



# **Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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## **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B**

Gospel reading: *Mark 10: 35-45*

Other Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5: 1-6

***Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 125): What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.***

## **Gospel Reflection by Fr. Alex**

This Sunday we continue to reflect on the passage from Mark. In this story we see that Bartimaeus (Blind Man) received a miraculous healing from Jesus as an answer to his pleading. There, shouting and begging at the side of the road amongst others, undignified and desperate indeed caught Jesus attention specially that of Bartimaeus; “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” But it was a sincere cry for help from his soul. In this instance, Jesus emphasized that Bartimaeus’s enthusiasm to reach out has saved him. Jesus healing power has a direct correlation with someone’s faith seeking for help.

The presence of Jesus in our lives are still in question for most of us, mentally accepted but not spiritually embraced. Perhaps because we want tangible and instant results from all our requests. Having said that my friends. Did, Jesus have ever neglected and rejected our prayers? I think the answer is never! As he is our loving God and compassionate Father who is always ready to help.

How complex it is to talk to Jesus? The answer is, not complex at all. All we must do is to reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us. Tell him what your heart desires most, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus did, seek for him. Rest assured it would be life filled with happiness; wrapped with purpose; entangled with eternity.

Lastly, let us revisit our relationship to God. In relation to our needs and sufferings; expectations and petitions. Does your faith weaken if your prayers and petitions not answered immediately or He still your GOD, your truth and your saviour? AMEN.

**Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church!**

## Mass Times & Intentions – Year B

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am G & S Scraggs (*Wedding Anniversary*)

11.15am John Pnputnic RIP

1pm Tamil Mass

6pm Maria Moar RIP (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Rose Hockley RIP

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

10am Babies in Danger of Abortion

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

{9.15am St Helen's School Mass}

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

11.15 Anna & Kazimierz Mizera

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – ALL SOULS

9.15am Holy Souls

12noon Catalina Palapal RIP

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

7pm Holy Souls

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10.30am F.I.H.M – Members Intentions

11am Confessions & Exposition

6pm Polish Mass

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Wilfred Reynolds RIP

11.15am Parish Community

6pm John & Colette McGarvey - *Anniversary*

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

### Sunday Masses

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

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*Morning Prayer 8.30am Monday to Thursday*

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

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Any Mass Intentions, either see Fr Alex after Mass or  
during office hours [westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org)  
or 01702 342324

*Mass Intention Envelopes – at the back of the church*

### **November is dedicated to The Holy Souls**

Envelopes for the Holy Souls  
can be found at the back of  
the church.

Julie, our Parish office  
Secretary/Administrator has left  
as of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October after  
seven years. She has transferred  
to St Peter's Eastwood, so is still  
working for the Diocese, and will  
continue to help out just one  
afternoon a week in St Helen's  
office until we employ a new  
office manager.

In the meantime, any parish  
enquires please see Fr Alex or  
email [alex@shwos.co.uk](mailto:alex@shwos.co.uk) rather  
than the parish office! *Thank you*

# St Helen's Parish Notices

## **PARISH DIARY**

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

2pm – Friendship Group

5pm – 6.30pm – Signing of Catholic Practice forms

6.45pm – 8pm – Confirmation Group

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

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

7.30pm – Finance Committee Meeting

7-30pm – 9pm – Adoration in the Chapel

Every Tuesday Evening - silent adoration  
30 minutes followed by Rosary and prayers

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

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

### **All Hallows Eve – See notice below**

7pm – 8.30pm - The RCIA Programme

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

2-4pm – Every Friday

*Holy Hour/Devine Mercy in the Adoration Chapel*

## **Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice**

### **for Both Primary and Secondary School Applications Forms**

Fr Alex will be available on

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
5pm – 6.30pm**

**Please come to the Sacristy**

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Going Forth Mass 9.30am –  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Please return registration forms  
by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Appeal**

As in previous years, the Catholic Woman's League  
will have leaflets and the official shoe boxes ready  
for you to fill (for 40p) from Sunday 4th  
November, or you can cover your own shoebox.  
Please return them to the back of the church once  
filled. The last collection date is **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.  
A list of suitable items to include is on the notice  
board at the back of the church. In November  
2017 we sent 60 boxes. Can we beat this? Start  
collecting your items now.

### **All Hallows Eve -**

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

As Catholics we do not celebrate Halloween but we  
do celebrate **ALL HALLOWS EVE** on 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November -**

### **ALL SAINTS**

**(Solemnity and Holy day of obligation)**

Mass times: 9.15am, 11.15am

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November -**

### **ALL SOULS**

Mass times: 9.15am, 12 noon & 7pm

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage –**

### **Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Church Cleaning Every Friday – 10am** If you can help clean church on Friday Mornings from  
10am, please contact Helen Wallace on 07753 329934 as she is arranging a Rota.

**Second Collection Last Sunday  
21<sup>st</sup> October is for  
World Mission Day raised £104**

**Parish Collections:  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**  
*Giftaid: £313 Loose plate: £471*  
**Total: £784**

**Macmillan Big Coffee Morning**  
The Catholic Woman's League would like to thank all those who supported their 'Big Coffee Morning'. A cheque for **£110.17** has been sent to Macmillan.

**St Helen's Catholic Church Building & Restoration Fund**

The cumulative position since the relaunch is that £4,792 (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*

**Job Vacancy**

**Person required for paid position of House Keeper in St Helen's Presbytery Westcliff-on-Sea.** 4-6 hours per week.

If you or any of your family/friends are interested, please first contact Fr Alex Poblador. Closing date for CVs/ applications by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Contact: 01702 342324

[westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Church Shop Opening times**

**Monday to Thursday:**

**10am - 12pm**

**Afternoons: 3-30 pm - 4-30 pm**

**Saturday: 11am - 1pm**

**Sunday: after all Masses**

**Autumn Spirituality Talks @  
Cathedral House,**

*Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT  
10.30am 12 Noon*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*"Life and healing:*

*Spirituality of the Sacraments."*

*Speaker: Mgr David Manson.*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

*"Advent Spirituality."*

*Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm.*

*For further details contact:*

[jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

*Tel. 01277 265285*

**Brentwood Diocesan Notices**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Music for the Month of November Mozart Requiem -7pm** at St Peter's Eastwood Parish - Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX

Sung by the Eastwood Singers under the musical direction of Ashley Thompson *Free Admission Retiring collection for the New Havens Hospice.*

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – St Bernard's High School – Open Evening for Prospective Year 12**

Prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School mixed Sixth Form in September 2019. We welcome applications to our mixed Sixth Form from students, of all faiths and none, who meet our entrance requirements and are seeking a school with a Christian ethos.

[www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk)

St Bernard's High School. Tel: 01702 343583  
Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 – St Thomas More High School – Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm – 9pm**

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2019. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school. Telephone 01702 344933

[www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm - Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November.**

Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer. The names of those remembered will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email

[frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call

Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 for more information otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 - Healing Service at English Martyrs, Hornchurch**

If you are feeling stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the English Martyrs' **Healing Service from 6-8pm** for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. To register your attendance please email [HealingService@English-Martyrs.com](mailto:HealingService@English-Martyrs.com) or contact Mandy on 07801 470516.

English Martyrs Catholic Church,  
240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ.