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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th OCTOBER, 2023

Gospel: Matthew: 22:1-14

God is like a king who invites us to a banquet.

Many refuse their invitation.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

Saturday 14th October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Cliff Foxwell in Thanksgiving
10.00-11.00am Confessions
6.00pm Vigil Mass David & Elizabeth Spincer RIP

Sunday 15th October 2023 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Mass Mary Delaney, James (Junior) Hendrich & Matty Delaney RIP
5.00pm Holy Hour

Tuesday 17th October 2023 – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua
7.30pm Mass Joseph Rodgers RIP

Wednesday 18th October 2023 – ST LUKE, Evangelist FEAST DAY

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary John & Mary Bidamrodi RIP
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 19th October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass Father Mark Reilly

Friday 20th October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Members of the Smyth Family
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 21st October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary David & Elizabeth Spincer RIP
10.00am-11.00am Confessions
6.00pm Vigil Mass Paul Karol Grayston RIP

Sunday 22nd October 2023 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Mass Rachel Lunn RIP
5.00pm Holy Hour

The Synod on Synodality does not take away papal authority. But it includes the entire people of God.

To come to a richer understanding of the upcoming Synod on Synodality, it is helpful to recall that the tenure of Pope Francis is deeply rooted in his formation and experience as a member of the Society of Jesus. While now serving as bishop of Rome and universal shepherd, Pope Francis remains a faithful confrere of the Jesuit community whose mission is captured in the belief of its founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, that it is possible “to find God in all things.”

This belief is a reflection of the model of spirituality developed by St. Ignatius that is grounded in the ability to listen attentively to our experience as disciples of the Lord. Within that listening experience, one then “discerns the promptings of grace” brought about by the presence of the Holy Spirit, who helps us to discover the mysterious ways of the Lord amid the joys, blessings, sorrows and tragedies of life.

It is not insignificant that the verb “to discern” comes from the Latin word *discernere*, which carries the connotation of “to listen,” and more profoundly, to listen deeply and with care. In this profound and careful listening, we can distinguish the authentic call of divine grace from the distortions of our selfish egos and desires. Mary, the mother of God, is the lasting and finest model of this pattern of discernment—this deep listening to God’s call. At the Annunciation, she listens attentively as she attends to the angel’s invitation.

St. Luke captures the spirit of Mary’s discernment in his beautiful phrase: “She kept these things in her heart.” St. Thomas Aquinas notes that Mary demonstrates the true spirit of faith in her “pondering with assent.” Surely, we exercise this holy discernment when we too enter into this “pondering with assent,” not only in our personal response but in our communal response to the Lord’s call as well.

Within this rich theological heritage, it is clear that in the present moment, Pope Francis is calling us to be a truly listening church—a church of discernment. He invites all of the baptized, the entire Body of Christ, to engage in an ongoing process of discernment which he describes as the “synodal path.” The key to understanding what Pope Francis means by the term “synodal path,” is rooted in the Greek word *synodos*, defined by the pope as “traveling together on a common journey.”

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A community of discernment

The story of how the church in its earliest days addressed the challenge of welcoming new members into the company of disciples is richly instructive. The 15th chapter of Acts of the Apostles describes how the disciples, including Sts. Peter and Paul, wrestled with the issue of new, non-Jewish converts to the faith. Were these new members bound by the strictures of the Mosaic covenant, including the practice of circumcision? Or, was there a path, informed by grace, whereby the criteria for welcome and membership could be appropriately modified without compromising commitment to the authentic demands of the Gospel? After much deliberation and “deep listening,” accommodation was granted to our gentile ancestors in the faith.

We should be careful to note that the result of this deep discernment was not to overturn or depart from ancient tradition. Rather, it flowed from the Spirit-filled insight that rules and practices—essential for maintaining order and communion—must not be seen as ends in themselves but in service to the greater good of the whole. The results of this discernment also reveal how our ancestors in the church viewed the early Christian community: as incarnate, like its savior. The community dwells in time and space, and therefore it must confront the challenges of new realities while maintaining continuity with the authentic wisdom of its tradition.

For an incarnate church, this kind of careful and critical discernment is always necessary, as echoed in the writings of St. John Henry Newman. It was Newman who famously wrote about authentic development in doctrine, leaving us with that oft-quoted dictum: “In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

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Church teaching and synodality

Almost 11 years into the papacy of Pope Francis, certain signature themes have become clear. He has written powerfully of the importance of the grace of baptism for all Catholics. In doing so, he reminds us of the ecclesial vision of the Second Vatican Council, and specifically of its magnificent document on the church, “Lumen Gentium,” that we are a pilgrim people on a long journey together. The goal of our journey is to continue the work of Christ in building the kingdom of God.

Pope Francis has further stressed the magnanimous and merciful love of God that reaches out to those who are on the margins—the poor, the anguished, the distressed. In “Amoris Laetitia,” his beautiful meditation on marriage and family life, he emphasized that “no one can be lost forever.” He teaches us that the healing power of God’s mercy is extended to the “care for our common home,” the earth and all of creation that God has entrusted to us.

In his powerful encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si’,” Pope Francis notes that everything is connected. “Fratelli Tutti” centers on the theme that we are all “brothers and sisters,” and that this solidarity unites us in the search for truth and fidelity to the Gospel. Finally, he teaches that in embracing our solidarity in Christ we can experience the deep gladness of God’s love, a joy expounded in his apostolic exhortation, “Evangelii Gaudium.” To the observant eye, the attributes of synodality are present throughout each of these documents. Together, they point to an ancient path of communal discernment for the church to adopt once again in this critical age.

It is also worth noting that the Holy Father’s current call to synodality is in clear continuity with previous synods of the church. It was in 1965 that Pope St. Paul VI requested the establishment of a regular Synod of Bishops to keep alive the positive spirit of Vatican II. He viewed this approach as a perpetual means to serve the communion and collegiality of the world’s bishops with the Holy Father.

It is critical to recognize that synodality is not some novel idea, but rather, one that is deeply rooted in our Catholic tradition—witnessed as far back as those synods associated with St. Augustine, the Synods of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397).

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What synodality is not

While I have stressed above the blessings of synodality—a spiritual practice of authentic discernment—it is perhaps helpful also to note what synodality is not. It is not a political process in which there are winners and losers. We must not think of synodality as a power game whereby those with differing theological visions of the church and its mission contend for control and dominance. It is not a plebiscite whereby the doctrines and authentic Gospel teachings of the church are subjected to parliamentary debate for approval or disapproval.

Sadly, some in the church—bishops and prominent Catholic writers among them—have sowed seeds of dissension about the synodal path. Some contend

that synodality is a strategy to undermine the unity of the church in her teaching and worship. I find that to be an ahistorical caricature of synodality.

Pope Francis is not taking a wrecking ball to the church we love. Rather, he is acting as a universal pastor in calling upon each of the baptized to take responsibility for the mission of the church. He is urging us to go out to what he calls the “peripheries”—those places of material and spiritual brokenness that wound not only our brothers and sisters but the planet itself. The true goal of the synodal path today, as evidenced equally at the origins of the church, is greater discipleship and fidelity to Christ.

Perhaps such an approach requires each of us to move beyond our personal “comfort zones,” just as Acts of the Apostles records how St. Peter himself was challenged in his day. Indeed, the Gospel is a constant summons to ongoing conversion in our own lives, but it is also a summons to conversion in our collective lives as men and women of the church. In short, authentic discernment is critically necessary if we are to hear and respond to the Spirit speaking to us today, and the spiritual fruits of such discernment are nothing less than an asceticism of humble openness to the truth we might hear.

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Anchored in prayer and truth

Among the most important issues taken up by the bishops at Vatican II was one that is often overlooked today. That critical issue is the importance of governance, especially that governance of the church that flows from the relationship between the pope and the bishops of the church. The pope and the bishops together form a “college,” so that the wholeness or “catholicity” of the church in her faith, life, teaching and witness is preserved and celebrated in each local church.

In solidarity with the pope, each local bishop makes present the universal mission of the Gospel as it is lived in each local church. Dialogue and communication are essential for bishops to exercise their servant-leadership role on behalf of God’s people, always in communion with the pope, as reflected in the ancient and venerable principle, “*Ubi Petrus est, ibi est Ecclesia*,” “Where Peter is, there is the church.”

This principle of collegiality and dialogue is once again being extended in our time via the “synodal path.” Through the practice of synodality, the full membership of the baptized is allowed to exercise its baptismal calling by participating in a holy discernment. Synodality does not mean an erosion of the authority of the Holy Father—who retains the authority to maintain the unity of the church—or the

college of bishops in union with him. However, relying on the wisdom that emerges from the practice of discernment by the entire people of God in union with our Holy Father, that spiritual endeavor of deep listening found at the heart of the synodal path will ensure that decisions in the church are anchored in prayer and truth.

As we enter into this synodal journey, I suggest that we remember the “*Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus*” prayer (Latin for “We stand before you, Holy Spirit”). It is the prayer that began every session of Vatican II, and it was this prayer that was prayed before each of the listening sessions throughout the worldwide church in preparation for the upcoming synod. It is a prayer that implores the guidance of the Holy Spirit—calling upon the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we might be a community and a people of grace.



PARISH NEWS

Prayer Request

We pray as a community Parish for Norman Matthews, who is currently in Tel Aviv. May the love and strength of the Lord be with him and keep him safe. We also keep in our hearts and minds Norman’s family.

Second Collection – WORLD MISSION DAY (MISSIO)

Today is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church’s mission to share God’s love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio’s website to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.org.uk)

Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel– Wickford

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wickford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and additionally carry out some financial duties. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience.

Hours: 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org . Closing date for applications is 20th October 2023. Job description: Parish Administrator -Wickford (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

Sycamore Group - Strengthening our Faith - the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th October at 7:30pm** in St Peter’s hall. The format will be a short video by Bishop Robert Barron followed by a group discussion. These are engaging informal sessions, and all adults from the parish are welcome to join as many of the meetings as they would like.

