

## LIVE STREAMED MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Saturday 10th October 2020 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.20am Mass & Rosary (livestreamed only) Mrs Grayston Ints

#### 10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday The Smyth Family RIP

### Sunday 11th October 2020 – TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Mass Rita Pateman RIP & Shane O'Grady RIP

11.00am Mass People of the Parish

5.00pm Holy Hour (incl. Rosary and Benediction) (*livestreamed only*)

### Tuesday 13th October 2020 – Feria

7.00pm Novena to St Anthony of Padua (*livestreamed only*)

7.30pm Mass (*livestreamed only*) Chris McCaffrey RIP

### Wednesday 14th October 2020 – Feria

9.20am Mass & Rosary Patrick Thomas RIP & Mary Gerlach RIP

### Thursday 15th October 2020 – St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

9.20am Mass & Rosary Rose Totten RIP

### Friday 16th October 2020 – Feria

**Requiem Mass** (Invited family and friends only) **Anne O'Malley RIP**

4.30pm Holy Hour (incl. Benediction) (*Open to public- no booking required*)

### Saturday 17th October 2020 – St Ignatius of Antioch

9.20am Mass & Rosary (livestreamed only) Sarah Clayton RIP

#### 10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday Artemio Hernandez & Ceferina Hernandez RIP

### Sunday 18th October 2020 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Mass Laurence Cuskelly RIP

11.00am Mass People of the Parish



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORD. TIME – 11<sup>th</sup> OCT.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him,

"How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

### October- Month of the Holy Rosary.

The month of October is traditionally the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

With this in mind, we are very much encouraged at this time to pick up our Rosaries and pray for an end to the Covid 19 virus.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary before each Mass at the weekend during October for this intention.

## **Pope Francis' Angelus on 4<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Speaking to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope reflected on the parable of the wicked vinedressers in the Gospel of the day (Mt 21:33-43).

### ***The parable***

Pope Francis looks again at Jesus' parable, which describes a landowner who departs and leaves his vineyard in the hands of tenants. At harvest time he sends some servants to collect the fruit; but the vinedressers welcome the servants with a beating and some even kill them. The master sends other servants, more numerous, but they receive the same treatment. The peak is reached when the landowner decides to send his son: "the vine growers have no respect for him, on the contrary, they think that by eliminating him they can take over the vineyard, and so they kill him too".

### ***Explanation of the parable***

The Pope explained that the vineyard represents the people chosen by the Lord; the servants are the prophets, sent by God; and the son is Jesus. "Just as the prophets were rejected, Jesus too was rejected and killed", said the Pope.

At the end of the story, Jesus asks the leaders of the people, "When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?". The landowner, they say, will severely punish those wicked people and entrust the vineyard "to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him at the proper time".

### ***A "very harsh" parable***

Pope Francis said that with this "very harsh" parable, "Jesus confronts his interlocutors with their responsibility, and He does so with extreme clarity". This admonition, he says, "applies to all times". Even today, he continues, God awaits the fruits of His vineyard from those He has sent to work in it.

"In any age, those who have authority among God's people may be tempted to do their own work instead of that of God Himself", said the Pope. But the vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority, the Pope said, is a service, and, as such, should be exercised for everyone's good and for the dissemination of the Gospel.

## **Pope Francis' General Audience – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020 (English summary) *New catechesis series on healing the world.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing reflection on the current pandemic, we have seen how closely connected we are, dependent on one another precisely because we were created by God and share a common home. We can only emerge stronger from the present crisis if we do so together. The Church's social doctrine thus speaks of the need for the virtue of solidarity. Authentic solidarity is not just about offering help to others; it is a matter of justice; it requires a radical change in our thinking that looks to the good of the community, defends the right to life for all, and promotes a just sharing of the earth's goods. The Biblical story of the Tower of Babel shows what happens when a society seeks to build its own way to heaven, forsaking God, losing sight of solidarity with the most vulnerable, and valuing things over relationships. This destructive "Babel syndrome" is countered by the event of Pentecost, where the gift of the Holy Spirit creates a harmonious unity in diversity for the true building up of society. May the Spirit grant us the wisdom and creativity to find those forms of solidarity needed in our post-Covid world, for the healing of interpersonal and social ills, and the growth of the human family in fraternity, justice and peace.

**Schools Admissions.** I imagine that most of you with children who hope to be entering Primary or Secondary Schools next year will be making final decisions about where to send them. Can I encourage you to give serious consideration to applying to one of our Catholic Schools in the area? Catholic schools offer our young people a very rounded education that relates to the whole person (not just academic but also human and spiritual). All you will need is a baptismal certificate, and if you are a regular worshipper here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, I will also be able to give you a Certificate of Practise.

**Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School** will be holding Virtual Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students and their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2021. For prospective Year 7 students the Virtual Open Evening will go live from Wednesday 30 September 2020. Please contact the Admissions Officer Miss Lester (Tel: 01277 227156 ext 405) for further information. Please see our school website [www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk) and click on the tickertape running across the screen. For Sixth Form students the Virtual Open Evening will go live on the 5th November 2020.

**May they rest in peace.** We pray for Alan Rushbrook (husband of Carol Rushbrook) and Peggy Capachama (wife of Mick Capachama) who both passed away this week. We pray for the repose of their souls and the comfort and consolation of their families. May they rest in peace.

**Helping someone to come to Mass.** If you know of anyone who would like to come to Mass but needs transport or is finding the booking system difficult, please let Fr Mark know.

### **Additional Holy Hour on Fridays at 4.30pm.**

An additional Holy Hour will be available to people on Fridays at 4.30pm (incl. Benediction). This will be open to the public without previous booking required (as well as being livestreamed).

**First Holy Communion 2021**—If you have a child in Year 3 or above, who would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2021, please let me know. At present, I am not sure when this course will begin, but it would be good to have an idea of numbers.

**Confirmation 2021-** If you are a young person in Year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed, please let me know. Again, at present, I am not sure when this course will begin, but it would be good to have an idea of numbers.

### **Stewards**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stewards who have made it possible for us to re-open the church. Without their help in these difficult times, we would not have been able to open up for public Masses. If you think that you might be able to help out as a Steward and are under 70, please let me know as soon as possible, as we do need help.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be administered in emergency situations on request. We will be unable to continue to bring Holy Communion to the housebound except in emergencies. If someone you know becomes seriously ill, please call Fr Mark

### **Cafod Harvest Fast Day on Friday 9th October.**

Money donated for this year's Family Fast Day will help families in the Developing World facing the worst of the Coronavirus. Please send any money directly to Cafod this year and not through the Parish.

### **Knights of St. Columba Youth Competitions 2020 /2021**

There are a large number competitions for our young people, keeping them in touch with the faith has never been so important in these challenging times.

There is 1) Annual Nativity Scene Painting Competition:

2) Annual Prayer Competition:

a) Junior Grade: b) Secondary Senior Grade:

3) Annual Easter Scene Painting Competition:

a) Junior Grade: b) Senior Grade:

4) Annual Essay Competition:

If you follow the link:

<https://www.ksc.org.uk/Youth/Youth%20Competitions/Youth%20-%20Competitions.htm>

That will take you to the home page of the Knights of St. Columba Home Page for all the details. Entries in the first instance to me:

Bro Martin Doyle, Youth Officer Rayleigh Knights:

mating.doyle@blueyonder.co.uk. / or 11 Westfield Close Wickford SS11 8JR

Give a try there are monetary prizes to be won.

### **Help stop DIY abortions**

During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion.

Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby's life. Please go to our website to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

### **Sign the petition to save the right to save lives**

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

**All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies** (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

Please use this link address to view current vacancies.  
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

The following vacancy is currently being recruited for:

- SENCo – St Joseph’s Primary School, Canvey Island

Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Thursday 15th October 2020.

**An appeal from CAFOD.** Coronavirus is an unprecedented global emergency, which has swept through Asia and Europe and is now attacking the Developing Countries. The world’s most vulnerable are poor, starving and live in overcrowded conditions where social distancing is impossible. There is often no access to clean water and health care is limited. CAFOD are appealing for online donations to try and keep the death toll as low as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

**Stay alert to bank fraudsters** The police are currently investigating a series of courier frauds, to which the basic offence is elderly victims are being contacted via suspects claiming to be from their bank. They are often using the COVID19 crisis as a reason, but claim the victim bank card needs replacing, and that a courier will attend their home address in order to do so. The suspects have a great deal of the victims personal data, including date of births, how long they have been a member of the bank and what type of accounts they have which is why they are so believable and are being so successful. Please be vigilant and do not to provide your banking details, nor cards to anyone who is alleging on being a courier at your home address.

### **Additional Warning**

Please be aware that fraudsters continue to try to scam parishioners and clergy. Please advise all parishioners that they should not give or transfer money to people purporting to be priests or a parish outside of existing methods of legitimate donation. In particular please inform them they would never be asked to purchase gift cards or vouchers.

### **FINANCES:**

The Finance Committee would like to draw your attention to the facility on the Parish Website ([www.wickfordcatholic.com](http://www.wickfordcatholic.com)) which enables you to make your weekly and Mass offerings if you do not already have a standing order in place.

It is very easy to complete and you will see a 'Donation' button on the right hand side of the screen under Mass times. Click on the Diocese of Brentwood website link. It is then important to select our Parish by using the drop down menu to highlight Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford.

There are three options to select from either General Offering, Easter Offering or Other - this is where a Mass offering can be inserted. Please select the relevant one and you can then enter the amount you wish to donate, complete your personal and payment details. There is an option to tick the Gift Aid box if you are currently a UK taxpayer.

Please then remember to finally press the blue 'Make Donation' button at the bottom of the screen after ticking the 'I am not a robot' box.

The Parish would be very grateful if you could continue to support the parish financially with your weekly contributions as this is our main source of income. Please email Fr Mark ([wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org)) if you would like the parish bank account details to set up a standing order or to make a bacs donation.

For those who have one of our offertory envelopes, we would ask that you continue to give in that way by putting your name and current envelope number on a plain envelope and, if you are not socially isolating, you pop the envelope through Fr Mark’s door. Once this crisis is over the new 2020/21 envelopes will be available for collection.

Thank you to those who have already made these arrangements. In these difficult times, our prayers are with you and your family. Fr Mark hopes that you are joining with him, in prayer, during our live-streamed Masses.

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**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Tom & Margaret Fanning, Bob Galloway, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Beatie Harty, Connie Hounslow, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, Kathleen Jennings, Rose Kudirka, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Neil Murnane, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Halina & John Ostrowski, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Joseph Rodgers, Alan Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Catherine Skully, Maria Weedon, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for Brian Lavin, Ernest Haverland, Louisa Lupson, Fr John Dempsey, John Hanrahan, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Winifred Wilcox, Mary Gerlach, Canon Roderick Grant, Henry O'Shaughnessy, John Molloy, Geoffrey Marshall, Mgr Christopher Creede and Louis Dellar. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.