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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Sunday 12th February, 2023

Ecclesiasticus 15.16–21 Psalm 118 1 Corinthians 2.6–10 Matthew 5.17–37

The 'Sermon on the Mount' from Matthew's Gospel is seen as Jesus' great teaching, where Matthew portrays him as the New Moses offering the New Law. It covers three chapters of the Gospel and is full of wonderful and memorable instruction, very challenging indeed.

St Paul frequently insists that the earlier covenant enshrined in the Law proved impossible to fulfil; Jesus in today's reading insists that the New Law is even more strict. Nevertheless, in reflecting on any text of Scripture we are called to see it, not in isolation, but in a context and in the light of co-texts, in order to understand Jesus' vision of the kingdom.

The writer of Ecclesiasticus insists: 'If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.' by the grace of God, for those who wish it. Paul writing to the Corinthians offers a further dimension – entering into the realm of mystery and wisdom – the realm of God where the Spirit dwells and guides.

Discipleship is discerning God's call by using the wisdom that comes from faith and accepting the indwelling of the Spirit that has been given us

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Please note new mass time on Thursdays changing from 11am to 9am.

There will be a Diocesan Second Collection this weekend for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

Confirmations 2023 Fr. Emile would like to invite any young people in our parish, who would like to make their Confirmation this year, to get in touch with either him or Kelly at the Parish office. This is a change from the usual visits from the Bishop every 3 years for Confirmations. Priests are now automatically granted faculties by Bishop Alan to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to candidates on Pentecost Sunday during the years that he is not on Pastoral Visitation. The Confirmandi who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in their parishes on Pentecost Sunday 28th May are invited to the Cathedral for the Rite of Acceptance on Good Shepherd Sunday 30th April in order that Bishop Alan might have the opportunity of meeting them.

Lenten Lunches - PLEASE NOTE NEW REVISED DATES

1st Lenten Lunch - Saturday 4th March

2nd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 11th March

3rd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 18th March

We are pleased to re-introduce our Lenten Lunches. An opportunity to get back to one of our important annual activities. A chance to raise our profile in the community and come together as a social event. Come and enjoy homemade soup, cheese and fresh bread, and meet with friends. Lunches only £5 each, half price for children and there will be a raffle so please help us to raise money at this time of Lent for the Syria-Turkey earthquake victims and for our local children's charity. Doors open at 12 midday.

Carmen Blackett - there will be a Requiem Mass for Carmen at 10.30am at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 1st March, 2023, followed by a burial at 11.45am at Woodman road cemetery, 39A Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood, CM14 5AU for all those who would like to attend.

New to our parish? Please say 'hello' to Fr. Emile and fill in a Register/ Census Form (in the church porch)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Please arrange by prior appointment with Fr. Emile. Baptism application forms are available in the church porch or the parish office.

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH FR. EMILE for anything at all he will be available without appointment weekly on TUESDAYS from 4pm -5pm at the Presbytery, 87 HIGH ROAD CHIPPING ONGAR CM5 9DX.

CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION: Please get in touch with the parish priest with a letter/email giving the relevant details: full name, date of birth, date of baptism, etc. enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and the certificate will be posted to you by return of post.

Repository Shop Our repository shop now has a lovely selection of very reasonably priced Christian cards and gifts available for Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions etc. that not seen usually in shops and is a nice way to help the parish a little. Please pay by using box on wall at St. Helen's for cards, bookmarks or prayer cards etc or get in touch with Ann Jackson after mass at St. Helens or text her on 07753661636 for any other special purchases you may need. Thank you.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood Like so many charities and organisations, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is here in solidarity with those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. **We have a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations.** All information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Brentwood diocese. This is a part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make appeals, work with conferences, attend meetings and meet with people where appropriate. Travel expenses are paid. For further information on salary, responsibilities and details on how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Brentwood Cathedral - Lunchtime Organ Recital

Please join us on Wednesday 15th February at the usual time of 1pm – 1.45pm for a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital to be given by Alex KNIGHT from the Royal College of Music. Alex is currently studying at the College for a Master in Organ Performance. In his spare time he combines a bustling freelance career as an Organist, Pianist, Conductor, Continuo Player, Music Producer and Teacher with his posts of Organist and Director of Music at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond and Musical Director for the Canbury Dingers and the Treble Chefs. His Programme is as follows:-

Johann Sebastian BACH - Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)

Cesar FRANCK - Fantasie in A major

Jean LANGLAIS - Triptyque (Op. 78)

Refreshments will be provided afterwards in our Song School.

