



# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass Nora Boyle Birthday Remembrance  
 10.00am Confessions  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Kathleen & Edward Doherty RIP

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass Roger Buxton Smith RIP  
 11.00am Mass Phil Payne RIP  
 5.00pm Holy Hour

## Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – St Therese of the Child Jesus, V, D

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua  
 7.30pm Evening Mass Elizabeth Sweeney RIP

## Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 –The Holy Guardian Angels

9.00am Morning Mass Christina Elliot 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions  
 9.30am Holy Rosary  
 10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass Billy Sweeney RIP  
 9.30am Holy Rosary  
 10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Friday 04<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – St Francis of Assisi (Harvest Fast Day)

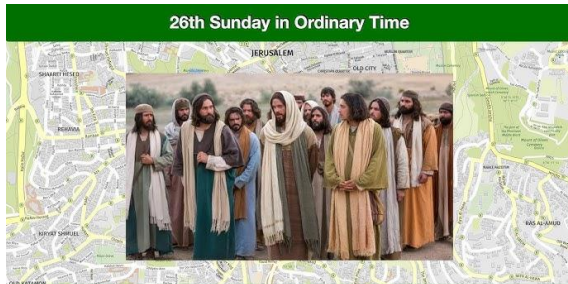
9.00am Morning Mass Anne & Joseph Callaghan RIP  
 9.30am Holy Rosary  
 10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass Bella Hernandez Thanksgiving  
 10.00am Confessions  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Pauline & Christopher Muthike RIP

## Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass Dennis Norman RIP  
 11.00am Mass Gammell Family RIP – Dan, James, Tony, Thomas & James Senior  
 5.00pm Holy Hour



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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### The Inclusive Spirit

In the first reading, we hear how the Lord provided Moses with assistance by bestowing some of the spirit that was on him onto seventy elders. The assistance relieved Moses of some of the burden of leading the people. When Moses' faithful assistant Joshua sees two people prophesying who weren't present at the official ceremony where God's spirit was bestowed, he demands that Moses stop them from prophesying. But Moses tells Joshua that he wishes all God's people would receive the Spirit & assume prophetic leadership.

Live by the law of the Lord. Live prophetically. Yet do not live afraid to ask for God's mercy. We all have areas in our lives where we need to ask God's to forgiveness & seek to change. Such is the life of a disciple who desires to proclaim Jesus in every act. May we lead by example, praising God & turning to God for mercy for those times we did not live prophetically by the Lord's law, as we begin the liturgy.

Jesus' disciples echo Joshua's concerns. They see someone driving out demons in Jesus' name, & they try to stop him because he is not one of Jesus' disciples. But Jesus echoes Moses' reply. Nobody should be prevented from invoking the power of Jesus' name to drive out demons wherever they may be.

The next part of Jesus' instruction turns to the seriousness of either causing a "little one" to sin or allowing persistent sin in one's life to cause an eternal stumble. He tells them to take anything in their lives that causes them to sin – no matter how precious that thing may be – and to get rid of it so that it cannot lead them away from God. He might have told them to be like David, who in Psalm 19 searches himself carefully & asks God to cleanse him even from unknown faults.

James' hearers, on the other hand, have ignored Jesus' instructions. They have clung to their wealth, even though their gold has caused them to commit injustices: they have withheld wages & even committed murder. They should have cast aside their wealth lest it corrupt them & turn them away from God. Instead, James warns them that their condemnation is at hand.

## PARISH NEWS

### CAFOD

We are delighted to have a speaker, Siliva Lanz speak about Family Fast Day this Sunday on the 29<sup>th</sup> after our masses.

Family Fast Day is **on Friday the 04<sup>th</sup> of October**; Kindly collect a CAFOD envelope in the porch should you wish to donate to this cause; all donations will be collected on **Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> of October**.



This is Daniel, a 21-year-old carpenter from Goma, in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Daniel, like many young people in Goma, has faced big challenges. Ongoing instability in the DRC, and poor infrastructure, makes it difficult to get a good education or find work. But Daniel took an opportunity to participate in carpentry classes run by CAJED, CAFOD's local partner in Goma. Thanks to the donations of CAFOD supporters like you, Daniel learned how to make furniture. He now has a small workshop and makes tables, chairs, and doors that he sells in his local community.