Young People's Confirmation Programme 2023/24

If you are a young person who will be in Year 9 or above from September this year, and you would like to join the Confirmation programme here at Our Lady of Good Counsel starting in October, please send Fr Britto an email letting him know of your interest. Closing date for applications is 15th of October. Please email: wickford@brcdt.org

RCIA / Journey in Faith Programme:

We begin a new Journey of Faith programme with Fr Britto from October 2023. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories — i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one or just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on wickford@brcdt.org

We extend our warm and happy intentions to Cliff Foxwell, who is celebrating his 80th Birthday on Sunday the 14th of October. A very Happy Birthday from the People of Parish.



Diocesan News

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London - Divine Mercy Retreat

At Most Precious Blood and St Edmund Campion RC Church, 115 Hertford Road, Edmonton, London N9 7EN on Saturday 21 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm . The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

Assistant Headteacher Vacancy - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope. For more information see www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk. Application Deadline - **17th October 4pm**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Christian Leadership Formation programme

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society? The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, interpersonal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed. More information and applications via our new website www.christianleadershipformation.com, and please encourage your parishioners and contacts to follow us on Instagram ([@christianleadershipformation](https://www.instagram.com/christianleadershipformation)) for all the latest updates!

“AWAKE LONDON” A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 21st October 2023 from 2 pm to 5 pm led By Fr. David Waller 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.sehionuk.org/www.sehion.net). Free car parking available.

URSULINE SISTERS OF THE ROMAN UNION (ST ANGELA'S URSULINE SCHOOL, FOREST GATE & URSULINE SCHOOL, ILFORD): To mark the centenary (1923-2023) of the establishment of the English Province of the Ursuline Sisters (Roman Union) a new book *ROOTS AND SHOOTS* has been published: 172 pages with colour illustrations. To order a copy please send a donation of £12.50 (includes p&p) to Natasha Zammit, Ursuline Convent, 38 Grosvenor Road, Forest Gate, London E7 8JA (cheque payable to Ursuline Sisters) or email ursulinebook.ursuline@gmail.com to use BACS: Ursuline Provincialate a/c no.23135852 sort code 16-00-15.

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email GCNBall@gmail.com, or telephone 07795205117.

DM Pilgrimage to Knock 2023

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

VOLUNTARY TREASURER NEEDED

Do you have financial experience and a couple of hours per week to spare? If so, the National Justice and Peace Network would like to hear from you. Due to the sad passing of their Treasurer, they are now in urgent need of a new one. If you are looking for some voluntary work, and share their passion for social action, please email: - admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. The successful candidate will: • Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards • Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations • Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis • Deliver training • Participate in the formulation of local level education policy. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY – Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster

This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. A particular welcome is extended to any young catechists or young people (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

I warmly recommend all our catechists to attend this resources day please. Reserve your place now at www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish. The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Application forms can be

obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description can be viewed via our website Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us. Closing date for applications is 31th October 2023.

Advert for a Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

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- Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards
- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training
- Participate in the formulation of local level education policy.

Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator

A successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work) Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience) Contract is a fixed 3 year. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi November 4th– 11th November 2024. Spiritual Director Fr Dan Mason.

This Pilgrimage will include a Papal Audience, a tour of the English college, a visit to Vatican museum and the Sistine Chapel, with some free time in the pretty town of Orvieto. The Assisi trip includes the Basilica of Francis of Assisi, the Basilica of Santa Chiara plus a guided tour of Sienna. There will be plenty free time and many more places to see. All enquiries should be made to Lee Robinson 01277 652358

Canon Patrick Sammon RIP: Sale of Books and CDs

Over the last few weeks, the late Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2 PR (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am & 6.30pm) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr Pat, to have a memento via books and CDs, £1 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

BCYS YOUTH MASS

YOUTH MASS takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

BCYS YOUTH GATHER – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island

Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on "The Voice" (many

will remember her from Flame in March!) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jonathan Fabri, Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Danny Curtis, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, Valerie Robinson, Nelly Prada, Michael Fitzgerald, May and Chris Carey, Doreen Green, Conrad Gomes, Peter Turner, Sr. Sior Cosgrave Una, Clairin Molloy, Celine Wells, Patricia Graves and Keith Bottjer.

Anniversaries – We pray for: Canon Roderick Grant, Henry O'Shaughnessy, Ivy Garcia, John Molloy, Geoffrey Marshall, Mgr. Christopher Creede, Louis Dellar, Albert Kester, Augustine Marie, Richard Butler, Anne Borbone, Paula Wilmitzler, Hanorah Desmond, Fr. Bernard Clay, Frederick Woznica, Violet Sharp, Timothy Hockley, Florence Armstrong, Max Scheibl, Thomas Wade, Dermot Moore, Patrick Power, May Morrice, Thomas Chaplin, Katie Hayden, Teresa Matthews, Maud Day, Margaret Osborne, Mary Leonard.



PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.