



The Catholic Parish and Ordinariate Church of S. John Vianney Clayhall



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As Jesus came home, a crowd once again gathered. How we long to see great crowds come to church! We see large crowds at Christmas and Easter. If something terrible happens in the world, we might see more people here but, if it's just an ordinary Sunday, our churches are not very full anymore. Why?

Some people have abandoned any notion of faith and God. They think we might be out of our minds for believing. Sometimes they say it doesn't make any sense to them to believe. I would ask if they have ever really opened themselves to believe.

Perhaps the "*serpent tricked*" them just as with Adam and Eve. I think today the serpent likes to spread confusion by telling us that no one believes everything that our faith teaches us. So, the serpent says it's okay for us to pick and choose what we believe.

This leads to relativism where people think it is okay to believe whatever one wants as long as you don't hurt anyone. They say this but then if we want to speak up for what our faith teaches, they tell us to be quiet. They promote tolerance but they don't tolerate what our faith teaches. Thinking of what Jesus says in the gospel, Satan tries to tie us up so he can plunder our house.

I might point out here that if the relativists and atheists are so sure that we are not right, what reason do they have to not let us speak? Do they know they cannot prove us wrong? Do they know what our faith teaches is true?

What are some other ways that the serpent tries to trick us to not come to church?

Satan can use shame to make us feel unworthy to come to church just as Adam hid himself from God after the Original Sin. Yet, it is exactly when we are discouraged and shamed by our sins that we need to cry out to God for forgiveness. Knowing that Jesus laid down his life for us on the Cross gives us the perfect reason to trust that God will forgive us.

On other hand, Satan at times tries to mask our sins so we don't see them. This way we think we are good and that we don't need to come to church every week. Satan wants us to think it



Fundraising Dinner & Dance

Saturday 19 October

5pm to 11pm; dinner served 6.30pm

**The Forest Row Centre
241 Lodge Lane, Romford RM5 2LD**

Tickets £50 adults, £25 under 16s

More information – speak to Francis or Lily
in church or phone: Francis 07950 657777
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Readings and psalm responses

Psalm responses

10am: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

5pm: With the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption.

First reading

Genesis 3:9-15

Gospel

Mark 13:20-35

Second reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Parish Finance

Offertory, Mass stipends, candles, repository + average standing orders and online donations, and donations for new lectionaries £1,736.77

doesn't matter if we miss church once in a while.

Next, while Satan likes to mask our sins so we don't see our own sins, he likes us to see the sins of those who do promote the faith to make them look like hypocrites. The sex abuse scandal comes to mind. **Nothing** excuses these past sins but we are all sinners in need of redemption who need to admit our need for God's help.

Along with this, Satan likes to make sure we are busy with other things and that we think those other things are more important than getting to church every week. Satan says who needs to go every week.

Then missing one week becomes two weeks. Two weeks becomes three. Then, it becomes I'll go once this other stuff is done. Then, we think we are doing okay (that's what the serpent says anyway) and we find it has been a while since we have even acknowledged God.

Then, something bad happens and we have troubling finding God because we don't have a relationship with Jesus. We become distant from God.

This is why the serpent wants us to think it is okay not to go to church on a regular basis. He knows the best way to lead us from God can be in little steps so we don't even notice.

Satan knows that if we come to church every week to hear God's Word, to be strengthened by receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, and pray throughout the week, that we will develop a relationship with Jesus. Satan wants to make sure that doesn't happen.

Jesus laid down his life to save us. Satan leads us astray not for our good but to win souls for himself.

We need to come to church to help build our relationship with God. Choosing to come to church over other things says we put God first in our lives.

Are there reasons to miss Mass? The Church says we can miss for serious illness of ourselves (or someone we provide care for). If there is three feet of fresh snow, that can keep us from getting to church. If we can't drive or walk to church or get a ride, God understands. Otherwise, we need to come to know Jesus.

Congratulations to Eniola and Ezechukwu whose marriage took place here yesterday. We all wish them both every blessing and God's grace as they begin their life together.

International Evening Thanks to all who helped in any way with last night's International Evening. It's always a splendid event!

Fr Rob Page

Parish Priest

Parish Notices and News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement.

Monday evening Mass

There will be no Latin Mass on Monday 10 June. Evening Masses resume on 17 June.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, available in the narthex, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia. Weekdays and Saturdays are readily available but Sundays are booked well ahead.

Readers' rota

The new readers' rota from July to December is about to be prepared. If anyone would like to join or leave the rota, please let Sonia know asap. Current readers are: Jacqui Ricketts, Ikem Enebeli, Bernadetta Sharon, Shahana Senthel, Naomi Augusto, Christina Varghese, Kanista Jesuthasan, Ann Stevens, Aidan Julian, Jennifer Alvares, Sally Ann Ashiagbor, Aarlin Baladevan, Heather Steadman, Sabrina Traynor, Theresa McDonagh and Sonia Gable.