Daniel is carving out a better future for himself and his family, standing as a sign of hope for other young people in Goma. Give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

### Applications Forms 2024

For those who wish to have your children receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year, forms are available in the front porch should you wish to join – once done, please drop your form off at our Parish Office – all forms should be returned by **the 30<sup>th</sup> of September**.

### Teas & Coffees

There will be teas and coffees after the 11am Mass on **Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October**. All are welcome!

### 100 Club Winners – September

Congratulations to our winners of this month's 100 Club Draw!

**1<sup>st</sup> place – Lauren Cardoza-Smith Winning £48.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place – Patricia Smyth winning £29.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place - Gerard Smyth winning £20.00**

Thank you all for your ongoing participation!

### Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass.

Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

### Blessings of Graves

On **Saturday the 02<sup>nd</sup> of November**, if you would like any family members graves to be blessed, kindly contact the Parish office or speak with Fr. Britto after mass to book in a time that will be suitable for you before the mentioned date above.

God Bless.

### School Forms (Secondary)

Those who wish to have your School Forms signed (entry to secondary), Fr. Britto is available after all 11AM masses in the whole of October.

Kindly wait in the little chapel for Fr. Britto to complete his meeting of parishioners as they leave.

### World Food Day

On **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October at 1:00pm**, we hope that you will join us as we celebrate food from around the world and ask you to bring a food dish from your country of origin to share with our parish family.

Please do still attend even if you are not able to cook or transport any food.

Previously we have shared snack food, main courses and desserts, so please bring what you can.

Teas, coffee & soft drinks will be served.

We have a pleasant lunch & chat, any songs, dances, music or national costume from around the world is also welcome.

Please complete the signup sheet at the back of church if attending and also if bringing a dish to share or speak to one of the social committee or office if any questions.



### Music, Liturgy and Prayer Evenings

A little while ago some of us wanted to learn some new hymns of praise and prayer and we've now agreed it would be fitting to bring this into the church, rather than just continue singing them in the hall.

So! If you are interested, here is an open invitation to you to join us on a Friday evening, once a month, for one hour between 7pm and 8pm. This will begin on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.00pm in the church**.

Our parish family is made up of different cultures and music and it would be terrific if we could include them in our parish celebrations. So, if you have a favourite hymn or praise you might like us to learn for the future, please let me know so that it can be included. We hope it may inspire many of you to come along. It is for just one hour a month.

Please save the date:

That's **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm here in the church**.

God bless,  
Chris Tisi

### New Altar Servers

We are delighted to have new altar servers coming on board and would love to encourage all those who have now received their First Holy Communion to come forward.

Will all parents of altar servers new or longer standing, please collect relevant paperwork from Amanda as our Safeguarding representative, or Father Britto. This is to be completed for each child. If you have any queries, please contact her at [Amandapelham@rocketmail.com](mailto:Amandapelham@rocketmail.com).

We will be looking to get our altar servers together before Christmas for a small gathering and to share some pizza and also planning a special Guild of St Stephen's mass for them early in the new year.

### Repository – Red Candles

The repository respectfully requests that all red candles in the chapel are paid for before they are used/taken.

The large nine-day Novena candles are £5 each, and the small sixty-hour devotional candles are £3 each.

Please place your monies in the box attached to the candle holder in the chapel. Thank you.

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jonathan Fabri, Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, 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, 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, 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, Robert Turner, Patricia Price, George Ross, Frank Daniels, Geoff Ebdon, Peter Griggs, Joan Fitzgerald, Sandra Fitzgerald, Maureen Sullivan.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Thomas Cloonan, Margaret Chandler, Fr. Bernard Wakeling, Ellen Reed, Henry Gerald McGill, Fr. Jude Mkhomeni, Fr. Jack Donovan, Pauline Hinds, Canon William O'Neill, Evelyn Payne, Brian McClory, George Lawrence, Fr. Michael Hopkins, William Clarke, James Wynn, Bernard Russell, Frances Lyons, Shiela Butler, Fr. Henry Nealy, Fr. David Logue.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 1. Events:

#### **ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6.00-8.00 P.M.**

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2025. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

#### **Art Exhibition**

The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of art work by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinsons Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

#### **St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Open mornings**

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2025 intake, to an Open Morning on the following dates:  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.  
Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

#### **Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith.

Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

#### **Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm**

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Next date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

#### **“Made for a Purpose” – Year 13 Residential Retreat, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Weds 9th – Friday 11th October.**

Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next.

