

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 6th July	
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 7th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
9.00 a.m.	Louisa Adu-Poku – For the wellbeing
11.00 a.m.	Nixon & Nirmala Berchy - Thanksgiving
Mon 8th July	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tue 9th July	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 10th July	Feria
9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thu 11th July	ST BENEDICT, Ab European Feast
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 12th July	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 13th July	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 14th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
11.00 a.m.	Gregory Duru (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 30th June 2024

Envelopes	£255.15
Loose plate	£308.79
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£921.06

Pews & Kneelers	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
Jan-May 2024	£467.00
June 2024	£100.00
Total	£4,339.72

Repository: £323.00; Donations: £240.54; Second Collection: £92.87



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading, taken from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, tells us about his call from God to be a prophet. Yahweh warns Ezekiel that he is being sent to obstinate and rebellious Israelites in exile in Babylon. Hence, as God's prophet, he will have to face rejection and persecution for giving God's message. The reading gives us the warning that, as Christians who accept the Way of Jesus and seek to follow it, we also may face indifference, hostility, contempt, scorn, weakness, hardship, persecution, insults, and rejection. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us the same warning from his own experience, that not only the prophets, but the apostles and missionaries as well, will have to encounter hardships and rejection in their preaching mission. Today's Gospel shows us that many people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept Jesus as a prophet because they "knew" Jesus and the family too well. They knew Jesus as a carpenter with no schooling in Mosaic Law and knew that this "son of the carpenter" could not be the promised Messiah who would come from Bethlehem as a descendant of David's royal family. Besides, they were angry when Jesus not only did not work any miracles in Nazareth but chided them with prophetic courage for their lack of Faith, then left them, to proclaim God's message through a preaching, healing ministry to those who would receive it and believe.

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.

Fr. Tony Grant: As I am completing my agreed term in the diocese, my Archbishop asks me to return to my archdiocese in India to take up another responsibility. And so, Bishop Alan has very kindly appointed Rev. Fr. Tony Grant as the new parish priest to our Church. He plans to move to our parish on Saturday 7th September 2024. Let us welcome him most cordially into our parish and keep him in our prayers.

Wholeheartedly I thank all the parishioners for your cooperation and kindness to me for the last three years. Kindly keep me in your prayers that I may fulfill my assignments in my mother diocese. My retirement from the parish will be announced later.

Welcome 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.

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.

Catholic Social Teaching and the Election: An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13th July 2024 from 1.30-4.30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024: There are a handful of last-minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence: CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! Register at cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training to receive the link. Date and time: Saturday 13 July, 11 am-12 pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7 pm - 8 pm.

There are five remaining places for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you want to *join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). There are five remaining places on the pilgrimage. To book, please go online as soon as possible: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)*

Second Collection: Stella Maris - 14th July 2024.

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

Counters' Rota					
Date	08/07/2024	15/07/2024	22/07/2024	29/07/2024	05/08/24
Group	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke