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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2023

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**Gospel: Matthew: 21:33 -43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit."

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public**

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Our Lady of the Rosary

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Patrick Doherty RIP  
10.00-11.00am Confessions  
6.00pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Mass John Mongan RIP  
11.00am Mass Gabrielle and Brian Levin RIP  
5.00pm Holy Hour

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Feria

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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Joseph Rodgers RIP  
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Rel

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass Joseph Rogers RIP

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary George O'Rourke  
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Feria

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

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

## Synod on Synodality - Rome : October 4-29, 2023



Today the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality with a Mass in St. Peter's Square with the synod delegates and new cardinals that he created over the weekend.

The word "synod" is not a familiar word for many of us. And therefore, trying to understand what a Synod on Synodality is has felt like a tautological puzzle for a lot of Catholic observers.

I have spent the better part of the past two years trying to understand what synodality is. Today, it finally started to click.

From my vantage point, I was struck by the procession at the beginning of Mass. Here was the church: The synod delegates, with the lay people leading the way, walked in a long line through the square toward the altar. *Walking together.*

It is one thing to be told that the meaning of synod is to walk together. It was another thing to actually see it, and to see it with a perspective that I've never had before. Perhaps if I were somewhere else, my eyes would have fluttered from person to person as they walked by, without giving a thought to the wider group. So today, I am grateful for the broad, long view.

"Let us walk together: humble, fervent and joyful," Pope Francis said during his homily. And while we're walking together, let's not forget to take the broader view from time to time.

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It's a busy time here in Rome, and there's a lot worthy of your attention. I'll point to a couple of them here:

- You can read Pope Francis' homily in full from the Mass today here.
- Today, Pope Francis also released "Laudate Deum," a follow-up to his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It's an urgent call to all Catholics to prioritize climate change.
- Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., delivered a series of meditations to the synod delegates while they were on retreat. Lucky for us, they've been made available to the public. You can read them here:
  - Meditation n. 1: 'Hoping against hope'
  - Meditation n. 2: 'At home in God and God at home in us'
  - Meditation n. 3: 'Friendship'
  - Meditation n. 4: 'Conversation on the way to Emmaus'
  - Meditation n. 5: 'Authority'
  - Meditation n. 6: 'The Spirit of Truth'

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## Pope Francis' homily opening the Synod on Synodality

October 04, 2023

The Gospel we have just heard is preceded by the account of a difficult moment in Jesus' mission, which we might call one of "pastoral desolation." John the Baptist doubts that Jesus is really the Messiah; so many cities he passed through, despite the wonders he performed, were not converted; people accuse him of being a glutton and a drunkard, whereas they had just complained about the Baptist because he was too austere (cf. Mt 11:2-24). Yet we see that Jesus does not let himself be overcome by sadness, but instead lifts his eyes to heaven and blesses the Father for he has revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom of God to the simple: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to infants" (Mt 11:25). In the moment of desolation, then, Jesus has a gaze capable of seeing beyond: he praises the wisdom of the Father and is able to discern the good that grows unseen, the seed of the Word welcomed by the simple, the light of the Kingdom of God that shows the way even in the night.

Dear brother Cardinals, brother Bishops, sisters and brothers, we are at the opening of the General Assembly of the Synod. Here we do not need a purely natural vision, made up of human strategies, political calculations or ideological battles. We are not here to carry out a parliamentary meeting or a plan of reformation. No. We are here to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed. So let us start from the gaze of Jesus, which is a blessing and welcoming gaze.

It is, first of all, a gaze that blesses. Though having experienced rejection and having seen around him so much hardness of heart, Christ does not let himself be imprisoned by disappointment, he does not become bitter, he does not cease to praise; his heart, founded on the primacy of the Father, remains serene even in the storm.

This gaze of the Lord that blesses also invites us to be a church that, with a glad heart, contemplates God's action and discerns the present. And which, amid the sometimes-agitated waves of our time, does not lose heart, does not seek ideological loopholes, does not barricade itself behind

preconceived notions, does not give in to convenient solutions, does not let the world dictate its agenda. This is the spiritual wisdom of the church, summarized with serenity by Saint John XXIII:

**"It is necessary first of all that the church should never depart from the sacred patrimony of truth received from the Fathers. But at the same time, she must ever look to the present, to the new conditions and new forms of life introduced into the modern world which have opened new avenues to the Catholic apostolate"** (Address for the Solemn Opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 11 October 1962).

Jesus' gaze that blesses invites us to be a church that does not face today's challenges and problems with a divisive and contentious spirit but, on the contrary, turns its eyes to God who is communion and, with awe and humility, blesses and adores him, recognizing him as its only Lord. We belong to him and – let us remember – we exist only to bring him to the world. As the Apostle Paul told us, we have no other "glory except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal 6:14). This is enough for us; he is enough for us. We do not want earthly glory; we do not want to make ourselves attractive in the eyes of the world, but to reach out to it with the consolation of the Gospel, to bear witness to God's infinite love, in a better way and to everyone. Indeed, as Benedict XVI said, precisely when speaking to a synod assembly, **"the question for us is this: God has spoken, he has truly broken the great silence, he has shown himself, but how can we communicate this reality to the people of today, so that it becomes salvation?"** (Meditation, First General Congregation of the XIII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 8 October 2012).

This is the fundamental question. And this is the primary task of the Synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity. A Church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A Church that has God at its center and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally. This is how Jesus wants the church, his Bride, to be.

2. After reflecting on the gaze that blesses, let us now look at the welcoming gaze of Christ. While those who think themselves wise fail to recognize the work of God, Jesus rejoices in the Father because he reveals himself to the little ones, the simple, the poor in spirit. Consequently, throughout his life, he takes on this welcoming gaze toward the weakest, the suffering and the discarded. To them in particular, he addresses the words we heard: “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28).

This welcoming gaze of Jesus also invites us to be a welcoming Church. In such a complex time as ours, new cultural and pastoral challenges emerge that call for a warm and kindly inner attitude so that we can encounter each other without fear. In synodal dialogue, in this beautiful “journey in the Holy Spirit” that we are making together as the People of God, we can grow in unity and friendship with the Lord in order to look at today’s challenges with his gaze; **to become, using a fine expression of Saint Paul VI, a church that “makes itself a conversation”** (Encyclical Letter *Ecclesiam suam*, 65).

**A Church “with a gentle yoke” (cf. Mt 11:30), which does not impose burdens and which repeats to everyone: “Come, you who are weary and oppressed, come, you who have lost your way or feel far away, come, you who have closed the doors to hope: the church is here for you! Tutti, tutti, tutti! (Everyone, everyone, everyone!)”**

3. Brothers and sisters, holy People of God, in the face of the difficulties and challenges that lie ahead, the blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid Church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm Church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired Church, turned in on itself.

Let us walk together: humble, fervent and joyful. Let us walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi, the saint of poverty and peace, the “fool of God” who bore in his body the stigmata of Jesus and, in order to clothe himself with him, stripped himself of everything. Saint Bonaventure relates that while he was praying, the Crucified One said to him, **“Go and repair my church”** (Legenda major, II, 1).

The Synod serves to remind us of this: **our Mother the church is always in need of purification, of being “repaired”, for we are a people made up of forgiven sinners, always in need of returning to the source that is Jesus and putting ourselves back on the paths of the Spirit to reach everyone with his Gospel.** Francis of Assisi, in a time of great struggles and divisions, between temporal and religious powers, between the institutional Church and heretical currents, between Christians and other believers, did not criticize or lash out at anyone. He took up only the weapons of the Gospel: humility and unity, prayer and charity. Let us do the same!

And if God’s holy people with their shepherds from all over the world have expectations, hopes and even some fears about the Synod we are beginning, let us continue to remember that it is not a political gathering, but a convocation in the Spirit; not a polarized parliament, but a place of grace and communion. The Holy Spirit often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativity. Let us open ourselves to him and call upon him, the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. And let us walk with him, in trust and with joy.





## **PARISH NEWS**

### **Prayer Request**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Jonathan Fabri, who has suddenly been taken ill into hospital. We pray that Jonathan, his wife, and their two daughters, are kept safe in the Love and Strength of the Lord at this difficult time.

### **Second Collection – CAFOD Family Fast Day**

There will be second collections for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Our Parish is urgently looking to appoint an administrator which will also include some financial work. This will be 16hrs, Monday-Friday. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org).

Closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Please email: [wickford@brcdt.org](mailto: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](mailto:wickford@brcdt.org)

### **Secondary School Applications**

Father Britto will meet with prospective Secondary School Candidates for two consecutive weeks - Wednesday's 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

### **Missio Red Box holders and supporters of Missio**

The Autumn edition of the Mission Today magazine is now available for collection in the church porch.

This edition focuses on World Mission Sunday which takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The magazine includes a prayerful reflection for each day of October and features this year's World Mission Sunday campaign – the work of Missionary Sister Mary in Kibera, Kenya – the largest urban 'slum' in Africa. There are extra copies available - if anyone is interested in supporting the work of Missio please take one.

### **Wickford Foodbank (Joint Churches Venture)**

The members are seeking help as numbers of people requiring assistance remains high. Stocks of essential items such as tinned meat, baked beans, potatoes, jam, fruit and cereals are low. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.



## **Diocesan News**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk)

### **Management Accountant – Cathedral House, Brentwood**

The Diocese of Brentwood is looking to appoint a management accountant to work at Cathedral House to support the Finance Team. The candidate must have experience working in a similar role and accountancy qualifications. The post will be full time (35 hours of work) although part time may be considered. Closing date is 12 October 2023. CV and covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact the HR department email [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

### **Site Manager- Cathedral House**

The successful applicant will identify and carry out effectively, routine and reactive maintenance tasks, regular health and safety checks and other general duties associated with the management of buildings and grounds comprising the Cathedral House and the Brentwood Parish. The candidate will also be responsible for cleaning duties at Cathedral House. Hours: 35 hours per week Salary: £23,000 - £27,000 p/a depending on experience. Start Date: ASAP. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org). Closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **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](mailto:victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### **Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping**

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (hours of work to be discussed) this is a one-year fixed term contract that may be extended or made permanent. Salary range £12.00 to £15.00 per hour depending on experience. Closing date is noon on 10th October 2023. Please send your CV by email to [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com)

### **Parish Secretary – St Edmund of Canterbury– Loughton**

The Parish of St Edmund of Canterbury in Loughton is looking for a Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the Parish. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. Hours: 10 hours per week working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org) . Closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Job description: Parish Secretary-Loughton (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

**CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) - Closing date for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Headteacher- St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon**

Required from 1st January 2023. Group 2: L11-L17 (Starting salary based on experience). NOR: 210 (1 form entry). St Francis: 210.

The Governors of Christ The King Federation are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. This is following the impending retirement of our highly respected current Executive Headteacher. St Joseph's and St Francis are caring, friendly and highly successful school communities whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that they do. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of St Francis School, and will be responsible for day-to-day leadership and management, leading a team that strives together for the good of every single child. Applications are invited from Head Teachers, Heads of School, Deputy Head Teachers or Assistant Head Teachers with outstanding leadership experience.

Deadline for applications: **4:00 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our schools, please speak with the School Business Manager Elizabeth Chapman at [admin@st-francisc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-francisc.essex.sch.uk) for more information. Application packs are available at [finance@st-francisc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:finance@st-francisc.essex.sch.uk) and completed applications should be sent to this address.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:frdanielkelly@brcdt.org). Closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi November 4<sup>th</sup>– 11<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 Patrick Bolggr, Celine Marguerite Wright, Fr Alfred Clements, Gordon Digby, Gabrielle Lavin, Alfred Himpfen, Maura Pearson, Kathleen O'Mahoney, Rosamund Fearn, Daniel Collins, Brian Lavin, Ernest Haverland, Louisa Lupson, Fr. John Dempsey, John Hanrahan, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Winifred Wilcox, Mary Gerlach, Canon Roderick Grant, Henry O'Shaughnessy, Ivy Garcia, John Molloy, Geoffrey Marshall, Mgr. Christopher Creede.



## **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.

