

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary-Memorial</b>
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <b>(Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependants)</b>
9.00 a.m.	Johnson Thomas K (Rest in Peace)
11.00 a.m.	Anastasia (Family Intention)
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Pr National Feast</b>
9.15 a.m.	
<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.15 a.m.	
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.15 a.m.	
<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe &amp; Cuthburga, Rel</b>
9.15a.m.	A.M. Fernando (Rest in Peace)
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.15a.m.	
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.15a.m.	
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
9.00 a.m.	Nita Lesflores (Rest in Peace)
11.00 a.m.	Lydia (Family Intention)

#### Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Nicholas Graves, Kathleen Phillips, Benedicta Addo, Baby Simon Elliott, Nazery Seaman, Clemence Sanderson, and Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe.

#### Offertory 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£295.50</b>
<b>Loose plate</b>	<b>£429.18</b>
<b>Standing order</b>	<b>£357.12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1081.80</b>

Pews & Kneelers	
June- Sept	£2,159.63
October	£605.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,764.78</b>

**Kneelers: £605.15; Repository: £155.00**

**Holy Communion £175.00; Confirmation £150.00; Coffee morning £141.91**



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#### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A (08.10.2023)

In today's first reading, called, *Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard*, the prophet describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: "*I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?*" In the second reading, Paul tells Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity, and graciousness in their lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable in which the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory.

**Have a Blessed Week**

**Fr. John Victor**

**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the parish priest for more information.

**There was a purse left in the church Sat/Sun 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September. If you or someone you know has lost a purse kindly let Fr. John know.**

**Baptisms:** By appointment. At least two months' notice is required. Please speak to the parish priest for more information. Next Baptism course starts on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.

**Rosary:** October is the month specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We recite Rosary every day before Holy Mass in the Church. Kindly pray rosary everyday day in your families and seek the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

**Month of Holy Souls:** November is the month dedicated to pray for the holy souls. It's the holy souls who lived here on earth before us is the reason behind our faith today. Let us specially remember and pray for our dear ones who guided us into the Catholic faith; kindly collect the envelopes from the rear of the Church.

**Repairing Pews & Kneelers:** To paint pews and repair a kneelers in the Church, the parishioners are requested to give your generous contribution, we have to repair some before the centenary celebration. Thank you to all the parishioners for coming forward voluntarily to paint and repair the kneelers. More volunteers are needed for the same.

**Volunteers Needed:** Our Parish is in need of volunteers for the following ministries: Music (Organ, Piano, Guitar etc.) Altar servers, ushers, Catechists for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation. If you have any experience in these roles or would be prepared to be trained please discuss the possibility with Fr. John after mass.

*"St. Winefride's Catholic Primary School currently has places in most year groups. If you would like your child to attend our school, please call 020 8478 0510 or call in to the School Office between 8.45 a.m. and 4.00p.m., Monday to Friday".*

### Vacancies

**1). Site Manager Role – Epping:** A part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. It is one year fixed term contract that may be extended or made permanent Closing date noon on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please send your CV by e-mail to [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) (hours of work to be discussed)

**2) Learning Support Assistant – St Bonaventure's:** Ambitious and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant to join our popular all boys school. The position would also suit those considering a teaching career, wishing to gain experience in a mainstream secondary school, or seeking a post working with teenagers in a

supportive role in a stimulating environment. Deadline for applications: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Visit: <https://www.stbons.org/information-2> or email [j.ashton@Stbons.org](mailto:j.ashton@Stbons.org) for more information.

**3) The Ursuline Academy Ilford:** Key Stage Lead – Mathematics. Start: January 2024 or sooner if possible. Closing Date: noon, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For further information, please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

**4) Management Accountant – Cathedral House, Brentwood.** The Diocese of Brentwood is looking to appoint a management accountant to work at Cathedral House to support the Finance Team. The candidate must have experience working in a similar role and accountancy qualifications. The post will be full-time (35 hours of work) although part-time may be considered. Closing date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Full job description: JD Management Accountant (Diocese of Brentwood website). CV and covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact the HR department email: [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org).

**Parish Secretary – St Edmund of Canterbury– Loughton:** The Parish of St Edmund of Canterbury in Loughton is looking for a Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the Parish. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. Hours: 10 hours per week working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org) Closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Job description: Parish Secretary-Loughton (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

**Voluntary Treasurer needed** Do you have financial experience and a couple of hours per week to spare? If so, the National Justice and Peace Network would like to hear from you. Due to the sad passing of their Treasurer, they are now in urgent need of a new one. If you are looking for some voluntary work, and share their passion for social action, please email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our e-mail is changed from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to: [manorpark@brcdt.org](mailto:manorpark@brcdt.org)

**Drawing a cheque:** When you draw a cheque for the Parish, kindly write the following name: *Catholic Church, Manor Park.*

**Second Collection:** Second collection today for the Harvest fast day.

Counters' Rota					
Date	08/10/2023	16/10/2023	23/10/2023	30/10/2023	05/11/2023
Group	St John	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St John