



FUNERAL

The funeral of
Gabriel Amodio will take place on
22nd September at 10.00am;

ANNIVERSARIES:

Arthur Rayner, Mrs White, Seamus Hanley,
Sister Carmel Ronayne, Annie Horton, John
Martin, Rita Willcocks, Violet Mulligan, John
O'Halloran, Anne O'Mahone, John Potter,
Patrick Murphy, Rita Roudette, Seamus
Hanley, Ona-Mageliona Kabisaitiene

Thank You!

Operation Rachel

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who
donated towards the repair and maintenance
for the Bell of Christ the King. 10k was
raised. Thank you to all and your generosity

Maranatha at Upminster 17 September 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are
warmly invited to an evening of prayer,
praise and worship, including Mass and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where
we come together to encounter the Holy
Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic
context. At St Joseph's Catholic Church,
Upminster RM14 2SY on Thursday 17
September 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with
refreshments afterwards. Come and join us!

GENTLE YOGA

New term begins 15th September at
12pm—1.30pm. Please contact Jacqui on
02085049035 or email
jacqui.bonham1@gmail.com for more
information

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday
Mass in the Becket Centre

10am Chigwell Convent

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on Saturday's
when mass takes place at 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am & 5.15pm - 5.45 pm

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month

BAPTISM COURSE DATES

23rd and 30th September.
Parents are required to attend both dates to
complete the course. To register please visit
the parish website and complete the baptism
course application form.

Parish Council Meeting
Monday, 14th September at 7.30pm

Second Collection
Catholic Education Service
There will be a second collection on Sunday,
13th September after mass

Second Collection
Evangelii Gaudium Day
There will be a second collection on Sunday,
20th September after mass

St Margaret's Canning Town

The parish of St Margaret's Canning Town,
wish to invite any former parishioners to the
150th Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in the
grounds of St Helens School, Falcon Street,
E13 entrance, on Saturday 26th September
mass begins at 12 noon. Seating is limited so if
you would like to sit we would advise bring a
chair.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Woodford Green

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TWENTY FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

The theme of today's Mass is forgiveness. As we ask God to forgive our
wrongdoings, we are told by Jesus that unless we forgive others whatever
wrongdoings they have committed against us, we shall not receive eternal life
with God after death.

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7

We must forgive our neighbours and not persist in our anger, then we too will be
pardoned.

Responsorial Psalm

The LORD is compassionate
and gracious, slow to anger
and rich in mercy.

Second Reading Romans

14:7-9

We are the Lord's in life and in
death.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says we must forgive
anyone who wrongs us
seventy-seven times seven if
we hope for salvation.



GOD'S FORGIVENESS IS WITHOUT MEASURE

Today, the Gospel talks to us about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21). Seven, in the Bible, is a number that indicates completeness, and so Peter is very generous in the assumptions of his question. But Jesus goes further, and answers him: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven". He tells him, that is, that when one forgives, one does not calculate; that it is good to forgive everything, and always! Just as God does with us, and as those who administer God's justice are required to do: forgive always. I say this a lot to priests, to confessors: always forgive, as God forgives. Jesus then illustrates this reality through a parable, which again has to do with numbers. A king, after being implored, forgives a servant the debt of 10,000 talents: it is an excessive, immense value, ranging from 200 to 500 tons of silver: excessive. It was an impossible debt to settle, even by working a lifetime: yet this master, who recalls our Father, forgives it out of sheer "pity". This is God's heart: he always forgives, because God is compassionate. Let us not forget how God is: he is close, compassionate and tender; this is God's way of being. Then, however, this servant, whose debt has been forgiven, shows no mercy towards a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii. This too is a substantial sum, equivalent to about three months' wages - as if to say that forgiving each other costs money! - but not at all comparable to the previous figure that the master had forgiven. Jesus' message is clear: God forgives incalculably, exceeding all measure. This is how he is; He acts out of love, and gratuitously. God is not bought, God is free, he is all gratuitousness. We cannot repay Him but, when we forgive a brother or a sister, we imitate Him. Forgiving is not, therefore, a good deed that we can choose to do or not do: forgiving is a fundamental condition for those who are Christians. Every one of us, in fact, is "forgiven": let us not forget this, we are forgiven, God gave his life for us and in no way can we recompense his mercy, which he never withdraws from his heart. However, by corresponding to his gratuitousness, that is, by forgiving one another, we can bear witness to him, sowing new life around us.

For outside of forgiveness there is no hope; outside of forgiveness there is no peace. Forgiveness is the oxygen that purifies the air of hatred, forgiveness is the antidote to the poisons of resentment, it is the way to defuse anger and heal so many maladies of the heart that contaminate society. Let us ask ourselves, then: do I believe I have received from God the gift of immense forgiveness? Do I feel the joy of knowing that He is always ready to forgive me when I fall, even when others do not, even when I am not even able to forgive myself? He forgives: do I believe that he forgives? And then: can I in turn forgive those who wrong me? In this respect, I would like to propose a little exercise to you: let us try, now, each one of us, to think of a person who has hurt us, and ask the Lord for the strength to forgive them. And let us forgive them out of love for the Lord: brothers and sisters, this will do us good; it will restore peace to our hearts. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us to receive the grace of God and to forgive each other.

Trinity School Applications 2026

Father Michael Copps will be available to sign **CERTIFICATES OF PRACTICE** on the following dates and times:

29th September : 3.30pm to 5.00pm
7.00pm to 8.00pm
30th September : 3.30pm to 5.00pm
1st October : 3.30pm to 5.00pm

No need to book, just come along. There will be more dates offered in October if needed.

Davenant School Applications

If you are applying to Davenant please provide a photo with details on the back of your family name & mass attendance that you have entered on your application to Davenant

OPEN EVENING

The Ursuline Academy Ilford

The Ursuline Academy Ilford warmly invites prospective students and their families to their **Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2026 at 5.00p.m.** There will be a **welcome talk from the Headteacher at 5.15pm.** Please see School Website for further details www.uai.org.uk



Mass Intentions 13th - 20th September

Sunday 13th September

8.30am - Kesauan Sri Ram & team WX
10am - Rosa Fitzpatrick RIP
11.30am - Gabriel Amodio RIP
Chigwell - Jim Cooney RIP

Monday 14th September

Robert McCormick RIP
Chigwell Mrs Josephine Rosario
Tim Galvin RIP

Tuesday 15th September

Gabriel Amodio RIP
Chigwell Sr Yvonne Murila 1st profession
Bridget Long RIP

Wednesday 16th September

Trishia RIP
Conifer Ward Whipps X

Thursday 17th September

Funeral 11am Rosa Fitzpatrick
Nora Griffin

Friday 18th September

Funeral 10am Bridie Linnane
John Potter RIP
Blessings - Musonza

Saturday 19th September

10am - Mary Prendergast RIP
6pm - Izzy Tudisca anniversary

Sunday 20th September

8.30am - Deceased of Fitzpatrick & Burke families
10am - Gabriel Amodio
11.15am - Rosa Fitzpatrick RIP
Chigwell Rita Dourado b'day

Journey Of Faith

Last Wednesday this year's stretch of our Journey took off with enthusiasm and expectations, with 5 newcomers. If you know of anyone who might be interested to know us and our faith a little more please encourage them to come along. We meet each Wednesday at 7 pm. New travellers much welcomed.

Church Cleaning
Saturday, 19th September at 10.30am
Roise O'Connor, Charmaine Turnell

BEAVERS

Should you wish your child to join Beavers, you need to ensure that you have put their name on the waiting list. Beavers start at 6 years old and then move on to Cubs when they are 8. They meet on a Monday night for 1 hour from 6.15pm at the Scout hut alongside the Becket Centre. An application form can be obtained by emailing the beaver leader paulineelkin616@gmail.com

Tutoring: GCSE Maths & Science

Qualified Teacher (QTS), 5+ years
classroom experience. Contact: Sarah
Polley learn@sarahpolleytutoring.co.uk

SPONSORED WALK

Parish annual sponsored walk for BCCS
18th annual parish sponsored walk through Epping Forest for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is on **Saturday 26th September**. Approx 7 miles, the walk takes about 3 hours is suitable for all ages. Accompanied children especially welcome.

See details and sponsorship sheet in church porch. Message David Underwood 07905 741033 if you would like to take part.

BCYS Rooted 2026

Years 7-9 / Years 10-13

Rooted – Saturday 24th October for years 7-9 / Sunday 25th October for years 10-13: A brand-new day of faith, friendship and adventure for young people with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, at Walsingham House. With inspiring talks, workshops, outdoor activities, team challenges and prayer, it's a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics and grow in faith. For more information and to apply please visit www.bcys.net/events

OPEN EVENING Davenant School

Thursday, 1st October at 6.00pm - 9.00pm.
The admissions criteria can be found on the school website www.davenantschool.co.uk