



Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens

Sunday 7th October 2018

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Gospel Reflection by Fr. Alex

In the book of genesis which means "beginning". God created things that are essential and everlasting. Everything surround us are expressions of God's love and faithfulness. He had given us "gift of relationship" this is evident when he created a woman from a man's rib from the "bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh" (Gen. 2:23) So that both can create a perfect human relationship.

In the gospel, we come to the issue of separation, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife"? (Matt. 19-3). Moses allowed divorce because of the hardness of the heart of humans – their sinful nature. Human weakness has weakened the command of what God's intended for human relationships. Because of the weakness that has come through sin, humans have not been able to always live up to God's plan for relationships. We continue to sin and break relationships with God and with others. God's ideal plan of a woman and a man sharing a loving and physical relationship as a reflection of the relationship they have with God was completely ignored and violated.

Friends, now a days, many couples are going through rough patches in their relationships. Sadly, some have decided to end their holy matrimony. No divorce is easy, and even though it felt some relief at this, ending years of anger and acrimony, it still felt like a death most specially to their children who are powerless and clueless. Husband and Wife let us all revisit your promised during your wedding day - to love your spouse "wholeheartedly". How many couple understand that this "wholeheartedly" includes the obligation to offer forgiveness to the unfaithful, understanding each other short coming, loving your spouse selflessly and embracing the quality of life that you are sharing together.

Let us pray for all the families in the world to remain firm in their promised of fidelity and always observed that a love should always be free, undivided, faithful and fruitful. "What God has joined together, let no one can separate" (Matthew 19:4-6 cf. Genesis 1:27; 2:24). Amen.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church!

Mass Times & Intentions – Year B

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

9.30am Maria Davis - Intention

11.15am Cynthia Ford RIP

6pm Cristeta Poblador RIP

Monday 8th October – St Osyth

9.15am George Kennedy – Intention

Tuesday 9th October

9.15am Kenneth Lee – Intention for his health

Wednesday 10th October

9.15am F.I.H.M – Member's Intentions

Thursday 11th October – St John XXIII

9.15am Babies in Danger of Abortion

Friday 12th October – Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthberga

9.15am Avery Adriano - Intentions

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

Saturday 13th October

10.30am For all the Priests and Missionaries

11am Confessions & Exposition

6pm Polish Mass

Sunday 14th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants

9.30am For the Intention of our Bishop Alan

11.15am John Cosgnone RIP

6pm Parish Community

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, either see Fr Alex after Mass or speak to the Parish Secretary during office hours.

julie@shwos.co.uk or 01702 342324

Mass Intention Envelopes – at the back of church

Please pray for the sick of the parish especially: Maria Davis & George Kennedy

Parking!

Please park sensibly, both in the car park and the street. Do not block people in!!

Parking is a problem, especially people leaving after the 9.30am Mass and arriving for the 11.15am Mass.

There is a public car park if needed in North Road SS1 1PW (a short walk away, behind the "closed" Morisons

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

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

All announcements for church should be published in the newsletter. (Not just announced during Mass). Please send or post announcements to the Parish Secretary for the newsletter by Wednesday for printing on Thursday! Thank you

St Helen's Parish Notices

PARISH DIARY

Monday 8th October

7pm – 8.30pm — Legion of Mary (Meet in church)

Tuesday 9th October

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

Wednesday 10th October

10.30am – 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 11th 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

Friday 12th October

2-4pm – Every Friday
Holy Hour/Devine Mercy in the Adoration Chapel

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 or 10am after Mass if it's advertised! *Thank you*

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

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Monday May 27th – Friday 31st 2019 (children's half term). Travelling by air from Southend-on-Sea Airport and staying at the 4* Hotel Grand Moderne full board. Please think and pray if You are being called by our Lady to visit the special shrine in Lourdes. Adults £545, Children under 12 (£420) For details contact Sue Baillie 07979746707

All Hallows Eve - Wednesday 31st October

As Catholics we do not celebrate Halloween but we do celebrate **ALL HALLOWS EVE** on 31st October, with Adoration, Mass and candlelight Rosary Procession in the grounds of St Helens church, followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite Saint and will receive a gift for their efforts

The evening will commence with silent adoration at 5pm, Rosary at 6pm, Mass at 6.45pm followed by Candle Light Procession around the grounds. 8.15pm – Gather in the hall for Refreshments.

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

Fr Alex will be available on **Tuesday 9th October 5pm – 7pm** to issue "Certificate of Catholic Practice" for Primary Secondary School Applications for St Thomas More and St Bernard's and St Helen's Schools (& other Catholic schools in the area):

No need to make an appointment. You need to bring your Baptism Certificate and school application form. Please bring your child with you!

Thank you. Fr Alex

Baptism Course 2018

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

Please call Nicola on 07740 287042

First Holy Communion 2019

Registration packs are now available at the back of the church.

Please note to commence the course children must have been baptised and currently be in school year 3 or above.

Dates for First Holy Communion are Saturday 11th & 18th May 2019

Going Forth Mass 9.30am – 26th May 2019

Please return registration forms by Sunday December 2nd 2018.

**Second Collection This Sunday
7th October is for CAFOD**

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 5th October
Please give your Fast Day envelope to church today or
You can also give online: cafod.org.uk

**Second Collection Next Sunday
14th October is for SVP**

Sunday 14th October - SVP Awareness
Bacon Butties in the Hall after the 9.15 Mass
Everyone is welcome to come have a bacon buttie and coffee to help raise funds for the SVP. If you are interested in being a SVP member or finding out more, then please have a chat with one of the team.

**Parish Collections:
Sunday 30th September 2018**
Giftaid: £429 Loose plate: £488 Total: £917

St Helen's Catholic Church Building & Restoration Fund
For the week to 30th September £26 was collected from cash and envelopes. When grossed up for gift aid this comes to £33 against a weekly target of £150. The cumulative position since the relaunch is that £4,700 (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

Outside toilets during Mass
The new toilets have been completed and are now available for use.
Please ask Greeters for the key for the outside toilets and please ensure you turn off the light when leaving and locking the door. If you require disabled or baby-changing facilities then please use the Hall disabled toilet for this purpose.
Many thanks.

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 Contact: 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

Saturday 13th October 2018 - Governor Training -
@ Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT- 10.30am-12.00noon.
Topic: **"Effective Chairing."** Speaker: Mrs Maureen Smith, Governing Body Support Manager, Havering.
For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285

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

Autumn Spirituality Talks @ Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT - 10.30am 12 Noon
Saturday 20th October 2018 - "Sacraments of Mercy: the gracious presence of Christ." Speaker: Fr Martin Boland.
Saturday 17th November 2018 - "Life and healing: Spirituality of the Sacraments." Speaker: Mgr David Manson.
Saturday 1st December 2018 - "Advent Spirituality." Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm.
For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285

Job Vacancy for cleaner @ St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay
Monday to Friday between 3.30 and 5.30pm or 4 to 6pm @ £7.95 per hour. Training will be provided if needed. Contact Joanne Daniels on 07912 732632 or email joanne.daniels@entss.com

Are you an Essex University student? There is a Catholic group starting for Essex students. Please say hello to Fr Mark after the Mass. We're going to go for a meal [this Sunday evening](#) 7th October, so please come along if you can - or email UoEchaplain@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

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CalaisLight 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 email calaislight@yahoo.com or see the Brentwood Cathedral Website.