the notice board in the porch. A full job description can be obtained by contacting [leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Application is by CV and covering letter to [leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Closing date for applications 8th September 2019. Interviews scheduled for week commencing 16th September 2019.

Collections:	Church Plate	Envelopes	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September 2019</b>	£318.97	£169.00	£487.97

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