

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 20th Sept	Feria or Memorial of BVM
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C People of the Parish. Intentions.
Sun 21st Sept	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
9.00 a.m..	Mass. Damien Luis RIP.
11.00 a.m.	Mass. James Jukwey & Oludukunole 40th Wedding Blessing. Shelly-Ann Birthday Thanksgiving.
Mon 22nd Sept	Feria. Monday of Week 25 Time Year I
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Mary Stanislaus Anthonipillai RIP.
Tue 23rd Sept	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr
9.15 a.m.	No Mass.
Wed 24th Sept	National Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham
9.15 a.m.	No Mass.
Thu 25th Sept	Feria. Thursday of Week 25 Year I
9.15 a.m.	No Mass.
Fri 26th Sept	Memorial of St Cosmas and Damien
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Followed by Adoration & Confessions.
Sat 27th Sept	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Pr.
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C The People of the Parish
Sun 28th Sept	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Harvest Sunday
9.00 a.m. Mass.	
11.00 a.m. Mass	Veronica & Family. 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, Teresa & Patrick Moran., Carmel Brady, and Colin Augustine.

Offertory 14th September 2025

Envelopes	£267.30	Catholic Education:	£164.81
Loose plate	£414.82	Repository:	£288.00
Standing order	£357.12	Coffee Morning:	£9.37
Total	£1039.24	Evangeli Gaudium:	£5.00
		Total:	£467.18



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Evangeli Gaudium Sunday (21.09.2025)

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, because I will be at a Priests' Conference

REGISTRATION ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 5-7PM FOR CHILDREN WISHING TO MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING THEIR CONFIRMATION: There will be a registration for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion and for young people who want to make their Confirmation on **Monday 29th September between 5 and 7 pm at the Parish Office & Sacristy**. Parents and children need to attend to fill out the forms for the registration. Children who wish to make their First Holy Communion need to bring their Baptismal Certificates while Confirmation Candidates need to bring both their Baptismal Certificates and their First Holy Communion Certificates (booklet form or certificates). Children must be at least in school Year 3 to make their First Holy Communion and Children who wish to make their Confirmation must be at least Year 10.

RCIA: If anyone is interested or you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith but they are not a Catholic, we are running an RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for those who would like to be received into the Church and become a Catholic. Anyone interested should contact the parish office by telephone or email or come to our Surgery on a Monday 5.30-6.30 pm at the parish office.

SURGERY: There will be a Surgery for any enquiries this Monday 22ND September 5.30-6.30 pm in the Parish Office.

DBS: Dr Ciaran and Martina are updating our DBS reps register for the Parish. A number of volunteers were sent emails on 16/7/2025 requesting that a DBS application form be completed This is a legal requirement which the Diocese must meet. It is part of safeguarding vulnerable adults and children from harm. If you haven't responded kindly do so as soon as possible. The reason you have been sent a

form may be your DBS needs renewing or it may be your first application as you have never had one. If there are any issues please contact the parish office, or Dr Ciaran or Martina at Mass. Thanks.

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.

Silent Weekend Retreat "Be Holy, for I am holy" at Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. **Dates:** Friday 10th - Sunday 12th October 2025. Our theme focuses on the universal call to holiness. We are ALL called to be saints whatever rank or status. Our guest speaker for the weekend is Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/#SilentRetreat> or email admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

OPEN EVENING FOR STUDENTS: Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School is holding its Year 6 Open Evening (for entry to Year 7 in September 2026) on Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 6pm-8pm. Headteacher Welcome Talk is at 7.30pm. Please come along and see what this wonderful school - rated Outstanding by Ofsted in all 5 areas in October 2024 - has to offer your daughter. Further details about the school see www.sacredheartofmary.net'.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place on October 19th. The theme is “Dreams and Realities”, based on a powerful portrait project involving people living in deep hardship in Britain today. Participating churches are sent discussion ideas, worship materials and new prayers, to support churchgoers to give, act and pray together to support community and church projects. Sign up at: church-poverty.org.uk/sunday

ST BONAVENTURE’S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: There is an Open Evening on **Thursday 25 September at 6 pm** for all Year 5 and Year 6 students and parents/carers. There will be staff to speak to and a tour of the school. It will give an opportunity for parents/carers and students to ask any questions that they may have.

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.

ARCHSBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.

St Francis Leprosy Guild warmly invites you and your parish community to its Annual Mass on Saturday 4 October at 12:30pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Rt Rev James Curry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster, will be the Chief Celebrant. After the Mass, we hope you’ll join us for our Annual Assembly with drinks and refreshments at: The Windsor Castle, 23 Francis Street, London SW1P 1DN.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Jubilee Youth Mass. On Thursday 2nd October, Youth Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral, following a talk from the Donal Walsh #livelife foundation starting from 6:30pm. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join – there is no need to book, but please do let us know if you’d like to bring a group. Get in touch at info@bcys.net for more information.

SALE OF ST NICHOLAS’ CHURCH: As I am sure you are all aware we have been trying to sell St Nicholas’s church so we can pay off our debts and to carry out work to our church hall above the sacristy. However, the process has been very slow and we have made little progress on the sale. Though there have already been many meetings between parishioners and the previous priests and parish councils (all the parishioners unanimously agreeing to sell St Nicholas church asap), we held another Parish Council Meeting and a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss our options and have decided to put the sale of the church on the open market. Also, we wish to keep the house attached to the property to develop and turn it into two flats which will give the parish a much-needed boost to our income. All of this has been discussed before and has been agreed by the parishioners. We voted and unanimously agreed to put the church on the open market and to retain the house to develop into flats. If there are no objections from any parishioners, then we would like to put the proposals to the diocese for consideration. Fr Tony Grant.

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Date	22/09/2025	29/09/2025	06/10/2025	13/10/2025	20/10/2025
	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark

