

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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This week's Gospel and the one for next week, describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent". The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £564.40. Loose Plate: £336.84. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £564.16. Total: £1,465.40. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital: Anne-Marie Wardrop, Barbara Brabon, Gwen Rushton, Val Harding, Cecilia Omoyinbo and Kathleen Haigh. Prayers also please for Linda Lynn who is having an operation next week - thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES: Esther Harknet, Francis Janca, Irene Poulter, Christopher Hill, John Williams, Wincenty Bezel, Brendan Moran and Leo Kenny. May they all rest in peace.

SUPPLY PRIESTS: This weekend, we welcome **Fr Nick de Keyser**, a retired priest from Witham. We thank him for his support over this weekend.

MASS CHANGE: Please note, Mass on **Thursday 19th July**, will be held in St Francis School, at **9.30am**.

REFRESHMENTS: Will be provided after the **9.00am** and **11.00am** Sunday Masses.

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a collection **next weekend** for **The Apostleship of the Sea** - the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. This national collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. Please remember seafarers in your prayers - thank you. For more information, visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Gift-aiders please use one of your envelopes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018-19: For any children (Year 3 or above at school (as of September 2018)), who wish to register for next year's First Holy Communion Programme, there are now Registration Forms (with conditions of acceptance) and information sheets available, at the back of church. Registration Forms **MUST BE** returned on the Registration Sessions: **Friday 20th July, 7.00pm-8.00pm** and **Saturday 21st July, 10.30am-11.30am** - both sessions in the Jubilee Hall.

OLQP 100 CLUB: We currently have **77 members and we need more!** If anyone wishes to join, application forms and a standing order mandate are available at the back of church. However, it is now too late to be entered for this month. As we don't have 100 members, we have had to proportionately reduce the prize money, so the first prize will be £155 and the second prize £40. The draw will take place after the **11.00am** Mass, on **Sunday 29th July**, in the hall. Prize money will be issued in cheque form.

ALTAR SERVING: If anyone is interested in becoming an altar server and have already received their First Holy Communion then please contact Sue on 01376 326779 or email her on braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org as soon as possible. Thank you.

JUBILEE PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP: From September, the group needs more help to provide refreshments and generally help with setting-up and tidying away. If you could spare some time on a **Tuesday morning** (term-time only) from approximately **9.30am to 11.45pm** to assist, then please contact Kez on 07931870943.

FINAL OLOP ALPHA SESSION AND CELEBRATIONS: The final session of our Alpha course, this Saturday, is entitled “What about the Church?”. We welcome everybody who has attended any of the previous sessions, even if they haven’t been able to come regularly. Food from 11.45am and a (fairly) prompt finish by 2.00pm. Hoping to see as many Alpha guests as possible at the **11.00am** Mass on **Sunday 15th July**. Friends, family and fellow parishioners are very welcome to join us in the Braintree Public Gardens - <http://www.bb garden.co.uk/> for a bring and share picnic, 1.00pm onwards.

BRAINTREE AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER: Are holding a United Service in our church on **Sunday 29th July at 7.00pm**. The theme for the service is the Braintree Foodbank. Everyone is encouraged to come along and support Churches Together. The following is a list of items that the Foodbank require and you are asked to bring along **one item only** which will be placed in front of the altar: cereal, instant mash, spaghetti, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned cold meats, rice puddings, sponge puddings, Longlife milk, toilet rolls, nappies and Longlife carrier bags. For further information, contact Graham at: olqp.stewardofthegospel@gmail.com.

THE DOWRY TOUR: The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit Brentwood Cathedral from **Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July**. An opening Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Armitage at **7.30pm** on **19th July** in Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is invited. <http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/>.

SUMMER LOURDES 2018: The “Virtual Pilgrimage.” From **24th to 29th July**, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (**Tuesday 24th, 7.30am** UK time); the Torchlight procession (**Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm**) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (**Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm**) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (**Friday 27th, 8.00am–11.00am**). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS: Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is ‘yes’, then become a Vincentian Volunteer - living in a community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. For more information, visit www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk.

VACANCIES: For voluntary **Catholic School Foundation Governors**. The Diocese is looking to identify new Foundation Governors and Directors for our Catholic schools and academies across the Brentwood Diocese. The Governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the head teacher and all the staff. For more information, see the flyer on the noticeboard. If you would like to be considered for one of our schools, please send a CV to sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th July - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Carmel Kelly RIP (A) (Bryan)
Sunday 15th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	9.00am 11.00am	Haydn Hurdidge RIP (A) (Reynolds) People of the Parish
Monday 16th July	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 17th July	9.30am	Jane and John Drugan RIP (Digby)
Wednesday 18th July	9.30am	Zara Lothian RIP (Henriques)
Thursday 19th July (Mass At St Francis School)	9.30am	Eileen Doyle (Rafferty)
Friday 20th July	9.30am	Jerry O'Brien RIP (Digby)
Saturday 21st July	9.30am	Elias Aboujaoudé RIP (A)
Saturday 21st July - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mary and Vincent Monaghan RIP (Digby)
Sunday 22nd July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Deceased Members of the O'Connell Family (Ward)

**NO CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY 14TH JULY
CONFESSIONS WILL RESUME AGAIN AT 10.00AM ON SATURDAY 21ST JULY**

Rosary	Church	Monday (except Bank holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 26th July	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 17th July	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Closed for the summer holidays	7.30pm

COUNTERS OF COLLECTION AND CHURCH CLEANERS

All now on a rota basis - emailed out.
If you need a paper copy please see Sue in
the office.

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