

| <b>Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park</b> |  |
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| <b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       |  |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Parishioners   |
| <b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (World Communications Day)</b> |
| 9.00 a.m.  | Thanksgiving   |
| 11.00 a.m.   | For the Youth of the parish                                    |
| <b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>St. Erconwald, Bp</b>                                       |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Charlotte – Birthday Blessings                                 |
| <b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>ST MATTHIAS, Ap Feast</b>                                   |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>            |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>             |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>               |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls   |
| <b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>             |
| 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls   |
| 6.00 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                       | <b>PENTECOST (B) Solemnity</b>                                 |
| 9.00 a.m.  |  |
| 11.00 a.m.   | Christopher Taylor (Rest in Peace)                             |

**Prayer List**

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Nicholas Graves, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, and Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes.

**Offertory 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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| <b>Envelopes</b>      | <b>£371.70</b> |
| <b>Loose plate</b>    | <b>£249.88</b> |
| <b>Standing order</b> | <b>£357.12</b> |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>£978.70</b> |

| <b>Pews &amp; Kneelers</b> |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| June-December 2023         | £3,772.72        |
| Jan-April 2024             | £417.00          |
| May 2024                   | £50.00           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>£4,239.72</b> |

**Second collections: £15.00**



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**Seventh Sunday of Easter - B (12.05.2024)**

The first reading, taken from Acts, tells us how the eleven apostles as one unit, relying on the power of God, elected Matthias to replace Judas. This incorporation was an action done by the whole community under the chairmanship of Peter. They chose Matthias by lot, and the outcome was taken to be the will of the Holy Spirit. The second reading, taken from John's first epistle to the Church, emphasizes the centrality of love in our Christian living. The apostle deals with disunity in the Church by teaching the members the basis of true Christian love and unity. For John, love and unity among Christians is the first and most important witness for believers to bear. In today's Gospel passage, taken from Jesus' high-priestly prayer, Jesus prays in particular, for those disciples who are sharing the meal with him. The core of Jesus' message is love, a love that is to be manifested not only in nice-sounding words but, more convincingly, in the genuine acts of love that will bind his disciples together into one community. The world cannot be evangelized by competing Churches, and that is why Jesus prayed that his disciples might be as fully one as he and the Father are one.

**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.

**Baptisms:** By appointment. At least two months' notice is required. If you have a child to baptise kindly speak to the parish priest after Mass.

**Confirmation takes place on Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and First Holy Communion on Corpus Christi Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Kindly Keep all the candidates in your prayers.**

**Lighting candles:** Please ensure that an adult accompanies children when they light candles. This is for Health & Safety reasons, thanks for your assistance in this matter.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** are placed at the rear of the Church, kindly collect your envelopes. Those who newly want the envelopes, kindly approach either Sahaya Selvahan or the parish priest.

**Gift – Kneelers and pews repair:** Those volunteers helped to repair the kneelers and pews are expected to come for 11.00 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and receive a small gift.

**Youth Mass Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Brentwood Cathedral:** This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break for revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6.00 pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral.

**'Revive; Discover; Empower' Retreat for Young Adults 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to **revive, discover** and **empower** you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

**Walsingham House Anniversary Mass 31<sup>st</sup> August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

**"AWAKE LONDON"** A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm led by Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ the King, 455 Chingford Road, London E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, healing service and Eucharistic Adoration,

spiritual sharing, sessions for children ([www.afcmuk.org](http://www.afcmuk.org)). Free car parking available.

**Catholic Social Teaching in an Election Year:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11.00 am, and conclude by 2.00 pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). If you intend to be present please email [gideapark@brcdt.org](mailto:gideapark@brcdt.org). Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

**ABBA Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30 to 11.00 pm. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-8493114000037>. Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/). If you have any questions about the event, please email [Julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:Julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk).

**Lunchtime Recital:** This coming Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Brentwood Cathedral at the usual time of 1pm-1.45 pm we are much looking forward to a rather special recital to be given by THE SUMMERS TRIO. Jane Compton pianist will be accompanying Becky Cox on the cello and Lucy Summers on the violin, in works by Clara Schumann and Sergie Rachmaninoff.

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

**Second Collection:** there is a second collection for the World Communication Day.

| Counters' Rota |            |            |            |            |            |
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| Date           | 13/05/2024 | 20/05/2024 | 27/05/2024 | 03/06/2024 | 10/06/2024 |
| Group          | St Luke    | St Mark    | St Matthew | St Luke    | St Mark    |