

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Is. 35: 4-7; Ps. 145; Jas. 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37**

<p><b>Saturday 7th September 2024</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b>  <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b>                  6:30pm: Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>Sunday 8th September 2024</b>                  (THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)                  EDUCATION SUNDAY                  8:30am: People of the Parish                  10:30am: George Easton RIP (Laws)</p>
<p><b>Mon. 9th Sept. 2024 (Feria)</b>  <b>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b>                  9:15am: John Everson RIP  <b>12.30pm: Requiem Mass</b>                  John Everson RIP</p>	<p><b>Tues. 10th Sept. 2024 (Feria)</b>  <b>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b>                  9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP                  (Jim Saunders)</p>
<p><b>Weds. 11th Sept. 2024 (Feria)</b>  <b>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b>                  9:15am: Fr. Walter Beale RIP n/s                  11am: Holy Mass at Shalom                  McNamara Family (LSU)</p>	<p><b>Thurs. 12th Sept. 2024 (Feria)</b>                  (THE HOLY NAME OF MARY)  <b>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration</b>                  9:15am: Holy Souls Gjoni                  with St Joseph's School attending.</p>
<p><b>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>  <b>Friday 13th September 2024</b>                  9:15am: Shkurte Fjerzi RIP (Groshe)</p>	<p><b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>  <b>Sat. 14th September 2024</b>                  11am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Is. 50: 5-9; Ps. 114; Jas. 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35**

<p><b>Sat. 14th September 2024</b>  <b>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS</b>  <b>6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY</b>                  6:30pm: John and Kathy Hurst                  RIP</p>	<p><b>Sunday 15th September 2024</b>  <b>8:00: Holy Rosary</b>                  8:30am: People of the Parish                  10:30am: Brian McKie RIP                  (McKie Family) including presentation                  of Diocesan Medal to Bernice McKie.  <b>12:30pm: Baptism of Alayna Dang</b></p>
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**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Maura Sharp, Mathew Lawless, Elizabeth Murphy, H. M. Queen Elizabeth II, K. Lynch, Arthur Mills, Clemence Duggan, Dennis Scannell, Christopher Fisher, Bet Robinson, Elizabeth Cope, Mary Bridget Flynn, Graham Collins, Doug Finch, Peter Faria, Allan Moore, Jim Bonyng, Mary Clifford, Herr Kornelius Kones, Parents of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAleese.

**CHRIST MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND THE DUMB SPEAK.**

The power of Christ helps us to understand the Gospel and to speak its message to other people. Even though in the world's eyes we are poor nevertheless it is God who chooses people like us to be heirs to His Kingdom. When we are down-hearted we must learn not to be afraid. Our God is faithful to His promises.



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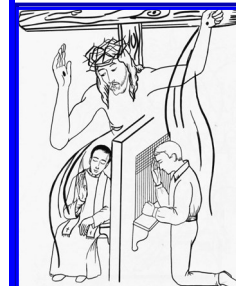
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**"EPHPHATHA!"**



*That is "BE OPENED!"*



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -**

**SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM**  
 also, WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST

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**01372 457 651**

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 31ST AUGUST/1ST SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Gift Aid: £215.50; Card: £62; Loose Plate: £139.40 ATTENDANCE: 187**  
**Building Fund: Gift Aid: £716.50; Card: £20; Loose Plate: £202.12**

**Direct Debits: August 2024: £1,494.00**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**This weekend:** for **THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES).**

The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice.

**Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number,** others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.**

**Next weekend: EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY.**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with the resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

The gifts of the ability to hear and to speak are our means of listening to God and speaking His Word. This is something we should never forget. What we hear and what we say determine to a great extent what we do and they make us the people we are. We all need the healing hand of Christ to make us hear and speak the message of God properly.

**ST. URSULA'S  
CONVENT SCHOOL:  
OPEN DAY**

Saturday 14th September  
2024, 9am to 12 noon.  
Headteacher's talks at  
9.30am and 10.45am

70 Crooms Hill  
Greenwich  
London SE10 8HN

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
(England and Wales)  
(Embrace your life  
together in love)**

The next non-residential  
Retreat is from  
21-22 September 2024  
at the Church of the  
Annunciation, Bunt Oak,  
London HA8 0HQ.  
Why not find out more at  
wwme.org.uk

**OUR REPOSITORY  
CHURCH SHOP**

Come and visit our Church  
Shop. We have Mass Cards,  
Prayer Books,  
Prayer Cards, Bibles,  
Missals and many other  
items. It can be open  
throughout the week  
before and after Private  
Prayer and Holy Mass.

**PRESENTATION OF FIDELITER SERVIENTI AWARD**

At the **10.30AM MASS** on **SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**, the Award of the **FIDELITER SERVIENTI DIOCESAN MEDAL** will be conferred on Bernice McKie by Bishop Pat in recognition of her faithful service to the Parish in many different ministries over the last forty years, in particular as our Confirmation Co-ordinator since 1985.

Everyone welcome: please come and share in this celebration with Bernice and her family.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of*

**JOHN EVERSON** who died on the 7th August 2024.

**FUNERAL:** Monday 9th September 2024 at 1pm

**BURIAL:** Russell Stoneham Churchyard

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, LORD, AND LET  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.  
MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

**100 CLUB WINNERS: £45.00**

**AUG 2024:** 87: WIN HOUSDEN  
75: MADELEINE ADAMS  
**SEP 2024:** 76: SUE COOMBS  
51: JANET BROMMETT

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**International Mass and Parish  
Celebration: Sunday  
22nd September 2024**

Next meeting 11th September at 8pm

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
September 2024 For the cry of the earth.  
Let us pray that each of us listen with our  
hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the  
victims of environmental disasters  
and the climate crisis, making  
a personal commitment  
to care for the world we inhabit.

**DAY FOR READERS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday 19th October at  
St. Stephens Church, Welling**  
*for the Deaneries of Bexley,  
Bromley and Greenwich*

The theme for this year is  
**"CALLED TO HOLINESS"**,  
in preparation for the Jubilee year  
and help us all to live a good  
Christian life amidst the  
daily challenges of life.

If you would like to attend please register your interest with Fr. David.

**CHURCH GARDENS  
WORK PARTY:**

**PLEASE, CAN YOU HELP?**  
Please come and join our work  
party to tidy up, weed etc the  
Church grounds and maybe  
cut the front lawn. Please bring  
gardening gloves and tools.

We plan to meet on  
**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**  
at **9.30AM.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME.**

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier,  
Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin,  
Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond,  
Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer,  
Jackie Dawson, Jackie Santo, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson,  
Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston,  
Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White,  
Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR  
PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**