

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Morning Prayers: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, there is Morning Prayers at 8.40am, followed by the Rosary, and then Mass.	
Sat 30th August	Memorial of English Martyrs or Memorial of BVM
4.30-5.30 p.m.	No Adoration & Confessions
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C People of the Parish.
Sun 31st August	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
9.00 a.m.	Mass. Lauren Thanksgiving & Special Intention.
11.00 a.m.	Mass. Joan Feehan (F) & Veny Arboleda RIP
Mon 1st Sept	Memorial of St Sebbi, K
9.15 a.m.	No Mass
Tue 2nd Sept	Feria. Mass of OLOG (schools of the deanery)
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Esther Dmello 5 th Birthday Intention
Wed 3rd Sept	National Feast of St Gregory the Great
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Angela & Ed Maher RIP.
Thu 4th Sept	Thursday of Week 22 Year I
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Sharon's Mum. RIP
Fri 5th Sept	Friday of Week 22 Year I
9.15 a.m.	Mass & Adoration & Confessions after Mass. Intention for Caroline, Seamus' sister who is sick.
Sat 6th Sept	Memorial of BVM
4.30-5.30pm	No Adoration and Confessions
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
	The People of the Parish
Sun 7th Sept	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
9.00 a.m. Mass.	Joyce Thanksgiving
11.00 a.m. Mass	Josephine Gabriel RIP & Angela Maher RIP

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes, Teresa & Patrick Moran., Carmel Brady, and Colin Augustine.

Offertory 24th August 2025

Envelopes	£236.85
Loose plate	£370.75
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£964.72

Candles: £137.95
Second Collection for Fr Shijo £580.00
Total: £717.95



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C (31.08.2025)

Dear brothers and sisters,

I have returned from my travels and it is good to be back. I wish to thank everyone who helped out while I was away, especially Fr Shijo who did a splendid job of looking after the parish. In appreciation of the work he did in our parish, I am pleased to announce that the sum of £580 was raised for him at the Second Collection last weekend. Your generosity was a wonderful way to show our gratitude to him because it is not always easy to find a Supply Priest, especially at such short notice and because Fr Shijo had to travel all the way from India. We wish Fr Shijo a safe journey back to India and I am sure we will see him again in the not-so-distant future. May the Good Lord bless and keep him now and forever.

Next week things will begin to return to normal in that Surgeries and baptisms will now be available. If you have any enquiries, then please see me at the surgery this Monday. God bless you.

My return reminds me of a quotation from the writer Robert Loius Stephenson. It goes: "This is a place that I long to be; home is the hunter, home from the hill, and the sailor home from the sea."

Your brother in Christ.

Fr Tony Grant

SURGERY: There will be a Surgery for any enquiries this Monday 1st September 5.30-6.30 pm in the Parish Office.

NO MASS ON MONDAY: There will be no Mass this Monday 1st September but there will a Mass Wednesday Morning at 9.15 am.

CHILDREN'S MASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The first Children's Mass will begin next Sunday on 7th September at 11 am and the Children's Liturgy will begin 14th September at 11 am Mass.

LITTLE ILFORD LANE: I see that the resurfacing of the road in Little Ilford Lane has been completed and on time while I was away. On time and on schedule. Miracles never cease! The chains we placed around the car park did a good job of preventing many people using our car park as a free public car park (NO SUCH THING!) Therefore, we will continue to use the chains around the car park to keep out unauthorised parking. During School days, the chains will be removed at the two entrances during the day but they will be chained up each evening when the teachers remove their cars to go home. The car park will be kept secure with the chains each evening until first thing in the morning when they will be opened again. So, a word of warning: if anyone leaves their car in the car park but does not retrieve it before it is locked up for the evening, please do not knock on the presbytery door looking for Fr Tony to unlock the chain. During the Weekend Masses, the chains will be removed for parishioners to park their cars in the car park, but again, after the last Mass on Sunday, which finishes around 12 noon to 1 pm, the chains will be put back in place for the evening and night. Again, please do not come knocking on Fr Tony's door looking for him to unlock it if you have left your car there for the afternoon! Since, the installation of the chains, we have only had one unauthorised vehicle parked in the car park which we will be shortly towing away from the car park.

ABANDONED CAR IN CAR PARK: There is a silver Honda car in the car park (reg. 0E05 XS0) which appears to have been abandoned. It is blocking the entrance to the car park. If any parishioner owns this car, then please remove it because it will be towed away from the car park very soon.

ACCESS TO CHURCH FOR PEDESTRIANS: I have left a gap for pedestrians in the Chain Fence surrounding the car park. The gap is beside the Telecommunication boxes and sub-station. It will be essential for those coming to Mass by foot during the week in case the car park entrances are locked by chains.

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS THIS FRIDAY: There will be Adoration and Confessions after the 9.15 am Mass Friday.

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS: I would like feedback on when it would be preferable for Adoration & Confessions. At the present moment, it is after the 9.15 am Mass on Friday but this could be moved to another day. I would like to gauge the parishioners' thoughts on the matter, so please let us know if Friday is preferable or another day.

SEPTEMBER PARISH CARITAS MEETING: In September, we will be holding a meeting for all those people who have volunteered for the Parish Caritas to give advice and support. A date will be set very soon.

MORNING PRAYERS: There are Morning Prayers usually each morning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 8.40 am until Mass at 9.15 am. Parents of children from St Winefride's school are welcome to join us.

GIFT AID FORMS: There are **Gift Aid Boxes** for those who are signed up for the Gift Aid Scheme **WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP!** Please, after Mass, check out the boxes at the back of the church, to see if one of the boxes are yours. Then tick your name off on the sheet attached.

MARY'S MEALS & FOREIGN CURRENCY & RECYCLED BOX: There are more envelopes at the back of the church to put your foreign notes and coins in. Also, there is a recycle box in the Repository for unwanted mobiles, iPads, jewellery, cameras, stamps, etc., which you can deposit in the box which will be given to Mary's Meals who will convert this into cash for the feeding programme for school children who live in dire poverty.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE HOMELESS: The Coptics at St Nicholas' church distribute sandwiches and food to the homeless each Monday at Manor Park Library 8.15pm-10.00pm. They start at St Mary and St George Coptic Orthodox Church, aka St Nicholas church, 21 Gladding Road E12 5DD from 7:00-8:00pm for food preparation and distribute the food from 8:15-10:00pm in front of Manor Park Library. **They give sandwiches, fruits, crisps, cupcakes, hot soup, and hot drinks.** They also sometimes give **clothes and some toiletries**. If you would like to volunteer to help them or donate food, etc., then please contact us by telephone Fr Tony (0208-478-1895) or by emailing Fr Tony at: manorpark@brcdt.org. Or contact Halim, the Coptics' secretary at: halim.salama@aon.co.uk. To find when you can help or deliver food to St Nicholas' church.

SICK IN HOSPITAL: If a family member has to go into hospital, then contact the nurse on duty to inform the Catholic Chaplain, Sr Shanthi, that the patient is a Catholic and they require Holy Communion or a priest to anoint them.

Foundation Governor Vacancy at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School – Upminster Have you ever thought about becoming a Foundation Governor in a Catholic School? You do not need to be an education expert, and so we welcome applications from practicing Catholics with a variety of skills and backgrounds. We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body. We would welcome in particular Governors with a background in Finance/Legal. If you are interested please contact Mrs Tracey Knight, Chair of Governors on: tknight@mary.havering.sch.uk

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Date	01/09/2025	08/09/2025	15/09/2025	22/09/2025	29/09/2025
	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark

