OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE Parish News

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Saturday 11th October/ Sunday 12th October 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

In this week's Gospel reading we hear of ten lepers who cry out to Jesus for healing, and all ten are healed, yet only one turns back to say thank you! The one who does is a Samaritan, an outsider. It's an interesting detail, the one least expected to respond to Jesus becomes the exemplar disciple. A reminder that God's grace can often find a welcome in unexpected hearts.

The others go on their way, perhaps keen to get back to normal life. It's easy to understand that, how often do we do the same? We pray for help in a crisis, but once things improve, our gratitude fades and we move on. We enjoy the gift but can forget the giver.

The Samaritan, however, sees what the others miss. Falling at Jesus' feet, he discovers that gratitude itself is part of the healing. It doesn't just restore his body, but his relationship with God. When Jesus says, "Your faith has made you well," he speaks of a deeper wholeness, a heart renewed.

The very word gratitude comes from the word grace, *gratia*. Grace is God's gift freely given; gratitude is our heart's response. Gratitude completes healing. It opens our eyes to grace already at work, it turns restoration into *relationship*, and teaches us to live in awareness of God's mercy.

Perhaps this week we can take a moment each day to "turn back". To notice the blessings that sustain us, and to thank the Lord for them.

Dcn. Jamie

<u>SICK PARISHIONERS</u>: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge,

Kathy McBrierty, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Dermot Maher, Keith Flynn, Peter Leech, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Clare Smith, Sue Kelly, Toni and Steve Brady and family.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Woulfe, Jack Brown, Roseleen Conlon, Vera Gillespie, Sandra Sicheri, Mary Elizabeth Kent, Henry Rogers, Filomena Hammond, Christopher Shelock, Brian Hankey

May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament normally take place on Saturday between $10.30 \, \text{am}$ and $11.30 \, \text{am}$.

GIFT AID: A big thank you to those parishioners who are in the Gift Aid scheme which allows our parish to recover the tax that you have paid on your donations. It has been great to sign up additional parishioners over the last few weeks, many thanks to those that have joined the scheme. If you are a tax payer who is not already in the scheme can I encourage you to join, please contact the parish office for more details.

SECOND COLLECTION: World Mission Sunday 18th /19th October Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

100 CLUB - WINNERS: Congratulations to the winners!

SEPTEMBER

First Prize (£200): Elizabeth Plumb Second Prize (£50): Jeremy Strickland

OCTOBER

First Prize (£200): Anna and Jamie Davey

Second Prize (£50): E. Pickman

For £5 per month you have the chance to win £200. Money that isn't paid out as prizes, goes towards the church funds. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the 100 Club; please contact Clare on: 01376 326779.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER 25th – 26th October: Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

<u>CHILDREN'S MISSALS:</u> Some of the Children's Missals are missing. We would appreciate it if parents could check and see if your child inadvertently took one home after mass.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD:

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Caritas Brentwood on Saturday, 15th November 2025, for a morning dedicated to celebrating and exploring our shared call to care for our common home. The event will include engaging discussions, refreshments, and an opportunity to explore the hosting parish church and its grounds. We will be joined by inspiring speakers from The Ecological Conversion Group and Laudato Si' Animators, who will help us reflect on how we can live out our faith through care for creation. To find out more and register, please visit: https://caritas-env-25.eventbrite.co.uk

SPONSORED TODDLE FOR HCPT:

Nathaniel (age 21 months) is going to do a sponsored toddle to raise money for the HCPT Group 124 pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter 2026. He will be going on the pilgrimage with his mum, Rachael and a group of children with a mixture of disabilities. He will be toddling around on 25th October in the morning. Aiming to complete at least half a mile, with his grandparents, Ruth and Martin.

If you are able to sponsor him, that would be great – sponsor forms are at the back of church, you can hand money into the presbytery in an envelope marked HCPT Toddle or you can contribute via the Just Giving Page.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the gift aid box.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-barlow-5? utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA Thank you for your support

Ruth and Martin Rarlow

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Saturday 11th October	6.00pm	Sr Mary Stephen Grindon Welch, Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre RIP (Mike & Sheila) Mary & Vincent Monaghan RIP (Digby Family)
Sunday 12th October	9.00am 11.00am	Ints Pat Barry Ints Anne Kershaw Ints Gardham Family
Monday 13th October	No Mass	
Tuesday 14th October	9.30am	Ints Toni and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one
Wednesday 15th October (St Teresa of Jesus)	9.30am	Ints Justine & Family, Living & Deceased
Thursday 16th October	9.30am	Persecuted Christians (Ovinda) Ints Clare & Family
Friday 17th October (St Ignatius of Antioch)	9.30am	Anita Paul RIP (Bill) Ints of All Homeless
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Saturday 18th October (St Luke)	6.00pm	Ints of Eliza & Thomas Hickman & Les Baker Chris Shelock RIP (A) - (Shelock)
	9.00am	Ints Jean Hurrell
Sunday 19th October (World Mission Sunday)	11.00am	Ints Norma for her 90th Birthday (All the family) John & Theresa Kelly RIP (A) (Kelly)