

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Confessions: See note inside newsletter



Saturday 3rd October / Sunday 4th October 2026
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Dear parishioners,

This weekend Jesus speaks to us through the image of a vineyard. The vineyard reminds us of all that God has lovingly entrusted to us our faith, our families, our parish community, our gifts and the opportunities we have each day to serve others.

As members of the Church, we are called not only to receive God's love, but to let that love bear fruit in our lives. Through kindness, forgiveness, generosity, prayer and care for one another, we can help God's Kingdom grow among us. As we begin this new month of October we turn to Our Blessed Mother. The whole month is dedicated to her and I encourage you to particularly pray the rosary during October.

This last week it was wonderful to see Pope Leo in France. The huge crowds of people attending Mass and spending time in prayer with the Holy Father was incredible. As he made his way to Lourdes he gave this message to all pilgrims and it is something we can take to heart. He said "Do not be afraid of the storms of the world, for the holy Mother of God watches over your journey, she shelters the Church beneath her mantle of tenderness and, as the radiant Morning Star, guides your steps, so that with joy she may bring you to new birth in the very life of her Son Jesus. Amen.

Have a blessed week.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

God bless

Fr. Michael

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West, Betty Sheehan, Sharon Jennings, Jean Carroll, Mary Maher, Nastassja Williamson, Peter Leech, Peter Milden, Eric Coyle, Fr Bill and Mick Wetton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Georgette Hull, Tom McGuile, Winifred Rolfe, June Barrett, Rose Clarke, Sally Norman, Andrew Burford, Bert Mullane, Kazimierz Dobrowolski, John Money, John Brock, Alice McGough, Milagros Malata, Dennis Gale, Mgr. Michael McKenna, Mary Rumbold, Derek Sadd, Colleen De Souza, Ahnieszka Sinka and Eileen Woulfe.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a second collection for “**Harvest Fast Day**” (CAFOD). Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Gift Aider’s, please use your second collection envelopes.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend (10th/11th October), there will be a second collection for “**Prisoners’ Sunday**”. Prisoners’ Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Gift Aider’s, please use your second collection envelopes.

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 7.00PM—CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

Those who’ve been in the parish for some time will remember fondly the annual Christmas Bazaar at the Institute. This was an important social time for our parish and raised a significant amount of money to help keep our community in the black each year! We would like to restart this tradition this year with a Christmas fair in the Jubilee Hall and are looking for volunteers to join the team making the preparations. Whether you’d like to help in the planning, run a stall or join the team of Santa’s in the Grotto we’d love to talk to you! There will be a meeting for everyone who might like to get involved in the Jubilee Hall on **Thursday the 8th of October at 7pm**, please come along if you’d like to find out more!

CONFESSIONS :

Confessions next weekend (10th and 11th October) will be on Sunday between Masses (10.00am - 10.45am) as Fr Andrew will be covering Mass.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST:

The SVP will be hosting a Fairtrade Breakfast in the Jubilee Hall. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children and family tickets £12. Tickets will be available after mass and on the door .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: The forms to apply to join the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are now available at the back of Church. Please complete the form and post it through the presbytery door or give to Clare in the office. You can also email it to: braintree@brcdt.org Applications need to be received by Tuesday 13th October. The first parents meeting will be on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm in the Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

RCIA is a special opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and deepen your relationship with God. It is a journey of faith and discovery, providing time for prayer, reflection, discussion, and questions in a welcoming and supportive environment.

For those of you enquiring, the sessions will begin on Wednesday 14th October and will take place in The Presbytery at 7.00pm. (Further information available at the back of Church).

WHY YOUTH MINISTRY?

On Wednesday, 7 October, Chelmsford Knights of St. Columba will be presenting their Annual Lecture on the topic "Why Youth Ministry". The talk will be at St. Augustine's Church, Springfield (CM1 6GQ) at 20.00 on Wednesday, 7 October, following Mass at 19.30. There is ample parking at the Church.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 October at St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch. The speaker will be Fr Francis Abara. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@brcdt.org

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 3rd October Sunday 4th October	Confessions 5.15pm 6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Jane and John Drugan RIP (The Digby Family) Beatrice Egboh RIP (A) (The Egboh Family) Andrew Burford RIP (A) (Mary Burford)
Monday 5th October	No Mass	
Tuesday 6th October	No Mass Rosary at 10.00am	
Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service	
Thursday 8th October St Osyth, Rel	No Mass	
Friday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Pr, D	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service	
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 10th October Sunday 11th October	6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass Confessions 10.00am to 10.45 am 11.00am Mass	Fr David Manson RIP (Josie Baker) Ints Chris Gower (80th B'day) Angela Tardioli and Giovanni Tardioli RIP (A) (Riccardo Tardioli)