

| Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park | |
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| Sat 24th Aug | |
| 6.00 p.m. | Parishioners |
| Sun 25th Aug | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B |
| 9.00 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| 11.00 a.m. | Sharon Francis & her Mother – Good health. |
| Mon 26th Aug | Feria |
| 9.15 a.m. | Peace in the world |
| Tue 27th Aug | St Monica |
| 9.15 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Wed 28th Aug | St Augustine, Bp, D |
| 9.00 a.m. | Holy Souls |
| Thu 29th Aug | The Passion of John the Baptist |
| 9.15 a.m. | K,V. Gopinathan (Rest in peace) |
| Fri 30th Aug | Feria |
| 9.15 a.m. | Veny Arboleda (Rest in peace) |
| Sat 31st Aug | Feria |
| 9.15 a.m. | Joan Feehan (Rest in peace) - Foundation Mass |
| 6.00 p.m. | Parishioners |
| Sun 1st Sept | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) |
| 9.00 a.m. | Lauren (Thanksgiving) |
| 11.00 a.m. | Holy Souls |

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 18th August 2024

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| Envelopes | £301.20 |
| Loose plate | £213.06 |
| Standing order | £357.12 |
| Total | £871.38 |

Second Collections: £19.00



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (25.08.2024)

In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whether they will serve the gods of the Amorites in whose country they are presently dwelling, or the God of the Israelites Who has done so much for them. The Renewal of Covenant ceremony in Joshua chapter 24 reminds us that the Eucharist is a Covenant meal that calls for our decision of Faith. The second reading emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. It also challenges the Ephesian Christians to make the right choice in life and build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love, accepting each other's rights and dignity. Jesus also uses the husband-wife relationship as an analogy to explain the close relationship between Christ and the Church. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of His Church, through the Eucharist, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh. Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges his Jewish audience, and later His apostles, to make their choice: to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven Who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or to join those who have lost their Faith in Jesus and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. In this Eucharistic celebration, we, too, are called to make a decision, profess our Faith in God's Son and renew the Covenant ratified in his Life, death and Resurrection.

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.

Gathering for Fr. John: As you are probably aware, Fr John's last Sunday in the parish is Sunday 1st September. You are invited to join us in a gathering to mark his departure and thank him for his hard work for the parish, which will take place after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 1st September. There will be coffee, tea and refreshments provided, but if you would like to bring some snacks to share you are most welcome to do so. As it is the custom of the diocese a collection for the retiring priest, the parish council requests the parishioners to contribute in the collection box at the rear of the church.

Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26th – 27th October: For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. **Applications are now open** and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass and Celebration, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Saturday 31st August: Whether in Chingford, Canvey Island or Abbotswick, we have been blessed with 40 years of volunteer teams at our vibrant Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre "Walsingham House". Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm, followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick throughout the afternoon. If you can share any photos, or to find out more information, you can email info@bcys.net, visit www.bcys.net or search @brentwoodcys on Instagram and Facebook.

BBQ and Mass for young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8th September: If you are 18+, having left school from 1st September, then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet

other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

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>.

Parish Secretary – Forest Gate: A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at Forest Gate – St Anthonys. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 25 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. The salary is dependable on skills and experience. Full job description please see Parish Secretary – Forest Gate at Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese (dioceseofbrentwood.net) If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org Closing date: 9th September 2024

Parish Administrator-Leyton: To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office. Hours: 15 hours per week - Monday to Friday from 9:30-12:30- 3 hours per day. Start Date: September 2024. Salary: £13.15 per hour. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) leyton@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 30th August 2024. Interviews and scheduled to be Tuesday 3rd September 2024

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

| Counters' Rota | | | | | |
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| Date | 26/08/2024 | 02/09/2024 | 09/09/2024 | 16/09/2024 | 23/09/2024 |
| Group | St Luke | St Mark | St Matthew | St Luke | St Mark |