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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 **2nd Reading:** Romans 14:7-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

Theme: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven"
Mass Book: Page 128

WELCOME REV. FR. JUDE KURUMEH



My name is Fr Jude Kurumeh, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). I am originally from Nigeria, and shortly after my ordination in August 2016, I was sent to the United Kingdom as a missionary. Since then, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of pastoral, administrative, and chaplaincy roles.

In 2017, I was appointed to Just Youth in Manchester, where I served for four years as a school chaplain, while also taking responsibility as the administrator and bursar of the project. During this time, I undertook a Master's degree in Accounting and Finance at the University of Salford, graduating with Distinction in 2020.

Following my studies, I was appointed bursar of the Spiritan community in Carfin, Motherwell, Scotland, where I served for two years. In September 2022, I moved to London and took up the role of assistant parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton. After two fulfilling years in Acton, I was appointed Lead Chaplain at Heathrow Airport, where I provided pastoral care to global travellers and airport staff. Alongside this ministry, I also served as assistant parish priest at St Michael and St Martin, Hounslow. In 2025, I moved to St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, where I took up the role of assistant parish priest. And after a fulfilling year in Hornchurch, I am now honoured to have been appointed by the Bishop as the Parish Priest of St Michael's, East Ham.

It is with great joy and gratitude that I begin this new chapter with you. I look forward to getting to know each one of you and to sharing in the life of this wonderful parish. Together, may we continue to grow in our love for Christ, deepen our faith, and build a parish community that is welcoming, prayerful, and united as one family in Christ.

May God bless you all, and I ask for your prayers as I begin my ministry among you.



A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE FOR CANON BOB

As Canon Bob prepares to retire after 17 years of faithful service in our Parish, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all that he has done for our parish community. During these years, Canon Bob has given generously of his time, energy, and pastoral care. He has walked with us through many important moments in the life of our parish and has been a source of prayer, guidance, and encouragement to so many. As a small token of our gratitude and appreciation, we will have a second collection **today, Sunday, 13 September 2026** at all Masses. We warmly invite all parishioners to support this collection and to show our love and gratitude to Canon Bob as he begins this new chapter of his life. Thank you all for all your support. Please note the 'Thank-you' party is on **10 October**.

SR HELENA: We want to say a big thank you to Sr Helene for her ministry here in St Michaels. As she move on to take up another ministry in Scotland, we wish her all the best in her new role. There will be a little reception for her in the garden. You are welcome to bring in your gifts as a token for Sr as she takes up a new role.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES : The Parish office is open **Monday to Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm and on Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. We recommend that those who have any office business to do should do so only during office hours.

CHURCH OPENNING: The Church will now be open everyday from **8:00am to 6:00pm** for private prayer.

New Altar Servers Introduction: Registration and Training session: For those who wish to become altar servers, there will be a registration and training session in the church on **Monday 12 October** from **6:45pm**. This will be the first of two training sessions (the second date will be shared soon). Prospective altar servers must have already received their First Holy Communion and be able to sit still and take instruction. New servers attending must be willing to serve the parish masses on a regular basis. If **prospective servers are aged under 18, parents must also attend, as consent forms are to be completed**. The session will last for approximately one hour.

FHC 2027: Parents and Children meet on **Wednesday September 16th at 7.00pm** in the Church. Please get an application form for your child's First Holy Communion next year, the course starts in **September** Fill in the Form and return it to the Parish Office or give it to either Priest.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME BEGINS: Our Confirmation programme will be starting soon. Confirmation grants us the fullness of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us for the journey and challenges of life in faith. If you are 14 years old by 31st August 2027 and would like to be confirmed, please write a letter to the Parish Priest, Fr Jude, explaining your wish to be confirmed by Saturday **31st October 2026**. If you want to find out more please speak to Johnny or Leo for more information.

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 you bring a chair.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please fill in a Mass Offering envelope and return it to the Parish Office or give it to the Priest. There are some envelopes at the back of the Church, in the porch. If your preferred date or time is already taken. Your Mass will be said on the first available day/date. You can also suggest an alternative date on the envelop.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to get the paperwork. The process takes at least 4 weeks.

