

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

19th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Maurice Silcock RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - The Parker Family Living & Dead
11.30 a.m. MASS - Anton & Frances Daniels RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

Monday 20th November

9.00 a.m. MASS - Colin Hindley INT

Tuesday 21st November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 22nd November—St Cecilia

9.00 a.m. - The Silcock Family INT

Thursday 23rd November

9.00 a.m. Allen Shiel RIP

Friday 24th November

9.00 a.m. Sr Sue Haddock INT

Saturday 25th November

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - James Silcock INT

26th November CHRIST THE KING

World Youth Sunday

9.30 a.m. MASS - Dorothy Briffa RIP

11.30 a.m. MASS - Hugh Francis D'Souza RIP
& Muriel Clare D'Souza RIP

6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

51 Cambridge Park

Wanstead

London E11 2PR

Parish Priest: Father Martin Boland

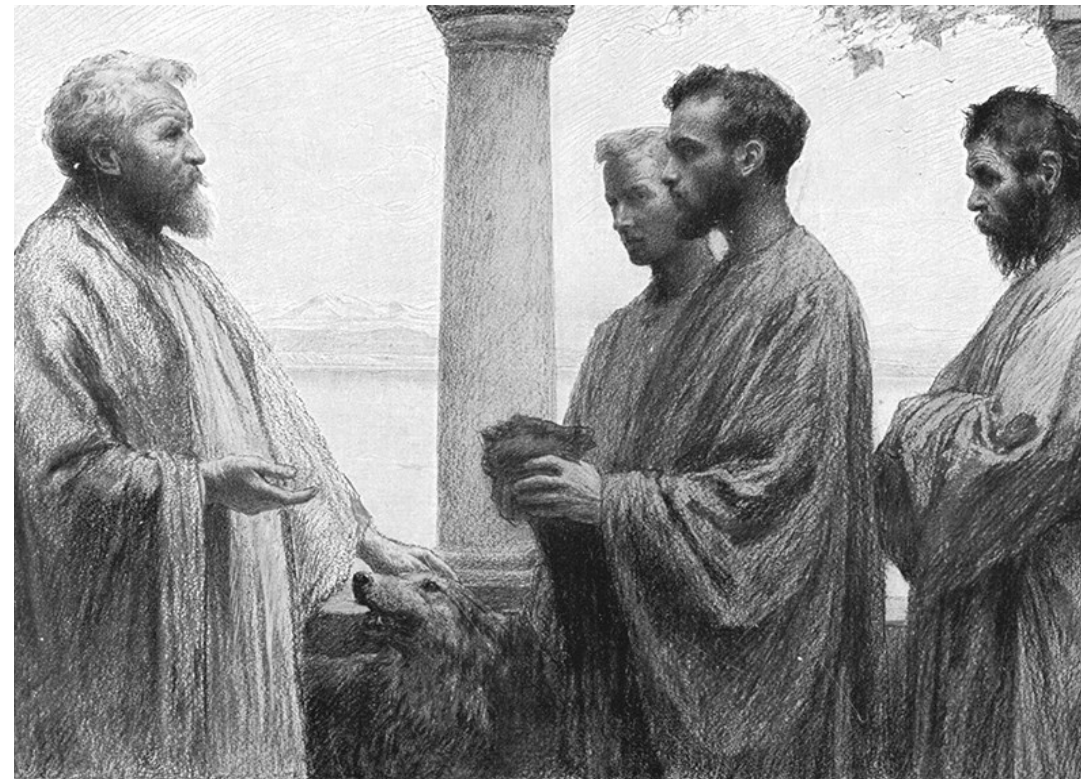
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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023



The Parable of the Talents

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: “This parable urges us not to conceal our faith and our belonging to Christ, not to bury the Word of the Gospel, but to let it circulate in our life, in our relationships, in concrete situations, as a strength which galvanizes, which purifies, which renews.” Pope Francis on the Parable of the Talents.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 18th November 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 19th November 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

We do hope you can come and support our Christmas Fayre this weekend.

Please join us on Saturday evening for a glass or Prosecco or on Sunday for breakfast or lunch for homemade soup. Join us for tea/coffee and cake.

This will be a great opportunity to meet up with friends and shop at the same time for unique gifts.

This year we have fantastic stalls from Local Honey, Handmade Jewellery, Must Wine Bar with tasters. Beautiful cards, hand sewn crafted items, pottery, Candles, Christmas decorations, Pashminas and scarves, Children’s gifts, New Gift Stall, CAFOD Stall, Vintage Stall, Raffles, Art portraits of your pet, Raffles, Tombola and so much more.....

We look forward to seeing you and thank you all for your support so far for this communal event.

CANON PAT SAMMON’S LIBRARY AND CD COLLECTION Thanks to your generosity the fantastic sum of £1134.50 was raised for the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Thank you to Fr Stewart Foster for organising the sale and for the Knights, other men and Linda Gerrish for helping to transport the books from Clergy House to the Parish Centre.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

THE SEVENTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 19th November, with the theme of “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tobit 4:7). Across our Diocese, the cry of the poor resonates in a multitude of forms. It echoes through the streets where the homeless seek refuge from the cold, the struggle against the relentless tide of the rising cost of living, and the silent voices of refugees in the temporary refuge of hotel rooms. As members of this Diocese, we are called not only to hear but to respond and extend a hand of support, to build bridges of empathy, and to foster a community where the marginalised find solace and hope. Pope Francis is calling each of us to social action to ensure we never forget the poor or most in need. For recourses, please visit caritasbrentwood.org

BCYS YOUTH MASS BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL - Thursday 7th December 2023 at 6 p.m. beginning with pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6 p.m. and an Advent Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral before Mass. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Absolutely everyone is welcome. Please bring instruments and sing, serve or read if you wish. No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming. Just email info@bcys.net

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT 'BE STILL MY SOUL'. Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December 2023. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on the need to learn the 'art' of being still and at rest in the midst of a busy and noisy society. Guest speaker: Grace Nowakowska, full-time lay missionary member of Sion Community. This silent weekend retreat during Advent offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry included. For more information or to book visit sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/ or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025 A Jubilee Holy Year happens every twenty five years and is a special year of grace when we commit ourselves to following Christ as more faithful disciples. Pope Francis has recently declared that the motto for this year is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Would you like to be one of those pilgrims and travel to Rome? At this stage, we are just trying to gauge what interest there might be in a parish pilgrimage that year and we are suggesting the following dates as possibilities: 19 - 23 May 2025 or 26 - 30 May 2025 (which is a half term). If you might be interested in both or one of the dates, please sign up on sheets in the church entrances *before* 17th December.

A LEGACY The parish has recently been left a most generous legacy from Gemma Fishman, a former parishioner and Minister of Holy Communion. We are indebted to her for her generosity and for supporting the mission of the community in this way. Although she and her husband Ivan had been housebound for many years they still took an active interest in the parish and had a profound love of the Eucharist. *May Gemma rest in peace and rise in glory.*

ADVENT RETREAT/QUIET DAY - A time to stop and reflect at the Convent of the Assumption, 13 the Avenue on Thursday 23rd November and repeated on Saturday 25th (for those not able to come on a Thursday) at 10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. For further information, please contact Sr Veronica Ann, Tel: 07949 995702.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th December. An opportunity to meet the Lord who offers us the forgiveness, peace and healing that alone has the power to renew and restore our lives. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY This year, on the weekend of the 25th and 26th November, we (along with the rest of the world) will celebrate “World Youth Sunday”, a chance to celebrate the role and significance of young people within our church.

Each year, this is a huge opportunity for us, as the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and Walsingham House at Abbotswick, to not only raise some vital funds which allow us to continue to support and nurture the youth of our Diocese, but also to reach them and those who work with them. In this regard, there will be a second collection next weekend.

Over 150 young people and leaders from around the Diocese joined our Youth Pilgrimages to Lourdes and World Youth Day this Summer, many of you will have had confirmation groups attend a retreat at Walsingham House over the last few years, and many of the young people at your local Catholic Schools will have visited, so hopefully you can already see the impact and importance of our work within your own Parishes and local area.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at 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. A downloadable image of CAFOD'S Prayer for Peace is available on the parish website.

ADORATION takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

CONFESSIONS There will be no evening Confessions for the time being. Confessions will be on Saturday mornings from 10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY TEAS - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9.00a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB meet every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome.

MEDITATION the group meet every Tuesday at 10.50 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome to come and will be greeted warmly. So see you all then.

UNDER 5's meet every Tuesday in term time from 1.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

SICK LIST A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised, there are three simple steps:

- i) Please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish.
- ii) Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next session will be held on *11th and 18th January 2024*, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.
- iii) Having considered whether you are willing to take on the responsibility of being "the first and best teachers of your children in the practice of the faith", please contact the parish office to arrange a date for your child's baptism.

If you have any queries about any of the above or you just wish to discuss your own faith, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Martin.