

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 3rd Aug	
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)
Mon 5th Aug	Feria
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tue 6th Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Feast
9.15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wed 7th Aug	Feria
9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thu 8th Aug	St Dominic, Pr
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 9th Aug	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS V, M
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 10th Aug	ST LAWRENCE, Dc, M
9.15 a.m.	Parishioners
6.00 p.m.	Philip & Lucy Pereira (Rest in Peace)
Sun 11th Aug	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B
9.00 a.m.	Marco Fernandez (Thanksgiving for promotion at work.)
11.00 a.m.	Clementina Akpede (Thanksgiving)

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B (04.08.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading shows us how God satisfied the physical hunger of His chosen people in the desert by giving them manna and quail. The restrictions imposed by God for the collecting of manna remind us to acknowledge humbly our total dependence on God. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Ephesians to satisfy their spiritual hunger by turning away from their former evil ways and by leading renewed lives of love, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Paul reminds us that our acceptance of Jesus as the real source of our life and the nourishment of our souls, produces a total transformation in us. Having been nourished by the Bread from Heaven and the word of God, we need to bear witness to Christ by living lives renewed by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus makes the unique, bold claim, *“I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.”* Jesus is offering the crowd Bread from Heaven, Bread that will nourish them for eternal life, the Bread available to people who have Faith in Jesus Christ - the presence and indwelling of God in their hearts. When Jesus instructed those who had sought after him for earthly food that they should be fed by the Bread that Jesus would give them, some accepted this teaching. But others turned away disappointed, because Jesus' challenge required a commitment that they were unwilling to make.

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 4.30pm. 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	05/08/24	12/08/2024	19/08/2024	26/08/2024	02/09/2024
Group	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark