

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 13th Sept	Feria or Memorial of BVM
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross People of the Parish & Baby Pascal RIP
Sun 14th Sept	FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
9.00 a.m.	Mass. Baby Pascal RIP
11.00 a.m.	Mass. Veronica's deceased relatives & Colin & Philomena Davids RIP
Mon 15th Sept	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Bridie Meenaghan RIP.
Tue 16th Sept	Memorial of Ss Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp, M.
9.15 a.m.	Mass.
Wed 17th Sept	Feria. Wednesday of Week 24 Year I.
9.15 a.m.	No Mass.
Thu 18th Sept	Feria. Thursday of Week 24 Year I
9.15 a.m.	Mass. All people in care homes, hospitals, and housebound.
Fri 19th Sept	Memorial of St Januarius, Bp, M, and St Theodore, Bp
9.15 a.m.	School Mass. Followed by Adoration & Confessions.
Sat 20th Sept	Memorial of Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companions.
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
	The People of the Parish
Sun 21st Sept	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
9.00 a.m. Mass.	Damien Luis RIP
11.00 a.m. Mass	James Jukwey & Oludukunole 40 th Wedding Blessing. Shelley-Ann Birthday 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 Agustine.

Offertory 7th September 2025

Envelopes	£265.25	Candles:	£90.56
Loose plate	£395.50	Promotion of Vocations:	£2.50
Standing order	£357.12	Stella Maris:	£5.00
Total	£1017.87	Total:	£98.06



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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY 14.09.2025)

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.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING FOR SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

AFTER 6 PM VIGIL MASS: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Saturday 13th September after the 6 pm Mass. All those who are members should try to attend because this is a very important meeting.

Jubilee of Social Justice Saturday 20th September: Join the Caritas Social Action Network as we celebrate the Jubilee of Social Justice at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. This event is open to all, beginning with Mass at 12:00pm, followed by a complimentary lunch and an exhibition showcasing various social action-focused organisations.

RIGHT TO LIFE & EUTHANASIA BILL: If you would like to voice your concerns over the new proposed Euthanasia Bill, you can contact your chosen House of Lords Members at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter>

SURGERY: There will be a Surgery for any enquiries this Monday 15th 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.

CHILDREN'S MASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The first Children's Liturgy will begin 14th September at 11 am Mass.

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.

The next session of **Maranatha will be held at the Sion Community**, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 18th September. This will be our last session of Maranatha at the Sion Community, however we are looking at ways to continue in the New Year 2026. In the meantime we look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 18th for prayer, praise, Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. May God bless you all.

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

COME WALK WITH ME: CHARITY FUNDRAISING WALK for children of Joseph and Agnes Educational Foundation. The Walk is to raise money to continue the education of children from vulnerable families in Enugu State, Nigeria, to the support work of Educate an African Child (Charity registration no: 1197100). Our church community of St. Stephen as well as St. Winifred's Primary School have been staunch supporters of our work since our inception in 2017. **WALK DETAILS:** We will be following an established walk around Greenwich. **DATE: SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025. MEETING TIME & LOCATION: 11 am at Woolwich Arsenal Station.** **WHAT TO DO:** 1) Join us on the walk and get family and friends to sponsor you 2) Sponsor Tina, Anastasia or Susan Greaves. Get family, friends and colleagues to sponsor too if possible.

Sponsorships/Donations UK:

Account details
Educate an African Child
Cooperative bank
Sort code: 08- 92- 99
Acct. No: 67325618

Sponsorships or Donations in Nigeria:

Joseph and Agnes Educational
Foundation
UBA Bank
Account no: 1025434564
CAC Reg. No: 136570

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.

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Date	15/09/2025	22/09/2025	29/09/2025	06/10/2025	13/10/2025
	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew

