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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 - **Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life**

Responsorial Psalm - 14(15):2-5 - *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Second reading - James 1:17-18,21-22,27 - **Accept and submit to the word**

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Jn6:63,68 - **Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 - **You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions**

Laws and Traditions

Today's readings lead us to reflect not just on the rules we live by but on how and why we keep them. Rules are meant to allow us to live safely and freely. Society has rules for our protection and harmony. Religious rules are meant to nurture our relationship with God.

In our gospel reading, Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders have a public conflict about the Jewish tradition of washing of hands before dinner. Jesus denounced the Pharisees and their traditions. He calls the Pharisees "hypocrite," who have God on their lips but not in their hearts. What does the gospel say about the tradition? We might think, if cleaving to tradition got the Pharisees the denunciation by Jesus, then so much the worse for tradition.

And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, including our creeds, are shaped by tradition. The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples do not keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question is not a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From their point of view, a person could not be from God and not wash his hand before dinner in accordance with the tradition.

A tradition hands on something precious from one generation to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses. What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees?

In the first reading, Moses orders the people to communicate God's commandments without adding or subtracting anything from them. But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of God and Jesus Christ, they do not transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it in the name of tradition. That is why Jesus says that the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition of men. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God's goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them "hypocrites." How do we practice tradition?

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

Parish Secretary

St Antony's Forest Gate

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at St Antony's Forest Gate

The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills

The post will be part-time working 25 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish

The salary is dependable on skills and experience

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org

Closing date: 9th September 2024

Altar Server Training

For new servers and those wishing to do refresher training

Saturday 31st August at 2pm

Saturday 7th September at 2 pm

Saturday 21st September at 2pm

All sessions will be 1 hour

You must attend all 3 sessions

Those wanting a refresher of their training, please attend the session on 21st September at 2pm

Donations

24th & 25th August

Envelopes: £314.50, **Loose Plate:** £238.71

Fr Henry would like to thank you all





Roman Catholic Diocese of Brentwood

Invites all its Altar Servers and their families to the annual
Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers

at



on

Saturday 21 September 2024 at 2pm

Principal celebrant
Rt Rev. Alan Williams S. M.
Bishop of Brentwood



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Altar servers to arrive by 1:30pm at the latest. Vesting will take place in the parish halls. Please note for footwear that sensible / formal black shoes are to be worn by all servers during the mass – no trainers.

Parking arrangements: Please use the nearby multi-storey car park or Sainsbury's supermarket (both require payment), or car-share if possible. The cathedral car park will have a few spaces only.

RCIA

(Right of Christians Initiation of Adults)

Thank you to those who already registered to join us on a journey of Faith

Those wanting to learn more about the Faith, please see Fr. Henry and complete the form at the back of the church

Our first meeting will take place on the 31st of August at 10am in the Lady Chapel

From August onwards

Adoration and benediction

Last Friday of the month at 7pm

Adorations and confessions

First Saturday of the month 10 - 11am

Adoration available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedds

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul 10am

12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford 8:45am

9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, Our Lady of Lourdes

7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Dates for baptism sessions

Parents/Guardians note dates for baptism classes. All sessions start at 7pm promptly in the church. Parents and Godparents to attend. Parents confirm on the Sunday before each session that you will be attending.

Wed 18th September

Tue 1st October, Wed 20th November

One Heart, One Love, One Community

If you are a qualified Plumber, Electrician, Gardener, Mechanic, Painter & Decorator, Tree Surgeon, Computer & Printer Technician

Please leave your card or telephone number/name, at the back of the church, someone will make contact with you. We are compiling our own directory for our community

All work undertaken will be paid at standard rate

Mass Intentions

31st August to 8th September

Saturday 31st	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Mrs Mavis Jones (RIP)
Sunday 1st	9.00am	Boniface Joseph Jeganathan (RIP)
	11.00am	For the youth in the Parish
Monday 2nd		No Mass. Church closed all day
Tuesday 3rd	9.00am	Roseline (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	Bishop Abdon Potani (RIP)
Thursday 5th	9.00am	Fr. George Changwe (RIP)
Friday 6th	9.00am	Fr. Lucio Vitorino (RIP)
Saturday 7th	10 - 11am	Adoration and Confessions
		(First Saturday of the month)
	6.00pm	Peter O'Neill (RIP)
Sunday 8th	9.00am	Fr. Gedion (Sick)
	11.00am	Roseline (Thanksgiving)

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

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel Antonella Rizzo
Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Rizzo Enzo
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman
Kevin Madden, Annie Childs, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe
Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul, Marcus Elwin, Jocelyn Hilaire



Anniversaries

Lynette Defreitas, Irene Dent, Louise Pearce, Peter O'Neill
Elizabeth Ridley, Nan McCarthy, Jim Clifford, Ken Millberry
Philomena Rouse, Bob Church, Edmond Grant, Peter Martin
Anna McKenna, Wilfred Pinto, Leo Fernandez, John Higgins
Bridie Seinger, Nicholas D'Lima, Frances Roughton, Winifred Taylor
Harry Lemming, Roma Battle, Raymond Payne, Gerard Fogarty

May they rest in Peace