

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 27th July	
6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 28th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
9.00 a.m.	George Alexander (Rest in Peace)
11.00 a.m.	Antonio Arulseeli Fernando (Rest in Peace)
Mon 29th July	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tue 30th July	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr
9.00 a.m.	Joshua Mac Neill – Birthday Blessings
Thu 1st Aug	St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bp, D
9.15 a.m.	Seraphino Soares (Rest in Peace)
Fri 2nd Aug	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Patrick & Mary Connaghan (Rest in Peace)
Sat 3rd Aug	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Parishioners
6.00 p.m.	Mary Leena (Rest in Peace)
Sun 4th Aug	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
9.00 a.m.	Ryan - Thanksgiving
11.00 a.m.	Edward Akpede (Rest in Peace)

Prayer List

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

Offertory 21st July 2024

Envelopes	£226.95
Loose plate	£267.71
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£851.78

Donations: £238.00; Second Collection: £10.70



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (28.07.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading tells us how the prophet Elisha, by invoking God's power, fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves. Elisha relied not on what he had but on what God would do with what the Prophet had received as a gift. This miracle foreshadows the Gospel account of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the pursuing crowd seeking the Master. In the second reading, St. Paul says that Jesus united the Jews and the Gentiles by bringing them together as Christians in *one Faith*, enabling them to become communities of sharing Christians living together and helping each other by sharing their blessings. In today's Gospel, Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand people, using five barley loaves and two fish offered by a boy in the crowd through the apostles, is associated with the Holy Eucharist early in the Church's tradition. That is why it is described in all four gospels and the second century Christians used this miracle in their catacomb wall drawings. The people who had been fed immediately gave Jesus two Messianic titles: "*The prophet*" and "*the one who is to come.*" This miracle teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. Thus, God meets the needs of people through the good will and services provided by members of His community. The Gospel story also teaches that Jesus meets the most basic human need, namely hunger, with generosity and compassion, tells us that God really cares about His people, and shows us that He provides more than enough for everybody.

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.

Repository: Great appreciation to Shelly Ann Mol and Gloria for wonderfully running the repository with variety of items. They raised a fund of £3,377 last year.

Fr. John Victor - move: As I am asked by my Archbishop to return to my mother diocese Trivandrum, Kerala in April 2025. Hence, until my official return to India, I am asked to look after the English Martyrs Church, Hornchurch by our bishop Alan from Saturday 7th September 2024. At this juncture I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parishioners, and I request you to keep me in your prayers that I may successfully render my ministry in Hornchurch and in Kerala thereafter.

RCIA: If there is any one to help the parish to assist RCIA catechist kindly contact the office. If there is anyone would like to join RCIA course, kindly see the parish priest after the weekend Mass.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: If you have any children to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation; anyone interested to help the catechists for assisting them to train these children to receive these sacraments, kindly meet Martina.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024: Our annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from **Friday 23rd August – Monday 26th August 2024** in the beautiful surroundings of **Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire**. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford August 2024: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August 2024, from 10am to 4.30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Vacancies: Inspire, nurture and accompany young people on the edge of East London. The parishes in the Romford Parish Partnership are recruiting a **Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator**. Salary £30,000/year, closing date September 10th 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith within a diverse and vibrant part of London. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us>.

Headteacher, Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford Required from 1st September 2025. Group 2: L8-L21 (starting salary based on experience). NOR 218 (one form entry). Governors are seeking to appoint a dedicated and inspirational Headteacher who is a committed, practising Catholic. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of Our Lady Immaculate School. Deadline for applications: **12 noon on Monday 30th September 2024**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the **Admin & Finance Officer, Lindsey Murgatroyd** for more information. For an Application Pack please email: lindseymurgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk.

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

Counters' Rota					
Date	29/07/2024	05/08/24	12/08/2024	19/08/2024	26/08/2024
Group	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke