

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed

Saturday 13th November 2021 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.20am **NO MORNING MASS**

6.00pm **Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** (*open to the public*) Walsh & Reynolds Families

**Sunday 14th November 2021 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(Remembrance Sunday) (World Day of the Poor)**

9.00am Mass (*open to the public*) Margaret Barrett RIP

11.00am Mass (*open to the public*) People of the Parish

5.00pm **NO HOLY HOUR**

**Tuesday 16th November 2021 – St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich)
Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese**

7.00pm Novena to St Anthony of Padua (*open to the public*)

7.30pm Mass (*open to the public*) James Corera RIP

Wednesday 17th November 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) November Dead Lists

Thursday 18th November 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Lawrence Ekeh, Anthony Ekeh,
Gertrude Ekeh & Augustina Onyia RIP

Friday 19th November 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Emily Begg RIP

4pm-5pm Holy Hour with Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction (*open to the public*)

Saturday 20th November 2021 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.20am **Mass and Rosary** (*open to the public*) November Dead Lists

10.30am **NO CONFESSIONS** (if you need confession, please contact Fr Mark to arrange an alternative time)

6.00pm **Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** (*open to the public*) Titus & Celine Fernando Ints

**Sunday 21st November 2021 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (B)
(Youth Day)**

9.00am Mass (*open to the public*) Lawrence Cuskelly RIP

11.00am Mass (*open to the public*) People of the Parish

5.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction (*open to the public*)



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th November 2021

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Gaining Indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in November

By a decree of 28 October, the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome has extended to the entire month of November the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory through the performance of specific indulgenced works.

These being:

- 1) a visit to a cemetery during which prayer is offered mentally for the faithful departed; and/or
- 2) a visit to a church or oratory during which one Our Father and one Creed are recited.

Usual conditions apply, these being that the person obtaining the indulgence for the faithful departed be in a state of grace and detached completely from sin, and have at least once gone to confession, received communion, and prayed for the Pope (not necessarily all on the same day) in the 20 days before or after the indulgenced work.

Pope Francis' at Angelus 7th November 2021:

In his catechesis before leading the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis described the two scenes in today's Gospel: inside the Temple of Jerusalem we see the scribes who revel in being greeted and respected while they "devour widows' houses and recite long prayers in order to be seen"; then we see the poor widow, one of those exploited by the powers of the time, who drops coins in the Temple treasury, "everything she had, her whole living."

This contrast is a reason for us today to be on guard, the Pope said. "We must watch out" for those who live their faith with hypocrisy, like the scribes, in order to not become like them; whereas we must "watch" the widow whose sincerity, humility, and love for God are an example for us to follow.

Beware of hypocrisy, strive for sincerity

Putting this Gospel message into practice in our own lives, the Pope said we too need to watch out for hypocrisy in our lives, and beware of obsessing over our appearance, over externals, and over our own importance.

Hypocrisy can be "a dangerous illness of the soul," he warned. Worse yet is to manipulate faith so it serves our own interests, the Pope warned, recalling that the scribes, in the name of God, used religion for their own affairs, abusing their authority and exploiting the poor.

"This is a warning for all time and for everyone," the Pope emphasized, both for the Church and for society, that we must never abuse our position of authority, crushing others to make money off the poor.

He recommended that we need to ask ourselves how much we are focused on ourselves - whether our appearance, or what we say and do - rather than how we can truly be of service to God and neighbour, especially those most in need.

Trust in God's abundant love

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to watch the poor widow, the Pope noted, and how she gave all she had in her offering to the Temple treasury, but with the certainty that she had her everything in God.

She is an example for everyone because "she trusts in God's abundance, who multiplies the joy of those who give." The Pope said this is why Jesus points to her as a teacher of faith, since "she gives from her heart generously and freely," making the sounds of her few coins "more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich," since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God with all her heart. In conclusion, the Pope called on us to learn from the poor widow to develop a faith "without external frills" and marked by interior sincerity and "humble love for God and for our brothers and sisters."

Summary of Pope Francis General Audience – 10th November 2021:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we conclude our series of catecheses on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. We have seen Paul speak in a variety of ways as apostle, theologian and pastor, opening up the inexhaustible riches of Jesus Christ. Paul's personal encounter with the risen Lord led him to proclaim boldly the freedom from sin and death won by Christ's victory on the Cross, and the new life bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit at our baptism. Paul's insistence that charity is the fulfilment of the law should lead us enthusiastically to pursue the way of Christian love and to cultivate the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Nor should we ever grow weary or discouraged by our failures or apparent lack of progress. Saint Augustine evokes the image of Christ asleep in the boat amid the storm to remind us that whenever we feel weary and the tempests of life threaten to overwhelm us, we need but awaken Christ in our hearts, trusting in his faithful presence and the life-giving power of his Spirit. With Saint Paul, may we constantly rejoice in the newness, joy and freedom of the new life proclaimed by the Gospel.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION:

Why should we listen to the Church? takes place by Zoom on Sundays 14th and 21st November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Stephen Morrison, O Praem, Chelmsford. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July 2022 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

November Dead Lists As you enter the church, November Dead Lists and Envelopes are available to take away with you. Just fill in the names of those you want to pray for and then put the list in the envelope provided (and then pop it through the letterbox at the Presbytery). Any money donated will go towards Masses for the Holy Souls either here in Wickford or in other parishes where they might be struggling for stipends. The November Dead Lists themselves will be placed at the foot of the altar for the month of November starting from All Souls Day, and we will pray for them at every Mass. *Also, if you want to bring in **photos of deceased loved ones**, we can display them in the Church during the month of November, as we did 2 years ago.*

The Amess Amendment:

The 'Amess Amendment' has now been introduced into the House of Lords to add to the Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill, and this would allow entry to a crime scene to ministers of religion in order to perform religious rituals or prayer associated with dying. Sign the petition calling on the CEO of the Royal College of Policing, the Home Secretary and the Minister for Crime and Policing to respect the needs of religious minorities and support the Amess Amendment.

To sign the petition, please go to:

https://citizengo.org/en/node/204957?utm_source=em&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tyflow&utm_campaign=

Support for Aid to the Church in Need:

Wednesday November 24th is Red Wednesday is a special day in support for those in the Church who cannot practice their faith as we can. Why not wear something red on that day in support of our brothers and sisters in such places as Syria. There is also that day a gathering outside a red lit Westminster Cathedral at 5:00 pm followed by sung Holy Mass at 5:30pm. There is also a special carol service and reports on their work on December 15th at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH, more commonly known as Farm Street Church, it just behind Bond Street Station. The event starting at 7:00 pm, is free, but places needed to be booked via their website, acnuk.org.

Virtual Tree of Angels:

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'. Please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> where you can read more about this initiative or click directly onto the Tree of Angels portal here <https://visufund.com/treeofangels> to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Food Bank Donations – The Gateway Project:

THANK YOU for your generosity! Long life milk, tins of soup, fruit, rice, custard, vegetables, and fish as well as packets of biscuits are wanted at the present time. The box for donations is in the church porch.

Certificates of Practice for Schools:

Fr Mark will be signing certificates for Secondary school applications in mid-October and for Primary Schools at the beginning of January 2022. With this in mind, please ensure that you are attending Mass regularly with your children so that Fr Mark will be able to sign them.

Women's World Day of Prayer 4th March 2022

Wickford Churches Appeal: For any parishioners able to represent our parish at the initial planning meeting at St Catherine's church this month. Please contact Ann Kobayashi 01268 767138 - thank you.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society -BCCS Autumn Newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/3516/3214/3696/bccs_Newsletter_Autumn_2021_single.pdf

Calais Light:

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first-time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Offertory Contributions & Gift Aid:

Please continue to support the parish financially with your weekly contributions. Where possible, it is easier if donations are made by standing order, quoting your Gift Aid number (if you have one), instead of using the gift aid envelopes. Please email Tori on Wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you would like the parish bank account details to set up a standing order, or to make a bacs donation.

Under the Gift Aid scheme, we can claim tax relief on all donations made to the parish, which has the effect of raising the value of the donation. Only taxpayers are eligible. If you are a taxpayer and have not already signed a declaration, could I ask you please to contact Tori to arrange this.

Please note that this only applies to the main offertory and not second collections.

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.

The Catenian Association:

The Catenian Association is a voluntary catholic men's organisation with members all over the world. It was founded in Manchester in 1908 to help catholic men meet socially to help one another in work and daily life. Today their motto is Faith, Family and Friendship. Our groups, known as circles, meet once a month. Our meetings include a meal, and we build friendship through shared faith and values. We have good times and share the bad with practical and spiritual support. We organise a variety of events and have a varied programme of local activities which are also enjoyed by our Wives and Family (whether catholic or not). The Catenian association supports the youth in schools and other events and activities. If you would like to know more information about the Catenian Association and other members in the parish, please contact Neil Auker on 01268 761627 or 07952013956.

