



Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens

Sunday 30th September 2018

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Gospel Reflection by Fr. Alex

The first reading this Sunday, speaks about the first community of Israel and the issues that revolved around in their community in appointing their leaders. God authorised Moses to choose the righteous leaders. However, some elders dishonour the newly elected by doubting their readiness. This shows an implied vilification to God spirit by questioning Moses discretion.

The second reading from the book of James, connects to Jesus teaching on admonition and retribution to all the rich and powerful people who are living in lavish, scandalous and unchristian way.

Brothers and sister, the gospel message emphasised two points to reflect upon. Firstly, Jesus exhorted his disciples to allow others to spread his words reminds them that “whoever is not against us is with us” Secondly (Mk 9:38-48) He, also exhorted everyone to be sensitive to other people emotions to prevent dispute and scandals most specially to the powerless who are the most susceptible members in our society. He strongly said; if he or she did it “it would be better for him to put around his neck the great millstone and thrown himself into the sea”. What a strong statement indeed!

In this present age where we live in today, it is important to be mindful of our behaviour, Yes! At all times. We must adhere to the fundamental principles of “great listener” and “good speaker” etiquette, to be able to be efficient and effective in dealing with our daily affairs in life. To elaborate the above, we must be conscious in the contents of our words, the way we speak, the tone of our voice, the gestures that we use and the sincerity of our engagements. These are real and tangible manifestations on who we really are. Have you heard someone complimented other person saying how “lovely human being” he/she is? This doesn't only constitute of his/her religious and educational background but rather an accumulation of “life-values” throughout the course of one's life. Amen.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church!

Mass Times & Intentions – Year B

Sunday 30th September – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Fr Tom Coffey RIP

11.15am Desmond Byrne RIP

6pm Parish Community

Monday 1st October – *St Therese of the child Jesus*

9.15am O D Odeke – Intention

Tuesday 2nd October – *The Holy Guardian Angels*

9.15am Peggy & Michael Herrigan - Intention

Wednesday 3rd October

9.15am Pauline Gilmore - Intention

Thursday 4th October – *St Francis of Assisi*

9.15am Peggy McEnaney

1pm Funeral: Eileen O'Connor RIP @ Sutton Road Crematorium

Friday 5th October – **Harvest Fast Day**

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

2-4pm *Holy Hour/Devine Mercy in the Adoration Chapel*

Saturday 6th October

10.30am Parish Finance Committee - Intention

11am Confessions & Exposition

6pm Polish Mass

Sunday 7th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11.15am Cynthia Ford RIP

6pm Cristeta Poblador - Intention

Sunday Masses

*The Praying of Rosary Must start 30 minutes
before each Sunday Mass*

Morning Prayer 8.30am Monday to Thursday

*All are welcome to join for morning prayer
and a decade of the Rosary before Mass*

Any Mass Intentions, should go through the office to

Julie julie@shwos.co.uk or 01702 342324

Mass Intention Envelopes – at the back of church

Please pray for the recently departed especially for;

Eileen O'Connor RIP

her funeral will take place at Sutton Road Crematorium on Thursday 4th October at 1pm. Please keep Eileen and her family in your prayers.

Weddings

Please speak to Fr Alex regarding Wedding Preparations at least six months before!

*Thank you for your unfailing support to our parish,
in prayers Fr Alex*

St Helen's Parish Notices

PARISH DIARY

Monday 1st October

2pm — Friendship Club in the small Parish Hall
(every other Monday)

Tuesday 2nd October

7-30pm — 9pm – Adoration in the Chapel Every
Tuesday Evening - silent adoration
30 minutes followed by Rosary and prayers

Wednesday 3rd October

10.30 – 12noon – Women's Bible Group -
in the Sacristy (For More information contact
Nicola Nevin on 07740 287042)

7pm – 8.30pm - The RCIA Programme
For further information please contact
Walter on 01702 303263

Thursday 4th October

11am — 1pm Every Thursday -
Pro life prayer group - In The Adoration Chapel
please join us for prayers for babies in danger of
abortion and their families or alternatively for our
street prayers in front of the clinic

Saturday 6th October

9am — Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 7th October

Legion of Mary Coffee Morning after 9.30am

Saturday 13th October – Legion of Mary - Rosary Crusade of Reparation

Starts at
Westminster Cathedral (Ambroden Avenue) at 1.45pm.
Procession praying the Rosary to Brompton Oratory
where Prayers of Reparation will be recited followed by
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All Members of
the Legion of Mary are encouraged to attend and give
witness to their Faith. All welcome

Tuesday 16th - Sunday 21st October 2018 Southend Deanery - Sacred Journeys Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Two places have
become available sharing a double room for the Rome
pilgrimage. Contact 01702 432458 / 07753 203129 /
07946 687623 Salvatore or Patricia Burzotta

20th October – Meeting for St Helens Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

If you are interested going or want to find out more
information about our next Lourdes Pilgrimage please
attend the meeting 2pm in the small Parish hall.

End of May beginning of June 2019 (children's half
term). Travelling by air and staying at the 4* Hotel
Grand Moderne. Please think and pray if You are being
called by our Lady to visit the special shrine in Lourdes.
Further details contact Sue Baillie 07979746707

Wednesday 31st October - All Hallows' Eve

Adoration /Mass / and outdoor rosary procession
followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome. We
will notify you of the times nearer the date.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice for Both Primary and Secondary School Applications Forms

Fr Alex will be available on the following
dates to issue "Certificate of Catholic
Practice" for Primary Secondary School
Applications for St Thomas More and
St Bernard's and St Helen's Schools on:

Tuesday 2nd October 4pm – 7pm
Tuesday 9th October 4pm – 7pm

No need to make an appointment.
You need to bring your Baptism Certificate
and school application form.

Please bring your child with you!

Please go to the hall on either date to see
Fr Alex to request a "Certificate of Catholic
Practice" which he will hand into the
appropriate school direct.

Thank you. Fr Alex

Baptism Course 2018

Children 6 years and over.

Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th October at 6pm – 7pm
Please on meet in the Small Parish Hall

*The Baptism classes for parents of
babies, children up to 6yrs old, and
those expecting will be held on:*

**1st Session: Thursday October 11th
at 6pm – 7.30pm**

**2nd Session Thursday October 18th
at 6pm – 7.30pm**

*Both sessions must be attended to book
your child Baptism!*

*Just turn up at church, there is no need to book an
appointment with Fr Alex beforehand.*

Confirmation Course starts Monday 29th October 2018 @ St Helen's

Are you going to be in Year 9 or above from October
2018? If yes, you are welcome to join our confirmation
course which is due to commence with registration on

Monday October 15th 2018 – 7pm – 8pm

You will need to register your interest by calling

Nicola Nevin on 07740 287042.

So that we can establish numbers and make necessary
arrangements. We look forward to hearing from you!

Confirmation Helpers Needed

We are seeking additional adult helpers to assist with
the next confirmation course which will run from 29th
October 2018. Please call Nicola on 07740 287042

Second Collection Next Sunday 7th October is for CAFOD

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 5th October
Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give what you can and return next week 7th October. *You can also give online: cafod.org.uk*

**Parish Collections:
Sunday 23rd September 2018**
Giftaid: £370 Loose plate: £391.33
Total: £761.33

St Helen's Catholic Church Building & Restoration Fund

For the week to 23rd September £46 was collected from cash and envelopes. When grossed up for gift aid this comes to £56 against a weekly target of £150. The cumulative position since the relaunch is that £4,667 (including gift aid tax relief) has been collected against a target of £8,000.

We can only maintain St Helen's with your help, the Collection box is at the back of church.
Thank you, Fr Alex & Parish Finance Team

Church Cleaning We urgently need more people to help clean our lovely church! If you can spare an hour every Friday, please just turn up after 9.15am! *Thank you*

Fr. Joseph collection

Special envelopes marked Fr. Joseph are available at the back of church. We will be inviting Fr. Joseph back to the parish in October to present him with the collection.

Please give generously.
Sue Baillie and Elizabeth Upsher.

Job Vacancy – Person required for paid position of Parish Manager in the office of St Helen's, Westcliff. 16 hours per week, [Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday]; 9am - 1pm - If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Alex Poblador for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/ applications by Friday 26th October 2018 01702 342324

westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Church Shop New Opening times
Monday to Thursday - 10am - 12pm
Afternoons: 3-30 pm - 4-30 pm
Saturday: 11am - 1pm
Sunday: after all Masses

Brentwood Diocesan Notices

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October 2018 - Beginning Experience

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Marae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 6th October – The Catholic Church and The European Project A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6D. The speaker will be Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, and Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day begins at 11am and ends at 3pm Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October 2018 - St. Thomas More High School - Open Days, by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2019 should complete the Local Education Authority single application form (SAF) and fill in the supplementary information form (SIF) that can be collected from the school or downloaded from www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk

Calais Light - Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not know where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this & volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate with compassion so we can keep helping them at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. **Next Trip 30th November-2nd December.** Sign up to volunteer or donate on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', or on our website calaislight.com or email us at calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire. **bccs** - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society 01268 784544 www.bccs.org.uk