

Mass Intentions

October 25th to November 2nd

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.
Monday 27th	No Mass Church closed all day.	
Tuesday 28th	9:00am	Carolyn Fernandes and Family Thanksgiving.
Wednesday 29th	9:00am	Thanksgiving and blessings for St. Joseph.
Thursday 30th	9:00am	Thanksgiving and blessings for St. Joseph.
Friday 31st	9:00am	Thanksgiving and blessings for St. Joseph.
	7:00pm	Adoration and Benediction.
Saturday 1st	10-11am	Adoration and confessions.
	6:00pm	Jerry and Mary Enright (RIP) Mary's 2nd anniversary.
Sunday 2nd	9:00am	Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Alfred (RIP)
	11:00am	Fr. David Kaputo (RIP)

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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“The Prayer of the humble pierces the clouds....”

In today's gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a Tax collector at prayer in the Temple. Eventually, it was the sinful tax collector, not the self-righteous Pharisee, that went home justified, that is forgiven and reconciled with God. His prayer pierced the clouds.

Today's parable highlights the contrast between the self-righteous religious man, a Pharisee, and the humble tax collector, regarded as a sinner. The Pharisee approached the presence of God with an arrogant sense of entitlement: “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, and adulterous – or even like this tax collector...” His prayer is turned in on himself. He asked for nothing because he did not think he needed anything, certainly not forgiveness. He was upright and was flaunting his righteousness for God before whom our insignificance and shabbiness of life is too clear. The Pharisee presents himself as righteous and looks down upon others. He lacks charity, as he demonstrated in his contempt for the tax collector.

On the other hand, the tax collector prayed with humility. The humble prayer of the tax collector came straight from his heart. It is simple. “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” He knew he had nothing to boast of. He did not feel entitled. All he had to offer was his sin and emptiness. That was enough because he trusted in God's mercy. He does not compare himself with other people. He only measures himself against God's standards and finds himself wanting. Knowing how unworthy he is, he stands at a distance. He dares not to look up.

The parable challenges us to reflect on our attitude in prayer. The lesson of this parable is that our belief in God does not really save anyone. What matters instead is what our belief in God has made us become. The simple prayer of the tax collector, a direct prayer is a response to glimpses we get of God's relationship with us. It may lead us to adoration or praise, to thanksgiving or petition. In our gospel passage, to profound repentance “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19

Second reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Corinthians 5:19

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

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

18th & 19th October

Loose plate: **£404.13**

Envelope : **£337.94**

Fr Henry would like to
thank you all

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:
lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

The prayer of the humble passes

THROUGH THE CLOUDS, AND IT WILL
NEVER STOP UNTIL IT DRAWS NEAR
TO GOD. IT WILL NEVER WITHDRAW
UNTIL THE MOST HIGH TAKES NOTICE

SIRACH 35:21