| Mass Times and In        | tentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park  |  |  |  |
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|                          | Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, there is at 8.40am, followed by the Rosary, and then Mass. |  |  |  |
| Sat 11th Oct             | Memorial of St John XXIII or Memorial of BVM.   |  |  |  |
| 6.00pm                   | Vigil Mass of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C   |  |  |  |
|                          | People of the Parish. Anthony Mathiyas Fernando RIP.  |  |  |  |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C   |  |  |  |
| 9.00 a.m                 | Jane Gabriel. RIP   |  |  |  |
| 11.00 a.m.               | Mass. Paul Wale. Well-being. Veronica Davids. Birthday  |  |  |  |
|                          | Intentions.   |  |  |  |
| Mon 13th Oct             | National Memorial of Edward the Confessor.  |  |  |  |
| 9.15 a.m.                | Mass. Anastasia John-Pierre. Special Intention.   |  |  |  |
| Tue 14th Oct             | Memorial of St Callistus or Feria.  |  |  |  |
| 9.15 a.m.                | Mass.   |  |  |  |
| Wed 15th Oct             | Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, V, D.   |  |  |  |
| 9.15 a.m.                | No Mass.  |  |  |  |
| Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Feria Week 28 of Ordinary Time Year I.  |  |  |  |
| 9.15 a.m.                | Mass.   |  |  |  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch.   |  |  |  |
| 9.15 a.m.                | Children's Mass. No Adoration or Confessions.   |  |  |  |
| Sat 18th Oct             | Feast of St Luke, Ev.   |  |  |  |
| 6.00 p.m.                | Vigil Mass for 29 <sup>h</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C   |  |  |  |
|                          | The People of the Parish. Daniel Luis. RIP.   |  |  |  |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C   |  |  |  |
| 9.00 a.m. <b>Mass.</b>   | Vincent Cadam. RIP.   |  |  |  |
| 11.00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>   | Teresa Bicette. 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 Agustine.

## Offertory 5th October 2025

| Envelopes      | £277.65 |  |  |
|----------------|---------|--|--|
| Loose plate    | £336.72 |  |  |
| Standing order | £357.12 |  |  |
| Total          | £971.49 |  |  |

| Harvest Fast for CAFOD:        | £213.37 |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Catholic Education & Evangeli: | £19.50  |
| Coffee Money:                  | £13.34  |
| Little Sisters of the Poor:    | £5.00   |
| Total:                         | £251.21 |



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# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C PRISONS WEEK (12.10.2025)

REQUIEM MASS FOR KENNETH PETERS RIP FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER AT 10 AM AT ST STEPHEN'S, FOLLOWED BY CREMATION AT CIY OF LONDON CEMETERY AT 12 NOON, NORTH CHAPEL CREMATORIUM.

ALTAR SERVERS' FORMATION CELEBRATION DAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT ST ANTONY'S CHURCH: There will be Altar Servers from all the deanery parishes who will meet at St Antony's church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am-4.30 pm. It will be a day where altar servers will celebrate their ministry, make new friends, provide training, and celebrate Mass. If you are an altar server, try to be there. Those who are too young to make their own way there are asked to make sure their parents drop them off and pick them back up. If you are not an altar server but you feel called to be one, then you can also come along, as long as your parents agree and bring you to St Antony's church and pick you up when it is finished. If parents wish to stay, they may do so.

**YOUNG CATECHISTS:** We are looking for young people 16+ who would like to be catechists. Teaching our children catechism. You will be trained in catechism to help in First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact either Fr Tony or the parish office by email.

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL & SECOND COLLECTION:

We raised over £452.73 on the plate at the Second Collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday. More was raised through tap-and-go and Gift Aid.

### REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Anybody who did not register for First Holy Communion or Confirmation on 29<sup>th</sup> September may come to the Surgery on Monday and speak to the catechists. Bring baptismal certificate for First Holy Communion children and baptismal and FHC certificate for Confirmations. But please hurry up so we can register the children and young people. **SURGERY: 5.30-6.30 pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Parish Office.** 

### Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at <a href="https://www.bcys.net/events">www.bcys.net/events</a>

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. The ones who have come forward, come and see me at the surgery, so that I can give you the timetable for the RCIA classes.

**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.

**MET ENGAGE**: The community police have set up a platform to get to know your local officers, help shape how they police your local area and have direct access to key information. The website is: metengage.co.uk.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Catechist Training & Resources Day 2025, Saturday 8th November 2025. Open to all confirmation and first holy communion catechists, youth leaders, and children's liturgy coordinators in the Diocese of Brentwood. The day offers formation, practical workshops, inspiring speakers, and networking to support First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Open to adults and young leaders (16+); full details and booking at <a href="https://www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025">www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025</a>

FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE HOMELESS: The Copts 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: <a href="manorpark@brcdt.org">manorpark@brcdt.org</a>. Or contact Halim, the

Copts' secretary at: <a href="mailto:halim.salama@aon.co.uk">halim.salama@aon.co.uk</a>. 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.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 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: <a href="mailto:church-poverty.org.uk/sunday">church-poverty.org.uk/sunday</a>

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.

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

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.

| Counters' Rotas |            |            |            |            |            |  |  |
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| Date            | 13/10/2025 | 20/10/2025 | 27/10/2025 | 03/11/2025 | 10/11/2025 |  |  |
|                 | St Matthew | St Mark    | St Luke    | St Matthew | St Mark    |  |  |