Marriage: Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage before the wedding. Please contact the parish office to set up a meeting with the parish priest to start the necessary paperwork.

St Bonaventure's School is holding its OPEN EVENING for parents with students in Years 5 and 6 on Thursday, 1st October at 6 pm. If you are considering St Bonaventure's for your child, this is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about life at the school. To register, please complete the for here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/>

ADOREMUS 2026 On Saturday 10th October at 3pm there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral, Southwark to Westminster Cathedral. The Bishops of England and Wales would like to get an idea of how many people will be attending so if you would like to attend please let Fr Daniel know so he can submit numbers.

GIFT Conference September 19th 9.30am-5pm at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay

Catechists can join this **one-day conference** which explores the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) model of family catechesis. GIFT re-imagines how parishes can accompany and encourage families in their faith journey and prepare them for the sacraments.

catechists can book a place by following this link:

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-uk/GIFTConference/627818>

PARISH FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by using the Contactless payments terminal available at the back of the church or by scanning the QR Code. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church East Ham St Michaels

Account Number: 31017596

Sort Code: 40-13-22



06th September 2026	Amount £
Offertory Envelops	744.67
Offertory Loose Plate	770.11

Please pray for all who are sick, including: Fr. Victor Camilleri, Aryia Tony, Andre Scafe, Colin Smyth, Bernadina Santy, Andy Brett, Davey Jose, Cora Bantog, Berthilia Riviere, Anne Flynn, Enzo Zechariah Riley, Gemma Yao, Callista Hudson, Anthony Kearney, Francis Seaman, John Maughan, Maria Ramos, Chidera Harvey, Gillian Pepper, Madonna Beupierre, Ireneo Oreiro, Gilbert Jacob, Jeanette Steele, Mary John, John Peppard, James Towns, Joe Fitzgerald, Ranjith Mendes, Loly Antonio, Louise Simmons, Lassyhani Janahan, Seamus Peppard, Mary Fitzgerald, Natalie Williams, Natalie McCarthy, Thomas John, Myrna Gonzales, Olympia Pahati, Stephen Lavinieri, Tom Morgan, Nia La Foucade, Onat Sarmiento, Joy Pereira, Ullrick Scafe, Regina Peppard, Paula Joseph, Veronica Scafe, Bridget Tully, Piper Phelan, Philip Crangle, Bernard Fredrick, Lurdhamma Flinton, Mary Fernandez, Chidindu Amaechi, Rakshiya Ranjithkumar.

Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Jesus, I love you.

All I have is yours.

Yours I am, and yours I want to be.

Do with me whatever you will.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and
all other evil spirits
who wander through the world seeking the
ruin of souls. Amen.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email eastham@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday Vigil Mass	12 th Sept.	6.00pm	Patricia Ahern	RIP
Sunday 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	13 th Sept.	7:30am	Stephan Fernandez	Anniv.
		9:00am	Parish Family	
		11:00am	John Yohannan	RIP
Monday The Exaltation	14 th Sept.	9:00am	Thomas (Tucker) Tubby	RIP.
Tuesday Our lady of	15 th Sept.	9:00am	Clare Lacao	RIP
Wednesday St Cornelius Pope and Cyprian Bp.	16 th Sept.	9:00am	Holy Souls	
Thursday	17 th Sept.	9:00am	Milagros Cruz Padua	RIP
Friday	18 th Sept.	9:00am	Miriam Pillai	Anniv.
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	19 th Sept.	11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacra- ment	
		11:00-11:45am	<i>Confessions</i>	
		11:45am	Benediction	
		12:00 noon	Elizabeth Xavier	RIP.
		6.:00pm	Goinda Moorroogen	RIP
Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	20 th Sept.	7:30am	Parish Family	
		9:00am	Elizabeth Xavier	RIP
		11:00am	Lawrence Flores	Thanksgiving

CONFESSIONS: From this Saturday, the parish confessional will now be open for use for confessions every Saturdays from 11:00am to 11:45am

Newsletter items received after 12 noon Thursday may not be included that week.