

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR ~ Sunday 15 November

Pope Francis writes, "Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need?" This is a challenge for us all; today is a day to think and pray about the many works of charity in our parish and the Diocese. You may be inspired to volunteer, or know someone in need of help – have a look at www.caritasbrentwood.org To read Pope Francis' message for today go to www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-gionatamondiale-poveri-2020.html

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

At the moment, the Foodbank could do with these items: Tins of: custard, rice pudding, sponge puddings, fruit, potatoes, fish. Tomato ketchup, instant coffee, teabags, instant mash, long-life fruit juice, dried rice, biscuits, chocolate. Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo. *They have plenty of the following:* pasta, baked beans, soups, cereals.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please put them through the letter box at Church House.

SUPPORTERS OF MISSIO – a message from Kate Welcome

Many thanks to all those who have contributed recently to Missio. I appreciate fully the difficult circumstances many of us are in during this most challenging of times. I have been notified by Missio that an end of year total needs to be submitted before Christmas, therefore I must tally and bank contributions you have so kindly made by Friday 18th December. Any monies can be given to me or put in an envelope and posted through the letterbox at the Church House. Alternatively, you may wish to donate by direct debit to Missio. Their contact details are: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU, Telephone 020-7821 97855, redbox@missio.org.uk Missio also accept Mass Intentions. Missio calendars are available at the back of our Church. Please be assured every penny counts towards supporting needy communities in countries such as The Philippines, South Africa and Myanmar. Thank you for your support which demonstrates your kindness and a willingness to continue the work which Jesus began in his own ministry by both prayer and action.

CHURCH REPOSITORY a message from Michael Chadwick

At this time in November we would normally have Christmas cards, Christmas candles, calendars, etc., on sale after all weekend Masses. If the current lockdown ends on 2nd December as promised by the Government, and Holly Mass can be celebrated from that date, then we will have Christmas cards, etc., on sale in the Church Porch after all Masses over the weekend of 5th/6th December and for the following 2 weeks. There are a number of boxed cards over from last year, reduced from £3.50 to £2.50 for 16/18 cards per box.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 22nd November

Next weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. St John Paul II said, "In the Church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow" and Pope Francis speaks about the "creativity and audacity" of the young. Since March our Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to www.bcys.net. Donations: This year, in addition to lost retreat income, the lack of congregations at Mass will dramatically affect the second collection that usually takes place – please give a donation to support the BCYS via the website www.bcys.net/donate or post a cheque to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service" through the letterbox at Church House and we will pass it on.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Anthony Long.

The only weeks left in 2021 are: 10 April and 5 June.

The new light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the donor.

It is also possible to contribute to the upkeep of the light in the new Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch, should you wish to do so.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

14-15 November 2020



Due to the lockdown imposed by the Government all public acts of worship are suspended.

We offer this leaflet as an aid to personal prayer and reflection - it includes some of the readings and prayers from today's liturgy.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN
every morning for private prayer:
9.00 am to 12 noon.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

During this second Lockdown, churches are allowed to open for individual, private prayer. Our church is open from 9.00 am to 12 noon every day. The Chapel of Saint Joseph is nearing completion and worth paying a visit to light a candle and say a prayer. Our thanks to all who have worked so hard to create it and for the generous contributions to the Memorial Fund.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions that had been arranged for the next few weeks will be held over until public worship is permitted once more and they can be re-scheduled.

Prayers and Readings

Opening Prayer

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Psalm

Psalm 127

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.
Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.
Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

I Thess 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him,

"You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Intercessions

That the Church may neither hide its gifts nor shrink from taking risks,
but use creatively the talents the Master has entrusted to it. *We pray to the Lord.*

That nations may prize and seek wisdom as well as material prosperity. *We pray to the Lord.*

That whenever natural disasters strike, the community of Christians
may respond with generous assistance. *We pray to the Lord.*

That those in our community who are dying may look forward with confidence
to the coming of Christ and the reward of their patience. *We pray to the Lord.*

That those who rejoiced in God's gifts in this life may enter into the joy of the Master.
We pray to the Lord.

Spiritual Communion

An act of Spiritual Communion written by St Alphonsus Ligouri.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we, who call on you in our need,
may at your prompting discern what is right,
and by your guidance do it.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

14-20 Nov: Kathleen Hart, Margaret Hughes, John Greene, Liam Greene, Ronald Brown, Kathleen Peat, Patrick Callaghan, Thomas Moran, Fred Golding, Ben Tully and Rene Montrose.