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults at Walsingham House at Abbotswick:

3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds, and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights' accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

NHS Track & Trace and Face Coverings:

In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving Our Lady of Good Counsel. For those that wish to check in using the app, please scan one of the NHS QR Codes displayed in the entrance to church which automatically register your visit here. In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas. Therefore, in order to keep you and others safe, please do continue to wear a face covering if you are able to and are not exempt. Thank you for your understanding.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life:

On Wednesday 17th November Vigil of the Dedication of the Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith.

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You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccronline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055 For more information visit brs-ccrs.org.uk

The Passage Working with Homeless People:

"The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers include Andrei Ioniță, Cello; Anush Kovhannisyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022.

Applications are **now open** for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2-year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

Central Council Guild of St Stephen (AGM) on Saturday 27th November, at St Mary & St Joseph Catholic Church, Poplar. Mass at 12 noon and the AGM meeting at 1.30pm. The meeting will be in person and online via MS Teams. AGM notice and nomination forms will be on www.guildofststephen.org

**Knights of St. Columba young Peoples Competitions 2021 / 2022
Building on the Foundations for our Future:**

We are pleased to announce the following competitions:
NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, NATIONAL PRAYER COMPOSITION COMPETITION SECONDARY AND SENIOR GRADES, NATIONAL PRAYER COMPOSITION COMPETITION JUNIOR GRADES, NATIONAL EASTER SEASON PAINTING COMPETITION SECONDARY AND SENIOR GRADES, NATIONAL EASTER SEASON PAINTING COMPETITION JUNIOR'S GRADES, NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION.

All the details can be found on the parish website: <https://wickfordcatholic.com>

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Closing date for applications will be Friday 3rd December 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 4th & 6th December. Starting date: 13th December 2021.

Diocese of Brentwood School Vacancies:

Special Needs Assistant – St. Mary's Primary School, Chingford
Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Friday 26th November 2021.

Religious Education Teacher – Convent High School, Grays
Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Tuesday 30th November 2021.

Please see link for further information:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING:

THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 6.00-9.00 P.M. Headteacher to talk 7.00 PM

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2022. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

Open Mornings at St Peter's Catholic Primary School:

St Peter's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Morning for parents that are due to apply for Primary school places for the September 2022 intake. This will take place 9.30am to 10.30am on Tuesday 16th November. If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office on 01277 653770 between the hours of 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Our Lady of Ransom - Year R Admissions - September 2022:

Applications for our next Reception Classes for September 2022 can be made between 8th November 2021 to 15th January 2022. Applications must be submitted to the Local Authority by following this link: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.

A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must also be completed for applications to our school. This, and other useful information, can be found on our school website by following this link: <https://www.olorcps.net/school-info/admissions> If you are a practising Catholic, please ask your priest for a completed 'Certificate of Practice'. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school. The priest will inform you how the 'Certificate of Practice' will be returned.

Meetings for Prospective Parents - 2022 Admissions

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child. Each session will take place from 9.30~11.00am and will include a talk from the Head Teacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Mon 15th November, Monday 6th December, Friday 7th January 2022

Please use this form to book your place:

<https://forms.gle/3RcLrZunCyq4m58c6>

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Bob Galloway, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Connie Hounslow, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, 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, John Ostrowski, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Joseph Rodgers, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Lucy Woods, Anne Humphrays, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Mary Caruana, Gomez, George Merrin, Patricia McEvoy, Danny Curtis, Maureen Sullivan and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

Anniversaries – We pray for Norman Baker, Reginald Frank Gardiner, Ann Ardin, Fr Terry Howes, Vi Bennett, Jane Mary Moore, Hilda May Smart, Fr James Allis, Sidney Piper, Charles Utting, Olive Ethel Akhurst, Jessie Greenstead, Fr Richard Ashton, Daniel John Mills, Leonard Catterick, Kathleen Granados, Denise Brown, Barry Burns, Ezra Ernest Jex, Marjorie Florence Christie, Vincenzina Drain, Ellen Wood, Fr John Harden, Leslie Benjamin Rumsey, Tony George Crasher, Emily Charlotte Begg, Elizabeth Grace Backhouse, Hannah Oliver, Fr James Linburgh, Emily Mary Cousins, Marie Gordon-Ralph and Mary Meecham. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.,