Sacred Heart Companions

The Sacred Heart Companions (SHC) meet monthly at the Chigwell Convent to pray together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. The next meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday 10 June**, from 2pm to 3.30pm, followed by a cuppa and biscuits. For more information, please speak to Tesse.

Loyola Prep School Choir

The Choir will be singing for the 6:30pm Mass on **Saturday 15 June** at Brentwood Cathedral followed by a short concert. All are most welcome.

Help needed with the church gardens

The SJV Weeders and Pruners will gather on **Tuesday 11 June** at 9.30am (after the morning Mass), weather permitting. They would welcome help from people willing to give an hour or two of their time. It's enjoyable work and volunteers need only do what is within their capabilities. Just turn up with your gardening gloves, though if you want to bring your own tools, that's very welcome.

Gardening will thereafter continue weekly on Mondays.

Living Rosary – intention for June

With Pope Francis, let us pray for those fleeing their own countries, for migrants fleeing from war, destruction or hunger, that they may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady's lamp

Our Lady's Lamp continues to burn this week for the Senthel family in thanksgiving. Do

consider sponsoring our Sanctuary Light, and the lamps at Our Lady's Altar, Our Lady of Walsingham and S. Joseph. Please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex – suggested stipend £7) and give it to Fr Rob or Sonia.

Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings of active members take place on most Sundays after the 10am Mass. Auxiliaries are most welcome to join us.

Parish repository

Our repository is open after the Sunday morning Mass and stocks a wide variety of gifts, cards and devotional items. Open at other times on request.

Redbridge Foodbank

Your gifts of long-life food and drinks as well as toiletries, toilet paper, sanitary pads and baby nappies, are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the foodbank table in the S. John Henry Newman Chapel.

The General Election

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have produced a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. They cover pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: "We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved and to lead." The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: www.cbcew.org.uk/election24

External events

Valentine Singers concert

All the world on stage: dawn to dusk, schemers, seducers and soulmates in opera and theatre. Sunday 30 June at the Church of the Assumption, 98 Manford Way, Hainault IG7 4DF. £16 (£9 students/benefit holders) in advance; £18 (£10 students/benefit holders) on the door. Admission free for under 16s. See www.valentinesingers.org for information and tickets or phone 01277 364772.

Mass times and intentions

Sun	9	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Second Sunday after Trinity) 10.00 Eniola & Ezechukwu Ezeji – marriage blessing (Tolu Ayeni & family) 16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 17.00 The People of the Parish
Mon	10	S. Margaret, <i>Queen, Widow</i> <i>No Mass</i>
Tue	11	S. Barnabas, <i>Apostle</i> 9.00 Jakub Jan Rutkowski (Ania Rutkowska)
Wed	12	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9.00 Pat Coughlin – birthday blessings (Tesse & Marilyn)
Thu	13	S. Anthony of Padua, <i>Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> 9.00 Aron & Owen & Maughan (Seamus)
Fri	14	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9.00 Antonio Josef – thanksgiving and spiritual guidance (Maria Josef)
Sat	15	Saturday of Our Lady 9.00 Jenny Appadoo – birthday blessings (The Saturdays)
Sun	16	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Third Sunday after Trinity) Day for Life 10.00 Mary Shipsey RIP (Anne Edwards & family) 16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 17.00 The People of the Parish
Tuesday to Saturday		8.00 Office of readings and morning prayer – week 2 (except Wednesday) 8.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday to Friday		17.30 No evening prayer this week

Stewards

This Sunday Theresa Valerie, Anne Edwards, Tolu Ayeni

Next Sunday Marilyn Butler, Siew Mendoza, Pauline Brooke

Extraordinary Ministers

This Sunday **10am** Heather Steadman, Barbara Cheah, Maria Josef
 5pm Josef Sehion, Maria Josef

Next Sunday **10am** Julilan Roshan, Bernadetta Sharon, Rita Young
 5pm Josef Sehion, Maria Josef

Ministers taking communion out today Francis Addai, Bernadetta Sharon, Barbara Cheah, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Josef Sehion (5pm)

Spiritual communion call Theresa McDonagh.

Ministers taking communion out next Sunday Akash Cheeda, Pauline Brooke, Rita Young, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Josef Sehion (5pm). *Spiritual communion call* Rita Young.

Readers (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

This Sunday Heather Steadman, Sabrina Traynor

Next Sunday Theresa McDonagh, Sonia Gable

Repository Marilyn Butler

Refreshments Cordelia Okosun

Flowers next Saturday Mabel Sodimu