

Mass Intentions

October 18th to October 26th

Saturday 18th	10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6:00pm Dorothy Bwalya Intentions.
Sunday 19th	9:00am Rosy May Intention.
	11:00am Ann Keys (RIP)
Monday 20th	No Mass Church closed all day.
Tuesday 21st	9:00am Larry Fernandes (RIP) 6th Anniversary
Wednesday 22nd	9:00am Nancy Wilson Intentions.
Thursday 23rd	9:00am Jidenna Quincy Azyatalam Intentions.
Friday 24th	9:00am Victor Tembo (RIP) 1st anniversary
Saturday 25th	10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6:00pm Ann Keys (RIP)
Sunday 26th	9:00am For the sick in the Parish.
	11:00am For the sick in the Parish.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Giuseppe De Palma, Augustus Edwards, Louisa Travasso, Leroy Williams, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel n Antonella Rizzo Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Lucy Williams Jocelyn Hilaire, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul Marcus Elwin, Rizzo Enzo, Jimmy Lucy, Patricia Roberts, Isabel Edwards, Patricia Adams.



Anniversaries



Patrick Garvey, Don Beech
Anthony Mahoney, Elsie Wilshire
Bridget Dunphy, James Feeney
Sarah Curley, Patrick Kelly,
Joyce Ferguson, Edith Vidolich

May they rest in Peace



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“Pray continually and never lose heart...”

The readings this Sunday are about praying continually and never lose heart, because God hears our prayers and answers at the appropriate time. The first reading also points to the fact that there is need to pray as a community. When we pray, we sometimes are tempted to give up if God does not seem to answer us immediately. Christ teaches us to persevere, and we can be sure that he is always interceding for us to his father. Jesus stresses the fact that if we pray in faith, we will receive.

In the first reading we learn that as long as “Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed.” If we persist, we succeed. We also learn that we need others in our effort to pray. When “Moses hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands...” Community prayer is important in each one's life. Together we stand.

In our gospel passage this Sunday Jesus teaches us to pray continually. Our gospel is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. The second one we will read next Sunday. This first parable is about persistence in prayer. The next Sunday's will be about attitude in prayer. Though the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such understanding misses the point. God is not like the judge, who is corrupt and unjust, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. We must understand Jesus to be saying that if the corrupt and unjust judge responds to the persistent widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers our prayers.

Two points that we need to meditate on this week. One is that we need to pray continually with faith that God will hear our prayers and answer us. The second point is that we need Aaron and Hur to hold our hands up as we pray, especially when we become weary. We also need to be the Aaron and Hur to others in their times of need, so we hold their hands up when they are weak.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Exodus 17:8-13

Second reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation - Hebrews 4:12

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-8. **R. cf. 2** **Gospel** - Luke 18:1-8

Learning Support Assistant - Needed

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant.

Please see the school's website for further information

The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Come work at UAI!

Baptism dates for 2025

All sessions are at 7pm

26th November

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the formal process by which adults are received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, while learning about the teachings of the Catholic faith. If you regularly attend church and wish to deepen your understanding or begin your journey into the Catholic Church, RCIA is a great place to start. We begin our Journey in Faith this **June**.

If you're interested, please speak to Fr. Henry.

First Holy Communion Forms

First Holy Communion. Forms are given at the end of Masses on the weekend. If you have a child who is in **year 3 and above**, collect the form, fill it in and attach the child's baptism certificate and bring it to Fr. Henry.

Closing date for collecting the form is **26th October 2025**.

Donations for

Parish Mass

Books

The parish is in the process of replacing the current Mass Books

Anyone who would like to donate to help with the cost can do so by

either;

Cheque

Made payable to:

Catholic Church

Chadwell Heath St.

Bedes

Online

Acc. No: 01017624

Sort Code: 40-13-22

HSBC

Thank you for your donations

God Bless You, Fr.

Henry

Offertory

11th & 12th October

Loose plate: **£318.91**

Envelope : **£324.57**

Standing Orders

August 2025: **£930.00**

Fr Henry would like to

thank you all

Raffle Prizes Collection

There are few prizes still not collected.

Benjamin Ticket 876 Car Kit.

Margaret Thomas Ticket 716 Candles.

Margaret Thomas Ticket 706 Wine.

Sarah Moran Ticket 841 Toy.

Genry Ticket 816 Biscuit Barrel.

Headteacher Vacancy

Our Lady Immaculate Primary School, Chelmsford

Required from 1st April 2026. L15-L21 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 218.

Governors are seeking to appoint a dedicated and inspirational Head Teacher who is a committed, practicing Catholic. We are looking for someone who shares our vision and passion and has the leadership and ambition to build on the successes of our school. Our new Head Teacher will be well-supported by all stakeholders and will have the benefit of a close network of colleagues in the CMAT who really enjoy working together.

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Thursday 20th November 2025.

We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school.

Please speak with the Admin & Finance Officer, Lindsey Murgatroyd for more information. For an Application Pack please email:

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