

Mass Intentions

Sun	20	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th Sunday after Trinity (Home Mission Day)		
	9.00	James Antony O’Doherty – birthday	(Anne O’Doherty)	
	10.00	Solemn Mass – Arthur & Rita Young – blessings received and 54th wedding anniversary		
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction		
	17.00	The People of the Parish		
Mon	21	S. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist		Feast
		No Mass		
Tue	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	9.00	Foster Barnett (ill health)	(Ann Stevens)	
Wed	23	S. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)		
	9.00	Vivette Appadoo RIP	(Jenny Appadoo)	
Thu	24	Our Lady of Walsingham		
	9.00	Holy Souls in Purgatory	(Maria & Josef)	
Fri	25	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	9.00	Michelle Stein & Family (bereaved)	(Anne O’Doherty)	
Sat	26	Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs		
	9.00	Mario Mastantuono	(Lina Caracina)	
Sun	27	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th Sunday after Trinity		
	9.00	Cissie Roche RIP	(Jenny Appadoo)	
	10.00	Solemn Mass – Leonard Fonseca RIP (Babette Fonseca & Family)		
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction		
	17.00	The People of the Parish		
Tuesday to Saturday				
	8.00	Office of readings and morning prayer – week 1		
	8.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Tuesday to Friday				
	17.30	Evening prayer – week 1		

Stewards’ rota for this week

Sunday 20 September	9.00 – 10.00	Angelle Dimech, Jenny Appadoo, Siew Mendoza
	10.00 – 11.00	Tolu Ayeni, Anne Edwards, Theresa Valerie
	16.30 – 17.45	Paul Aloysius, Pauline Brooke
Tuesday 22 September	8.30 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Wednesday 23 September	8.30 – 10.00	Jennifer Alvares
Thursday 24 September	8.30 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Friday 25 September	8.30 – 10.00	Paul Aloysius
Saturday 26 September	8.30 – 9.30	Antonio Josef, Tesse Javier
Sunday 27 September	9.00 – 10.00	Jennifer Alvares, Josef Sehion, Antoinette Loroy
	10.00 – 11.00	Barbara Cheah, Duncan Lewis, Barbara Kandora
	16.30 – 17.45	Lionel Sharon, Marilyn Butler

Flowers next Saturday Barbara Cheah

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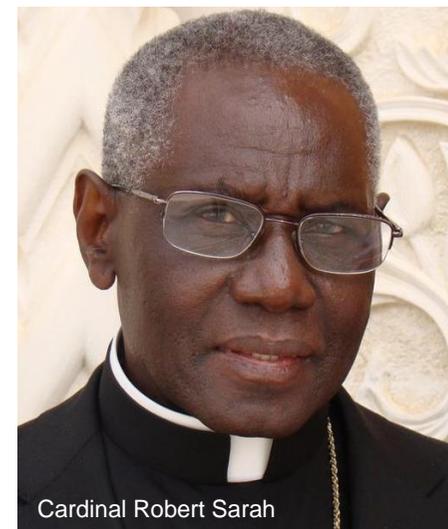
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th after Trinity *Home Mission Day – 20 September 2020*

Responsorial Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
The Lord is close to all who call him	Isaiah 55:6-9	Matthew 20:1-16
	Second Reading	
	Philippians 1:20-24,27	

Cardinal Sarah encourages Catholics to return to the celebration of the Mass

In a letter to the leaders of the world’s episcopal conferences, the head of the Vatican’s office for worship and sacraments said that Catholic communities should return to Mass as soon as it can be done safely, and that the Christian life cannot be sustained without the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Christian community of the Church.

The letter, sent to bishops, said that, while the Church should cooperate with civic authorities and be attentive to safety protocols amid the coronavirus pandemic, “liturgical norms are not matters on which civil authorities can legislate, but only the competent ecclesiastical authorities.” It also emphasized that bishops can make provisional changes to liturgical rubrics in order to accommodate public health concerns, and urged obedience to those temporary changes.



Cardinal Robert Sarah

“In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts,” bishops and episcopal conferences “were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period. This Congregation is deeply grateful to the Bishops for their commitment and effort in trying to respond in the best possible way to an unforeseen and complex situation,” Cardinal Robert Sarah wrote in *Let us return to the Eucharist with joy*, dated 15 August and approved by Pope Francis on 3 September.

“As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of

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Parish Finance

	£
Income (offertory, standing orders, Mass stipends, candles etc)	1,071.96
Average weekly expenditure	<u>1,535.00</u>
Shortfall	463.04

the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as 'the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; and at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows' (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10)."

Sarah noted that "as soon as is possible ... we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with Him, to receive Him and to bring Him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope."

"We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of Heaven which sustains us in the joys and labours of this earthly pilgrimage."

We "cannot be without the Christian community," Sarah added, "cannot be without the house of the Lord," "cannot be without the Lord's Day."

"We cannot live as Christians without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross in the which the Lord Jesus gave himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin ... in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort."

The cardinal explained that while streamed or televised Masses "have performed a great service ... at a time when there was no possibility of community celebration, no broadcast is comparable to personal communication or can replace it. On the contrary, these broadcasts alone risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God who gave himself to us not in a virtual way," but in the Eucharist.

"Once the concrete measures that can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus to a minimum have been identified and adopted, it is necessary that all resume their place in the

assembly of brothers and sisters ... and encourage again those brothers and sisters who have been discouraged, frightened, absent, or uninvolved for too long."

The cardinal said that bishops should give "due attention" to "hygiene and safety regulations" while avoiding the "sterilisation of gestures and rites" or "instilling, even unconsciously, fear and insecurity in the faithful."

He added that bishops should be certain that civil authorities not subordinate the Mass to a place of priority below "recreational activities" or regard the Mass as only a "gathering" comparable to other public activities, and reminded bishops that civic authorities cannot regulate liturgical norms.

Sarah said that pastors should "insist on the necessity of adoration," work to ensure the dignity of the liturgy and its setting, and ensure that "the faithful should be recognized as having the right to receive the Body of Christ and to worship the Lord present in the Eucharist," without "limitations that go even beyond what is provided for by the norms of hygiene issued by public authorities."

The cardinal also seemed to address, indirectly, an issue that has been a matter of some controversy – prohibitions on reception of Holy Communion on the tongue amid the pandemic, which seem to contravene a right established by universal liturgical law to receive the Eucharist in that manner.

Sarah did not specifically mention the issue, but he affirmed that bishops can give temporary norms during the pandemic, in order to assure safe sacramental ministry. Bishops in the UK and other parts of the world have temporarily suspended distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue.

"In times of difficulty (e.g. wars, pandemics), Bishops and Episcopal Conferences can give provisional norms which must be obeyed. Obedience safeguards the treasure entrusted to

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You must wear a face covering in church unless you are exempt.

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the Church. These measures given by the Bishops and Episcopal Conferences expire when the situation returns to normal."

"A sure principle in order not to err is obedience. Obedience to the norms of the Church, obedience to the Bishops," Sarah wrote.

The cardinal urged Catholics to "cherish the human person as a whole".

The Church, he wrote, "bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation. This is the faith of the Church, witnessed over the centuries by hosts of martyrs and saints."

Urging Catholics to entrust themselves and those afflicted by the pandemic to God's mercy and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sarah urged bishops to "renew our intention to be witnesses of the Risen One and heralds of a sure hope, which transcends the limits of this world."

New government Covid-19 laws

Although places of worship have an exemption from the new government Rule of Six we must still make sure that we do not GATHER in groups of more than six from any two households. I would ask you careful to consider this especially when chatting to friends after Mass.

Fr Rob

Notices and News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement with Fr Rob.

First Holy Communion programme 2020-21

Applications are now open for children aged 7 or over who wish to receive their first Holy Communion next year. Forms are available at the church – please ask Bernadetta or Sonia. Please apply by 11 October 2020.

Church porch/narthex open

The outer doors of the church will remain open until 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday to enable people to come to pray in the narthex (porch).

Our Lady's Lamp

Our Lady's blue lamp burns this coming week for Anna and Sarah Appadoo in consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

If you would like the lamp to burn for an intention of yours, please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex. Most weeks from 27 September are available.

Offertory

Please place your offertory donations in the basket near the church entrance/exit doors.

You can also donate online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=clayhall.

Reading at Mass

If you wish to read at any Sunday Mass, please ask Sonia before the Mass starts or during the previous week.

Readers must sanitise their hands before and after reading.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby nappies are greatly appreciated. More information at redbridge.foodbank.org.uk.

Vacancies

Catholic school vacancies

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School vacancies (of which the Education Service is aware) are posted at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/.

Live streaming

Please be aware that our weekday Masses and Sunday morning Masses are live-streamed and available on YouTube afterwards. If you have any concerns, please speak to Sonia.