This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood, For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Visit [www.bcys.net/events/year13](http://www.bcys.net/events/year13) for more information and to apply.

#### **Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm**

With guest speakers, new workshops, exciting resources and fresh ideas.

Open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including First Holy Communion / Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy, especially any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.

#### **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**

#### **Catechist Training and Resources Day**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 3pm**

**Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Queen's Road, Brentwood**

## Speakers \* Workshops \* Resources \* Ideas

**We would like to invite anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, to join us for our annual Catechist Training and Resources Day run by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.**

This includes, but is not limited to, all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy,

**We would particularly like to welcome any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.**

During the day we will be joined by national charities and organisations, hear from guest speakers, share exciting opportunities, have resources and information available to take away with you, as well as a chance to meet and share with fellow catechists and youth leaders.

For more information, including a proposed timetable for the day, please visit [www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024)  
*Please note we are using a different venue this year – Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Queen's Road, Brentwood.*

**To reserve your place for this FREE event, please email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org) (or reply to this email) with the following information of each person attending;**

Full Name

Role (First Holy Communion Catechist / Young Catechist / Confirmation Catechist / etc)

Parish name and town

Email Address

### **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)**

has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk). The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift

Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

### **CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE**

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Easy access from A12 Gallows Corner, and from M25. There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

### **FLAME 2025 "Unstoppable" – Fan the Flame of Hope**

Although it may feel like months away, we are excited to be preparing for Flame in March 2025, following on from the incredible experience that 1000 young people from the Brentwood Diocese had at the event earlier this year.

Once again, the BCYS will purchase a block of early bird tickets on behalf of the Diocese, to enable us to allocate seats together, in a very desirable area as close to the front as possible.

**These early bird tickets are £29 each, a saving of £5 per ticket on the full price of £34, and will be purchased in January, which is why we are asking for your ticket requests now!**

### **Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre – St Patrick's Way Pilgrimage 2025**

The Community is organising a pilgrimage on 22-27 April 2025. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick's Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers.

If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way->

[april-2025/](#) or email [projects@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:projects@canonesses.co.uk). Closing date: 10 May 2024.

## **2. Programmes:**

### **Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry**

is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

### **'BISHOP ALAN LISTENS' RESEARCH REPORT**

Understanding why Catholics in the Diocese of Brentwood no longer come to Church.

Last summer Bishop Alan invited Catholics who no longer regularly come to Church to get in touch so that he could seriously listen to their stories and experiences and begin to understand why so many Catholics no longer feel as though they belong in the Church.

This report presents a moving and challenging insight into how our Church and the covid-19 pandemic have contributed to a movement away from a regular practice of faith for many Catholics and offers our Church a rich repository of wisdom that might enhance and inform our ongoing journey of renewal in the diocese.

Thank you to all those who so generously and thoughtfully participated in this research. Please share this link/report with those whom you know have participated in this research. Go to the home page of <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/> to see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard.

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION**

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and click on the link.

## **3. Appeals:**

### **Caritas Diocese of Brentwood**

In the Gospel narratives, we hear of the family displaced from their home, finding solace in a humble stable, cradling their newborn amidst the simplicity of their surroundings. This Holy Family, vulnerable yet resilient, resonates profoundly, urging us to reach out to those facing hardships during this Advent season. It prompts us to remember that amidst the festivities, there are individuals and families across Essex and East London experiencing great difficulties, requiring our support, kindness, and care. Numerous charitable organisations persist in their efforts to aid the most vulnerable in our communities, and they rely on our collective support. Please visit the Caritas website to access links to the many charities in need of generosity and volunteers.

[Caritas Diocese of Brentwood \(caritasbrentwood.org\)](http://Caritas Diocese of Brentwood (caritasbrentwood.org))

### **CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

## **4. Job adverts:**

### **Bookkeeper– St John Payne, Greenstead**

St John Payne parish in Greenstead is looking for a bookkeeper to provide finance/bookkeeping (as well as some admin) support to the parish. The candidate should have finance experience, hold good communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for three hours per week and the rate of pay is the real living wage.

Closing date is 2 October 2024.

Full job description: [Book keeper – Greenstead](#) please visit [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply please send your CV and cover letter by email to Fr Alex at [greenstead@brcdt.org](mailto:greenstead@brcdt.org)

## Vacancies for Foundation Governors

have arisen at several Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

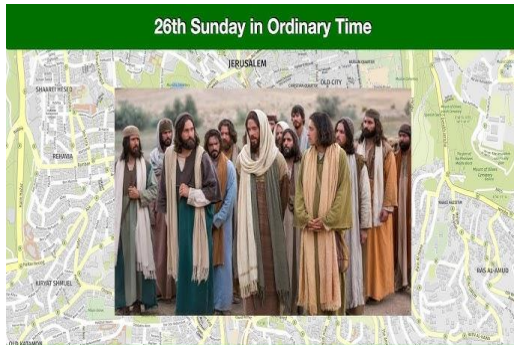
The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community.

Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration.

Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [governanceappointments@brcdt.org](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org) or call: 01277 265216.



## This week's Article:



# Pope to young economists: 'Love will change the economy, not power'

Pope Francis urges young people of the "Economy of Francesco" to transform the economy through love, witness, and hope, rather than power or wealth.

**By Francesca Merlo**

Pope Francis on Wednesday welcomed a delegation of "The Economy of Francesco," a movement of young economists working to shape a new economic paradigm, one rooted in the Gospel, driven by love, and conscious of the wounds of our world.

Throughout his pontificate, the Pope has consistently called for an economy that prioritises human dignity over profit.

## **Change comes from love**

Addressing the delegates in the Vatican, he expressed how he sees in the young people the hope for such a transformation. “You won’t change it just by becoming ministers, Nobel laureates, or great economists,” he warned. “You will change it above all by loving it, in the light of God.”

Pope Francis spoke about the figure of St. Francis of Assisi, to whom the Economy of Francesco is dedicated, calling him an example for today’s youth.

“St. Francis was the son of a merchant,” the Pope reminded them. “He knew both the strengths and weaknesses of that world.” Yet, through his love for the poor and for creation, St. Francis gave “a new impulse to the development of the economy,” one that Pope Francis called young people to emulate.

The Pope also noted that the key to transforming the economy is not through the corridors of power, but through the simple act of witness.

“It is not the great and the powerful who change the world for the better: love is the first and greatest factor of change,” he said. Quoting the economist Blessed Giuseppe Toniolo, Pope Francis emphasised that salvation would come not from a “diplomat, scholar, or hero, but a saint, or rather, a society of saints.”

## **A new generation of witnesses**

Pope Francis went on to urge the young people present to live their ideals with coherence, as a form of testimony to others.

“If you want other young people to approach the economy with your ideals... it will be your life witness that attracts them,” he told the young people.

However, Pope Francis also highlighted the challenges that young people will likely face. The challenges, he said, are immense. He mentioned long-running and modern wars, the arms industry, and the growing threats to democracy. He also asked young people not to be overwhelmed by these challenges.

“Perhaps, at times, you feel like you are ‘fighting against windmills,’” he acknowledged, quoting Don Quixote. Yet, he reassured them: “Do not be afraid. God will help you, and the Church will not leave you alone.”

## **A message of courage and hope**

Bringing his address to a close, Pope Francis invited the young people of the Economy of Francesco to focus on three aspects of life: “Be witnesses, do not be afraid, and hope tirelessly.”

“It’s not easy,” he said, adding that it is actually “very difficult.” But, the Pope assured them, “Your life will flourish, and you will have wonderful stories to tell your children and grandchildren.”

“I am with you, I accompany you, and I bless you.”