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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st Reading: Ezekeiel 18: 25-28 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Theme: ' Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.'

Mass Book: Page 134

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

Why We Say "Amen" Before Receiving Holy Communion

When you say "**Amen**" before receiving Holy Communion, you are doing much more than simply responding politely. You are making a **powerful act of faith**. So, when the priest says, "*The Body of Christ*," he is declaring that what you are about to receive is truly Jesus, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and asking you if you believe this. Your "Amen" is your personal profession of faith: "Yes, I believe, this is truly Jesus." This is our faith; we should be proud always to profess it.

There is also a deeper connection with **St Augustine**, who famously described the meaning of this moment: when we hear "The Body of Christ" and say "Amen," we are not only affirming Christ's presence in the Eucharist but also acknowledging that, through Baptism and the Eucharist, **we are members of Christ's Body, the Church**.

So "Amen" has two dimensions:

1. **Faith in Christ's Real Presence;** "*Yes, I believe this is the Body of Christ.*"
2. **Commitment to being Christ's Body;** "*Yes, I belong to Christ and seek to live as a member of his Body.*"

This is why the brief "**Amen**" at Communion is actually a **profound act of faith**. It is almost like saying, "*I believe; I receive; I belong.*" So, when next you come for communion, remember it is another opportunity to profess your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. – **Fr. Jude**

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES : This Sunday, 27th September, the Church observes the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, "*Even Just One of These Children*," invites us to remember especially children who are displaced or separated from their homes through war, poverty and other circumstances. As a parish community made up of people from many nations and cultures, may we recognise in every person who journeys in search of safety and a better life a brother or sister in Christ.

NEW BISHOP OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON: Earlier this summer, Pope Leo XIV appointed **Fr Stephen Wang as the new Bishop of Arundel and Brighton**. He was previously Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome.

FHC 2027: Parents will meet on **Wednesday 30th Sept at 7.30pm** in Church and the Children will meet on **Saturday 3rd Oct at 9.15-11.00am** in the Church. The deadline to register for 2026/27 FHC program is Wednesday 7th October 2026.

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 envelope.

INFANT BAPTISM: Those who wished to have their child or children baptised should please pick up the baptism form, complete it and then return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate of one of the parents. The parish office will then contact you for other things.

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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS :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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend **4th October**, for Harvest Fast Day.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE: is available at the back of the church. You can use it for your offertory, pay for candles and repository and donate to the parish. For taxpayers, you may consider gift aiding your donation.

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: will celebrate 100 years of her existence on Tuesday the 29th of September 2026 starting with the Holy Mass at 10:30am here in the parish church.

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 form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/>

FOUNDATION DAY TALK - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

The Community invite you to their Foundation Day Talk on **Friday 9th October at 2pm**. Venue: 74, HOWE CLOSE, COLCHESTER CO4 3XD. Speaker: Dr Cormac Begadon. The talk is entitled: 'Between Faith and Fortune - The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, Atlantic World and the Paradox of Religious Benefaction in the 18th century'. For more information and to book your place: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/foundation-day-2026/>

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.

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



20th September 2026	Amount £
Offertory Envelops	747.10
Offertory Loose Plate	891.85
Evangelli Gaudium	239.95

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 Lavinier, 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	26 ^h Sept.	6.00pm	Noreen Wallace	Thanksgiving
Sunday 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	27 th Sept.	7:30am	Parish Family	Anniv.
		9:00am	Laurencia Roberts	
		11:00am	Lawrence Flores	Thanksgiving
Monday	28 th Sept.	9:00am	James Pathrose	RIP
Tuesday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	29 th Sept	9:00am	Sr. Ugo Arron & Mary Ann	Special Int.. Birthday Thanksgiving
Wednesday St Jerome, Pr, Doctor	30 th Sept.	9:00am	Bridgiht Vinent	Anniv.
Thursday St. Therese of Lisieux	1st Oct.	9:00am	Joanne	
Friday The Holy Guardian An- gels	2nd Oct	9:00am	Conception Lodundu	Special Int.
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	3rd Oct.	11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacra- ment	
		11:00-11:45am	<i>Confessions</i>	
		1145am	Midday Prayer and Benediction	
		12.00 noon	Marie Coxall & Nigel Butcher	Anniv.
		6.:00pm	Peter Fernandez	Anniv.
Sunday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	4th Oct..	7:30am	Maureen Mendes	RIP
		9:00am	Teresa Benedict	Anniv.
		11:00am	Parish Family	

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