

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 1st September 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Kitty Mackinnon RIP

11.00am Mass Kathleen Thomas RIP

Monday 2nd September 2019 – Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – St Gregory The Great

7.30pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – St Cuthbert

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Holy Souls

Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 4pm

Thursday 5th September 2019 – St Teresa of Calcutta

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Ian & Karen Sharp's Intentions

Friday 6th September 30th August 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Mr & Mrs Danese RIP

Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm

Saturday 7th September 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Institute Krista Velnaza (Ints)

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 8th September 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Janet Bidnamrodi's Intentions

11.00am Mass Peter Robinson RIP

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sunday 1st September 2019

Gospel Reflection – Luke 14:1. 7-14: Invitations



Two parables in today's Gospel about invitations to table. Both are from Luke's special material, without parallel in the other gospels. Jesus moves in a higher stratum of society than he does in Mark and Matthew, and often has in mind the implications of the Gospel in this context. The first parable, however, like several of Luke's parables, seems to be developed from a little Old Testament proverb: 'Do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, "Come up here," than to be humiliated' (Proverbs 25:6-7). At first sight this seems a merely worldly precaution, a false humility engineered to gain attention. But for Luke a banquet is always an image of the heavenly banquet of the Lord. So the message is a moral one too: don't think yourself better than you are. The message is also typical of Luke's open and straightforward approach. One is reminded of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector at prayer, where the latter prays only 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The second parable also is typical of Luke: it exemplifies his stress on the inherent danger of wealth, on the need to use wealth well, and on his concern for the poor and neglected in society. What is the message of these two parables?

What does their message say to me about the way I lead my own life?

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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Notices

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a heavy but grateful heart that I leave Our Lady of Good Counsel after seven wonderful years as your parish priest. You are a wonderful parish and it has been an honour to serve you; I have loved my time here and will miss you all greatly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the overwhelming generosity shown to me both in very, very generous farewell gift and cards, as well as, the many gifts and cards I received for my birthday. Wickford will always have a very special place in my heart!

Please pray for Fr Mark Reilly as he takes up his post as your new parish priest next week, I know wholeheartedly he will receive the same famous Wickford welcome and come to love the parish as much as I do.

God bless you all and let's keep each other in our prayers.

Fr John



THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Fr Daniel Kelly who will be celebrating the 6pm Saturday evening Mass and Fr Michael Halsall who will be celebrating both the 9am and 11am Masses.



THE LADIES SOCIAL CLUB meet on Wednesday at 1.45pm in Our Lady's Hall.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 – Enrolment forms for children who wish to join the First Holy Communion programme 2019/20 are now available

in the church porch. Completed forms must be returned to the parish office by **TODAY** Sunday 2nd September.



MISSO BOX COLLECTION: The brown envelopes for all red Mission Box holders are now available in the sacristy. Please bring back by 22nd September and hand to any of the Missio collectors at the weekend masses. Alternatively the envelopes can be collected (see your envelope for details) or handed into the parish office.



JOURNEY OF FAITH 2019/2020: There will be an introductory meeting of the Journey of Faith Programme 2019/20 on Thursday, 19th September at 7pm in Our Lady's Hall. So, if you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or, if you are an adult Catholic who is yet to be confirmed, please do come along.



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER: If you are considering a place for your child at a Catholic secondary school in September 2020, the Certificates of Catholic Practice will be signed on Saturday 21st September at 10.30am in the Parish Office.



RISING BANK CHARGES: Would you consider giving your parish offertory by standing order? In the period of 1st March to 6th June 2019 the parish was charged £57.82 in bank charges for paying cash (coin and notes) into our account. If you are willing to do so, please take and fill in a form from the back of the church and return it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please seriously consider Gift Aiding your donations, the parish can claim back 25p in each pound you donate AT NO COST TO YOU! Gift Aid forms are also available at the back of the church.



CALLING AMATEUR CALLIGRAPHERS: We would dearly love to bring up to date the anniversary book which we have on display in church that was so beautifully kept by Maria Glavin. If you are able to do hand lettering, brush lettering or script lettering, italics or calligraphy, please speak to Karen in the parish office.



LIVE STREAMING OF THE MASS FROM OUR CHURCH: This week, the streaming figures were a total of 1431 viewers, with a total viewing time of 598 hours. Don't forget the live stream can be viewed from either the parish website www.wickfordcatholic.com or www.churchservices.tv/wickford.



DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: Next Sunday is Education Sunday there will be a retiring collection in aid of the work of the Catholic Education Service.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

is an important part of the Parish life and has been running for at least 20 years.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for primary school children up to the age of 10, at the 11:00 am Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Volunteers are needed to lead the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and

senior school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord. For more information or to get involved, contact the CLOW co-ordinator Jane Richards by email at jane.richards1966@gmail.com or call on 07708 333780.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR: DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD, FULL TIME POST. Further details of the job are on the notice board in the porch. A full job description can be obtained by contacting leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Application is by CV and covering letter to leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications 8th September 2019. Interviews scheduled for week commencing 16th September 2019.