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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Isaiah 35:4-7 - **The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy**

Responsorial Psalm - 145(146):7-10 - ***My soul, give praise to the Lord.***

Second reading - James 2:1-5 - **God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith**

Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9, Jn6:68 - **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37 - **'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'**

“Ephphatha” Be Opened

This Sunday we continue to read from Mark's gospel. In our gospel passage today, Jesus heals a deaf man who had an impediment. In this story we see the healing power of Jesus, and we find clues about our understanding of the importance of sacraments of the Church. Many of us will be struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. In the Church we continue to celebrate the sacraments using physical means and elements. In the sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

In this same passage we can see Jesus who goes out to the gentiles to proclaim the good news. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is moving through the gentile territory. He had visited this region before and healed a man who was possessed by a demon. That means Jesus was already known, this explains why the people brought the deaf man to him and asked him to cure him. The story that precedes our reading, today sets the stage. Jesus encounters a gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to cure her possessed daughter.

Jesus engages the woman in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food for children. Jesus is then shocked by the woman's strong faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from children's table. Because of her great faith, Jesus heals the woman's daughter immediately. The faith of the gentile woman compelled Jesus to respond to her plea.

We are all in need for healing. Do you believe in Jesus' healing power?

God bless you all. Fr. Henry



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.

Altar Servers

The community welcomed the highest number of First Holy Communion Children after the pandemic this year, of the many only 3 have come forward for training as Altar Servers.

Parents at Baptism were told

"You are the teachers of the faith and may you be the best of teachers"

Encouraging your children to come forward for the training is an excellent start to their journey.

Congratulations to:

Kayshanna Peter

Lyla Jones

Benjamin George

Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue their commitment.



Donations

1st & 2nd September

Envelopes: £545.89

Loose plate: £233.79

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

RCIA

(The Rite of Christians Initiation of Adults)

Many congratulations to the following who have come forward to prepare for Christian Initiation or entry into full communion with the Catholic Church

Leroy Williams

Peter Dayson

Harvey Webster

They have completed their period of enquiry (the Rite of election in the Catholic Church) and will come forward on the 15th November at the 11am mass for the Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey.

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

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

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)

Mass Intentions

7th September to 15th September

Saturday 7th	10 - 11am	Adoration and Confessions (First Saturday of the month)
	6.00pm	Peter O'Neill (RIP)
Sunday 8th	9.00am	The sick in the parish
	11.00am	Roseline (Thanksgiving)
Monday 9th		No Mass. Church closed all day
Tuesday 10th	9.00am	Beryl Johnson's Intentions
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	Angelina Iwu Healing and Family Unity
Thursday 12th	9.00am	Fr. Victor Fuleki (RIP)
Friday 13th	9.00am	Anthony Albuquerque Birthday Thanksgiving
Saturday 14th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Ronald Hewins (RIP) 1st anniversary
Sunday 15th	9.00am	B. S. Alfred (RIP)
	11.00am	Margaret Mary & Family 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

Patrick Riordon, Gary Hyde, George O'Grady
Eddie Dupree, Patricia Manka, Michael Murphy
Tony Ranson, John Keane, Brian Trump, Mary D'Silva
John Ladly, Patrick Halligan, Derek Skekel, Cornelius Pearman, Mary Heaney
Thomas Trs, Carmeno Belli, Marion Love, Christine Aldridge
Adrian Gostling, Josephine Howley

May they rest in Peace