

## Mass Intentions: 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11.30</b> – In Honour of the Infant Jesus of Prague
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Lela Anastacio
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – Irene Josephine RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 10.00 – John Murray RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Pamela & Dennis Renollf Wedding Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Saturday of Our Lady</b> 10.00 – Catherine Darling  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Claude Isaacs RIP

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary**

**Mass Intentions / Offerings:** Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Mass Attendance last weekend: 194 persons**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: 504.51 £**

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week and I look forward, very much, to getting to know you all and working with you for the good of our Parish.**

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2-3 September 2023

Parish Mass Book – Sunday Readings – pgs. 122-125

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**684** – Tell out, my Soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**478** – Make me a channel of your peace

**517** – O bread of heaven, beneath this veil

**248** – He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster

### *Dear brothers and sisters,*

Suffering is a part of life. Each of us in our unique way experience pain and difficulties as we go about our daily living. It might be long-term unemployment, our own sickness or the ill health of someone we love. It might be a long-standing broken relationship with a friend or family member. There are countless ways in which each of us suffers. How are we to understand and make sense of this? What has the Gospel this Sunday to say to us about suffering and being a follower of Jesus today?

From the start of his public ministry, Jesus called and invited people to follow him with the condition that they must take up their own cross and follow him. It is an invitation. Jesus does not and never will force his way into our lives. The choice has to be ours whether or not we accept this invitation. When Jesus spoke to the rich young man in Mark's Gospel, he said to him, if you want to follow me, go and sell what you have and own; then come and follow me. For whatever reason the man couldn't

do this; we can only assume that he was too attached to his belongings to give them away. We are told that he went away sad, because he was rich. It is worth mentioning that Jesus did not go after him and beg him to become one of his followers. Jesus let him go. He does the same with each of us today. He wants to have a personal relationship with us and wants us to respond freely to his invitation. Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus say, come and follow me and you will have an easy or pain free life. In fact, in the Gospel this Sunday, he says the very opposite; we are to take up our cross and follow him. The cost of being a follower of Jesus is very high. But we do not walk this path of discipleship alone. Jesus walks by our side to help, support and encourage us.

Following Jesus is not magic nor does it exempt us from suffering, pain or difficulties. Jesus saves us through our suffering not from our suffering. There is no virtue in suffering for its own sake. The invitation from Jesus is that we take up our cross also means that he walks with us and that we walk with him. When Jesus starts talking about his own suffering, Peter wants Jesus to avoid the suffering he will endure. Peter wants to avoid pain and suffering for himself and Jesus. In that sense, we are perhaps a little like Peter; we too often want to ignore or avoid pain and suffering. Jesus however is very clear and honest and is not afraid to speak openly about the suffering that awaits him.

This week, may we have the courage and humility to ask Jesus to support and encourage us as we take up our cross and follow him each day.

*Amen!*

### **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2023-2024**

Information about our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes to follow in upcoming Church Newsletters.

### **Refreshments after Sunday Mass**

I would like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits and a chance to meet, socialise and get to know each other.

### **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary praesidium (Queen of Angels) meet every Sunday after 11.30 Mass and invite all of you dear children of Mary to join us.

Active members as well as auxiliaries are warmly welcome. God bless you all!

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

### **Parish Council meeting**

Fr. Tarciziu would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss plans for the future of our Church. It is proposed the meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tarciziu. Also please complete a registration form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office.

### **Altar Servers**

Dear Parents or Guardians, if your children (boys & girls) have made their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers, please contact the Parish Office by email. Full training will be offered.

### **Parish Repository**

We stock a wide range of gifts, cards and devotional items. Please put your payment in the box by the gift tables. Fr. Tarciziu will be happy to sign Mass Cards and Bless devotional items.

### **Newsletter copy deadline**

If you would like to place a notice in our newsletter, please send your request via the Parish Office email address by the Thursday before the relevant weekend.

### **Vacancies**

[www.disceofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/](http://www.disceofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/) for staff vacancies in our parish schools across the Diocese.

### **Donations**

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish, please send an email to [hainault@brcdt.org](mailto:hainault@brcdt.org) and we will be happy to supply you with the relevant account details.