Caritas Brentwood Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

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We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities Below is the link to the latest edition of the Universe Catholic Weekly:- <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/february-2023/UNIVERSE-03-FEB-2023.pdf>

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk

CYMFed Flame, Saturday 4th March at OVO Arena, Wembley

With incredible speakers **Cardinal Tagle**, **Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne**, **Tim Costelloe**, **SDB**, **Robert Billot**, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film *Dark Waters*; **Jenny Garzón Saavedra** a young advocate from the Amazon rainforest and **David Wells**, musicians including **MOBO** and **Urban Music Award** winner **Guvna B**, rising star **Faith Child**, Catholic band **One Hope Project** and soloist **Adenike** – a Finalist on *The Voice*, as well as **Brenden Thompson** and **Georgia Clarke** from **Catholic Voices** introducing *Adoration*, led by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** this promises to be an incredible and inspiring day for young people! Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31st January, and the BCYS has a limited number left so please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org to reserve yours! All information at www.bcys.net/events

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. Thank you.

The Ursuline Academy Ilford

IT Technician (Term-time only)

Start: ASAP

Closing Date: noon, Friday 17 February 2023

For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

Teacher of Science (Biology) w/ Health & Social Care

Teacher of Mathematics

Start: September 2023

Closing Date: noon, Friday 10 March 2023

For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

Standing Orders, QR Codes and Contactless Giving

We are very grateful that many of our parishioners now donate to the Parish using standing orders to support us, particularly in this very difficult time. If you wish to set up a standing to our bank account please use Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22 and quote your gift aid number as a reference. For alternative ways to donate, QR codes have also been sent up to make it easier.

To make a donation please scan the QR code with a QR code scanner app for the appropriate amount using your mobile phone. The amount will be deducted from your bank account electronically and sent to the Parish bank account. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration. Codes are also available at the back of the church.



Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

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Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND CARE HOME. THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME. WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer List: Ken Blackett, Josie Biggs, Carla Brennan, Matthew Dansey, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Jane & Family, Joanie, Nawal Freij, Douglas Jason, Veronica Kass, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Ian Maxwell, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ann Rayment, Verone Rontganger, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Adrian Smith, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Dave Speller, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, Michael Weaver, Frances Wiseman, Ellen Witt, Harrison Wybow, John Harris, Mary Adams, Sonia Denton, Mike Barrett, Marvin Bourke and also all those afflicted by Covid-19.

WEEKLY ROTAS			
Date	Mass	Reader & BP	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 11th Feb	5.30pm	Elaine	
Sun 12th Feb	8.45am 10.30am	Anne Bernard Adams Corinne Adams (BP)	A) Amanda (D) Lorraine
Sat 18th Feb	5.30pm	Stan	
Sun 19th Feb	8.45am 10.30am	Peter Maggie Smith Carol Terry (BP)	(A) Dolores (B) Jim (D) Sheena

INFORMATION

Sick/Housebound: Sheena Mackintosh - 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Kelly Love - Parish Office 01277 362645

PPC Chairman: Patrick Maher 01277 823750

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile after mass

Steward of the Gospel: Alan Chapman 01277 822793

Safeguarding Officers: Audrey McGill 823485 & Margaret Payne 362203

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

St Helen's Repository Gift Shop: Ann Jackson (at mass or text 07753661636)

Parish Administrator: Kelly Love 01277 362645 or 07929241350

Email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org or kellylove01@live.com (if WFH)

Mass Attendance: 4/5 February Sat 5:30pm: **29** Sun 8:45am: **31** Sun 10:30am: **33**

Offertory Collection: £308.79

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat 11th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese (World Day for the Sick) Diocesan Feast Ruby and Tony Woodford souls (Richard & Arnell Family)
Sun 12th Feb. 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	Ruby Woodford RIP (Jane Gay) Carman Blackett (Anne & Graham)
Mon 13th Feb, 2023	(Ilford) 9.30am	Alice Drew get well (Susan, John & Aimee Fahey) Liam McDonald RIP Margaret Thomas Myrtle Periera, RIP Larry Dixon, RIP Saloni Mozonka Birthday David Grace Get well
Tue 14th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	SS CYRIL Monk, and Methodius, Bp. European Feast
Wed 15th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria Marie Wakeling RIP (Nalan)
Thu 16th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria Mary & Paddy Connaghan
Fri 17th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 9.00am	Feria Anne Rickard sick

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Day for the unemployed)

Sat 18th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 5.30pm	Feria Barbara Thistlethwaite (Helen Nyman)
Sun 19th Feb, 2023	(St. H) 8.45am	People of our Parish
	(St. M) 10.30am	Ruby Woodford (M. Payne)