

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed

Saturday 17th July 2021 - Feria

NO MORNING MASS/ NO CONFESSIONS

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday (*open to the public, but subject to booking*)
Vera Tolman RIP

Sunday 18th July 2021 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) Peter & Jacqueline Boynes Ints

11.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) People of the Parish

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

Tuesday 20th July 2021 – Feria

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

7.30pm Mass (*livestreamed only*) Bob Bradford RIP

Wednesday 21st July 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Rev. Fr. Denis Torney RIP

Thursday 22nd July 2021 – *Feast of St Mary Magdalene*

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Angelia Lowe birthday Ints

Friday 23rd July 2021 – *European Feast of St Bridget of Sweden*

9.20am Mass (*open to the public*) Gabrielle Langridge Ints

NO HOLY HOUR

Saturday 24th July 2021 – Feria

NO MORNING MASS/ NO CONFESSIONS

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday (*open to the public, but subject to booking*)
People of the Parish

Sunday 25th July 2021 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass (*open to the public*) Chris Carey Ints

11.00am Mass (*open to the public*) George Merrin Ints



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 18th July 2021

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Pope Francis discharged from hospital

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, has confirmed that the Holy Father was discharged from Agostino Gemelli Hospital shortly after 10.30 on Wednesday 14th July.

In responding to questions from journalists, he noted that "Before returning to the Vatican, the Pope went to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where, before the icon of the Virgin Mary Salus Populi Romani, he expressed his gratitude for the success of his surgery and offered a prayer for all the sick, especially those he had met during his stay in hospital. Shortly before midday he returned to Casa Santa Marta."

Pope Francis later [sent a tweet](#) via his @Pontifex profile: "I thank all those who have been close to me with prayer and affection during my hospital stay. Let us not forget to pray for the sick and for those who assist them."

Pope's address at the Angelus – Sunday 11th July

Pope Francis gave his familiar "Buongiorno!" greetings from the hospital on Sunday, just one week after undergoing intestinal surgery from which he is still recuperating at Rome's Gemelli Hospital. From the balcony of a 10th floor window overlooking the crowds below, he appeared with children who are being cared for there and recalled the need for our prayers and support for them.

The Pope expressed his joy at being able to keep the weekly Sunday Angelus appointment today and noted his profound gratitude to all, saying "I have deeply felt your closeness and the support of your prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

In his brief address before leading the recitation of the Angelus prayer, he reflected on today's Gospel reading where we read that Jesus' disciples went out and anointed with oil many who were sick and then healed them. The oil he noted is in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick which "gives comfort to spirit and body", but it is also a balm for "listening, the closeness, the care, the tenderness of those who take care of the sick person", easing the pain and helping them feel better.

He noted that we all will need this "anointing" some time in our lives, and "we can all give it to someone else" through simple gestures such as a visit, a call, a helping hand.

Economic pressure must not compromise essential healthcare service.

Pope Francis shared that during these days in the hospital he has experienced personally the importance of good health care, accessible to all, as it is Italy and other countries. He stressed that "This precious benefit must not be lost. It needs to be kept!". This requires the commitment of all, he noted, "because it helps everyone and requires everyone's contribution". The Pope noted that economic pressures should not compromise the ability to provide essential healthcare service.

May no one be left alone.

In conclusion, the Pope expressed his profound "appreciation" and "encouragement" to the doctors, healthcare workers, and staff. He asked us all to pray for the sick, especially those in the most difficult situations, underlining, "may no one be left alone, may everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care". He said may we pray for this, "through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, Health of the Sick".

Bob Bradford RIP- Funeral- *Message from Bob's family*

Our beloved father, Bob Bradford, passed away on 21st June 2021. For those that would like to attend the funeral even if it's just the *celebration of life* after the service to be held at Cox Green you are of course very welcome.

The funeral is on 19th July at Our Lady and St Joseph Church, Mill Road, Stock, CM4 9LJ. There will be a Requiem Mass at 11am followed by a burial about midday. We will have a gathering after the service at Bob and Kays family home - Cox Green, Church Road, Ramsden Heath, CM11 1PS'. As always the way with Bob Bradford - everyone is welcome. We pray that Bob is resting in peace and reunited with Kay.

Journey in Faith Programme:

The Journey of Faith programme will begin on **Thursday 16th September** in Our Lady's Hall at 7pm. It is designed for Adults, falling into 3 categories — i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in finding out a bit more and/or becoming , ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been confirmed (remember if you have not been confirmed, you are not fully initiated as a Christian), and iii) for those who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let Fr Mark know if you are interested- just email him on wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org

First Holy Communion Programme:

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin in September 2021 for children in our parish who will be in Year 3 and above *from the next academic year*. If you would like to enrol your child on this course please email Fr Mark on wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org and he will send you some further information.

Confirmation Programme:

The Confirmation Programme will begin in September 2021 for young people in our parish who will be in Year 9 and above *from the next academic year*. If you would like to enrol your son/daughter on this course please email Fr Mark on wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org and he will send you some further information.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE WEBSITE has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Please have a look at the website and watch it develop over time. Do let us know what you think of it. The website address is www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Good News about Pro-life initiative

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops' Conference, has thanked the thousands of people who contacted their MP to register their opposition to an amendment that could have led to abortion on demand in England and Wales. The controversial amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill was withdrawn on Monday, 5 July.

Bishop Sherrington said: "Thank you to the thousands of people who lobbied MPs and helped to prevent dangerous amendments to the bill from moving forward.

"I welcome the fact that the radical amendment (New Clause 55), which was well outside the scope of the bill, was withdrawn. It would have swept away the few protections remaining for the unborn child and enabled abortion on demand as well as removing the possibility of the doctors' conscientious objection.

"The abortion clinic censorship zone amendment (New Clause 42) was also helpfully withdrawn. We must stay vigilant to attempts to widen access to abortion by hijacking other bills."

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE. Marriage is not just a relationship but a vocation and a means of holiness. Please pray for married couples, those preparing for marriage (especially those who have had to defer weddings), and those who have been widowed especially in the past year. The Brentwood Marriage and Family Life Facebook page (BrentwoodMandFL) will include interviews with couples from around the diocese. If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage or would like to deepen your understanding of this vocation and each other, a number of organisations are able to help remotely during the lockdown, such as Retrouvaille, Marriage Care and Smart Loving. Please see attached document on Marriage support during Covid.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:

Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 1st - 4th July 2021, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 – or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the **Virtual London Marathon** taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:

Please click on the link for the Summer Newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/5916/2315/2865/bccs_Newsletter_Summer_2021.pdf

"Lourdes at Your Local", 26th – 30th July 2021

From Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be hosting "Lourdes at your Local" for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass celebrated each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by coffee and refreshments. These will then be streamed online each evening, as well as Daily Rosary, a Torchlight Procession and Talent Show (which we encourage you to also get involved in!). The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood, and we are welcoming all ages, with particular invitation to those who have been housebound or shielding over the last year. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events or you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

National Mass for Altar Servers:

This year's National Mass for Altar Servers will be held at St Mary & St John's Church in Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th September at 12 noon. This is in line with Cardinal Vincent Nichols request that the National Mass should be held in another part of the country every other year alternating with London.

If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email John McCormack, johnmccormack528@gmail.com by 1st September. John will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending from your Parish, so that accurate numbers can be established and communicated back to St Mary & St John's Church. This is very important due to COVID restrictions.

The Knights of St Columba:

The Knights of St Columba (K.S.C.) in Province 10 which covers the Diocese of Brentwood invites young people to take part in a photographic competition.

The theme for 2021 is '**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**' and submissions must be made by Saturday 11th SEPTEMBER 2021.

The competition aims to encourage young people to experiment with their camera or mobile phone, use digital methods of photography, and give an interpretation of the photograph (s).

The age group categories are: Junior 7-10 years old, Year Group 7, 8 and 9 (11-14yrs), and 10-13 (14-18yrs).

Entrants must not be over the age group on 31st JULY 2021. Age must be shown on the entrant form.

Submissions should be made in the first instance to Brother Martin Doyle Action and Youth Officer Council 456 via e-mail to: marting.doyle@blueyonder.co.uk

All the details are on KSC Council 456 Facebook page.

St Bonaventure's School:

NEW ST BON'S ALUMNI NETWORK - Open to all former students and staff of St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events, and opportunities to give back: <https://www.stbons.org/alumni/>

Barnardo's Boloh Helpline:

Barnardo's Boloh Helpline is a response to the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on Black, Asian & minority ethnic communities.

Free tel: 0800 1512 605 Email: Boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk/

Web: helpline.barnardos.org

Some advice if you are unable to gain access to the sacrament of Confession at this time.

Recently, the Holy Father Pope Francis said something in a homily which may help someone who is unable to go to confession at this time: *"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord...How can I do that unless I find a priest'? ...Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1452) also says: *"When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' - contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."*

In the event that someone is unable to access confession at this time, the Bishops of England and Wales have asked that all who desire to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be encouraged and helped to make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time as indicated by the Holy Father. A prayer that might help you to do so is as follows:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Despite the foregoing, in the event of an emergency, I will make every effort to give the Sacraments of the Church to the person in need. The only thing that could prevent me from doing so is the internal regulations of the Hospital or Care Home, so please ensure that you tell the doctors/nurses that your loved one would like to see a Catholic Priest in the event of an emergency, *or it may be easier for me to make the call to Basildon Hospital myself as I am one of the on-call Catholic priests there.*

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Margaret Fanning, Bob Galloway, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Connie Hounslow, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, 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, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Catherine Skully, Maria Weedon, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods, Anne Humphrays, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Mary Caruana, Pauline Muthike, Zoe Gomez, George Merrin, Patricia McEvoy and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

Anniversaries – We pray for Alice Brazil, Harold English, Jack Whalley, Charles Hurley, Ellen Witjens, Fr Edmund Dobson, Ivy Alice Green, Geraldine Ridley, Celia Mugford, Claudius John Deacon, Fr Patrick Taylor, Maisie Coulter, Ethel Ardley, Mary Shiperlee, Alfred Chittenden, Agnes Moore, Isobel Martin and Colin Hounslow. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom,