

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 4th Oct	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi.
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C People of the Parish
Sun 5th Oct	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
9.00 a.m..	Mass. Joan & Pat Feehan. RIP. Kenneth Peters RIP.
11.00 a.m.	Mass. John de Fond. Well-being. Kenneth Peters RIP. And for his wife, Shirley, and all the family.
Mon 6th Oct	Memorial of St Bruno.
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Boniface Anibueze. Well-being, speedy recovery.
Tue 7th Oct	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.
9.15 a.m.	Mass.
Wed 8th Oct	Diocesan Memorial of St Osyth, Rel.
9.15 a.m.	No Mass.
Thu 9th Oct	National Feast of St John Henry Newman.
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Xi & Peng. Special Intention.
Fri 10th Oct	Memorial of Ss Denis & Comp, Paulinus, & John Leonardi
9.15 a.m.	Mass. Followed by Adoration & Confessions.
Sat 11th Oct	Feria or St John XXIII
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C The People of the Parish.
Sun 12th Oct	28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
9.00 a.m. Mass.	Jane Gabriel. RIP
11.00 a.m. Mass	Paul Wale. Well-being.

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 28th September 2025

Envelopes	£247.75
Loose plate	£298.25
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£903.12

Candles:	£98.26
Little Sisters of the Poor Collection:	£447.73
Repository:	£240.00
Education & Harvest Sunday:	£10.00
Evangeli Gaudium:	£15.00
Total:	£810.99



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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C (05.10.2025)

KENNETH PETERS RIP: After a long illness, we announce the sad death of Kenneth Peters who died Monday evening. Kenneth was a long-standing parishioner of St Stephen's, an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Reader, and chorist, a beloved father and grandfather, and the dear husband of Shirley Peters who works tirelessly in the church. We pray for the repose of Kenneth and for his wife Shirley and all their family. May the Lord comfort and console them in their sadness, assured by the promise of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Funeral will be arranged at a later date.

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.

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL & SECOND COLLECTION:
We raised over £447.73 on the plate at the Second Collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday. More was raised from the tap-and-go and from the forms that people filled in, included Gift Aid Donations, which we will print later. Many Thanks for the generosity of all those who contributed to this wonderful charity. **"The amount you measure out will be the amount you receive."**

SURGERY: There will be a Surgery for any enquiries this Monday 6th October 5.30-6.30 pm in the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Anybody who did not register for First Holy Communion or Confirmation on 29th 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest: Please take home an envelope.

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God’s abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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

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 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

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.

Headteacher – Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet
Deadline for applications: 09:00 Wednesday 15th October 2025

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.

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					
Date	06/10/2025	13/10/2025	20/10/2025	27/10/2025	03/11/2025
	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Mathhew

