

## TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – St Barnabas**

**11am** **First Holy Communion Mass (fully booked)** First Holy Communion Children Ints  
**NO CONFESSIONS**

**6.00pm** **Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** People of the Parish

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)**

**9.00am** **Mass** Kerina Lord RIP

**11.00am** **Mass** Augustina Onyia RIP

**5.00pm** Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Feria**

**7.00pm** Novena to Anthony of Padua

**7.30pm** **Mass** Peter John Kent RIP

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Feria**

**9.05am** Morning Prayer

**9.20am** **Mass and Rosary** Mary Elizabeth & David Barnett RIP

**Plus Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 12noon**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Feria**

**9.05am** Morning Prayer

**9.20am** **Mass and Rosary** Lew Lynch Ints

**Plus Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 12noon**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Feria**

**9.05am** Morning Prayer

**9.20am** **Mass and Rosary** Douglas Michael Hall RIP

**4pm – 5pm** Holy Hour with chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Feria**

**9.05am** Morning Prayer

**9.20am** **Mass and Rosary** Peter John Kent RIP

**10.30am – 11.30am** Confessions

**6.00pm** **Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** David Lepper Ints

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C) (Day for Life)**

**9.00am** **Mass** People of the Parish

**11.00am** **Mass** John Patrick O'Sullivan RIP

**5.00pm** Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction



## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

#### Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in the One God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have been given access to their divine life by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons and daughters in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the 9th century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the 14th century by Pope John XXII. But the worship of the Trinity has always been found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has shown us His mercy and has given us a share in His life.

#### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday: *Eryk Bockenek, Isabelle Clarke, Alec Concepcion, Scott Croucher, Soshana Ferdin, Jake Hawkins, Grace Jennings, Elena Mocci, Eva Moore, Francis Okorie, Faith Suka, William Swaby, Kian Walshe, Frankie Wood and Isla Wood.*

**Second Collection** this weekend is for Sick and Retired clergy.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am – 1pm  
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Pope at Regina Coeli: The Holy Spirit is a specialist in bridging distances** On the Solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Francis told the faithful, we celebrate the effusion of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, which took place fifty days after Easter. The Pope explained that in today's Liturgy Jesus tells the disciples: "He will *teach* you all things and *bring to your remembrance* all that I have said to you" (Jn 14: 26). This, the Pope said, is what the Spirit does: he *teaches* and *reminds* us of what Christ said. Let us reflect on these two actions, *to teach* and *to remind*, because it is in this way that he makes the Gospel of Jesus enter into our hearts.

***The Holy Spirit teaches*** By teaching, the Spirit helps us to overcome an obstacle that presents itself to us in the experience of faith: that of *distance*. Indeed, he continued, it is plausible that a doubt may arise "that between the Gospel and everyday life there is a great distance: Jesus lived two thousand years ago, they were other times, other situations, and therefore the Gospel seems to be outdated, unable to speak to our current moment, with its demands and its problems." *"The question also comes to us: what does the Gospel have to say in the age of the internet and globalization? What impact can its word have?"*

***A specialist in bridging distances*** "The Holy Spirit," Pope Francis said, "is a specialist in bridging distances, teaching us how to overcome them." It is he, the Holy Father explained, who connects Jesus' teaching "with every time and every person." *"With him the words of Christ come alive today!"* It is the Spirit, the Pope said, who makes them alive for us, noting that through Scripture he speaks to us and directs us in the present. "He does not fear the passing of the centuries; rather, He makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time. For when the Spirit teaches, he actualizes: he keeps faith ever young," he said. While we risk "making faith a museum piece," the Pope said, the Spirit "brings it up to date." *"For the Holy Spirit does not bind himself to passing epochs or fashions, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living."*

***The Holy Spirit makes us remember*** In order to do this, the Spirit makes us remember and restores the Gospel to our hearts. Just as for the Apostles who had listened to Jesus many times, yet had understood little, "from Pentecost forth, with the Holy Spirit, they remember and they understand." "They welcome his words as made specially for them, and they pass from an outward knowledge to a living, convinced, joyful relationship with the Lord. It is the Spirit who does this," he said. *"The Spirit changes our lives: he makes Jesus' thoughts become our thoughts. And he does this by reminding us of his words."*

Pope Francis concluded inviting Christians to heed the Holy Spirit, because "without the Spirit reminding us of Jesus, faith becomes forgetful."

## **Pope Francis' General Audience – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022:**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, we now consider the words spoken by Jesus to Nicodemus: "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born anew" (Jn 3:3) by water and the Holy Spirit. This spiritual rebirth does not negate or detract from the value of our earthly existence, but points it towards its ultimate fulfilment in the eternal life and joy of heaven. Our age, with its frantic pursuit of the myth of eternal youth, needs to relearn this truth and to see every age of life as preparation for the eternal happiness for which we were created. Jesus tells Nicodemus: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life (v. 16). The elderly, through their faith, wisdom and experience, can bear convincing witness to the presence of God's kingdom in our midst and the authentic meaning of our earthly existence as a foretaste of that true "eternal youth" which awaits us in the new creation inaugurated by Christ and his Holy Spirit.

**Mick Rubbert RIP.** The funeral of Mick Rubbert (a former parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel) will take place on the 1st. July at 10.30am in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh on Sea. Please remember Mick and his wife, Marie, in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**Baptism:** Congratulations to Olivia Martins and her family on the occasion of her baptism here at Our Lady of Good Counsel last weekend.

**20 Hours of Adoration** begins again with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> June after the Feast of Corpus Christi. Adoration will be on Tuesdays (from 10am to 3pm), Wednesdays (from 10am to 3pm), Fridays (10am to 5pm), Saturdays (10am to 12noon) and Sundays (from 5pm to 6pm), but please always check the newsletter to make sure that it is still happening on any given day.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: *First major parish social since the lockdown-Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June*** Please join us for a parish BBQ after the 11am Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, as well as an opportunity to discuss Ideas for the Parish post-Covid. Please fill in the form provided with any ideas you might have for the Parish (you can also enter your ideas on the parish website *via* the button at the bottom of the home page). Also, if you can come to the BBQ, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the porch of the church.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Please contact Fr Mark or Sheila Harcourt, if you are able to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Any volunteers would be massively appreciated.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm at Brentwood Cathedral.** Please let Fr Mark know if you would like to attend the Mass for Marriage and Family Life at Brentwood Cathedral especially those celebrating significant anniversaries this year (or in the past two years), those who have recently got married, or those who are involved in marriage preparation or support at this time. Prayer cards for Marriage and Family Life are available in the porch of the church- please take one.

### **Sunday Obligation**

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to reinstate the Sunday Obligation to come to Mass, that is, the obligation to come to Mass on a Sunday or Saturday night, now that the challenges of the pandemic have significantly lessened. This will take effect from Pentecost Sunday, 4/5<sup>th</sup> June. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that the Sunday obligation is the duty to participate at Mass on Sundays and certain Holy Days, except when prevented by a legitimate reason (such as sickness or care of infants), and if we deliberately fail in this obligation, the Catechism continues, we commit a grave sin, and so, we will need to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion again. In a press conference, after announcing that the Bishops of England and Wales had decided to reinstate the Sunday Obligation, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said that 'the duty to attend Mass is a privilege' and 'the duty is there to back up the privilege'. When we come to Mass, we come because of our love and commitment to Christ. For us, it is a privilege to come to Mass- and the duty (or the obligation) to come is just there to back it up, to remind us of just how important it is.

### **Sunday Obligation, as it applies to children**

As regards children and the Sunday obligation, parents are always encouraged to bring their children to Mass and especially once they have started school, but the obligation to come to Sunday Mass does not begin for children until they have reached the age of reason, namely First Holy Communion age. Nevertheless, the responsibility to bring them to Mass each week still resides with the parents.

### **Certificates of Practice for Schools**

Fr Mark will be signing certificates for Catholic Secondary school applications in mid-October and for Catholic Primary Schools at the beginning of January 2023. With this in mind, please ensure that you are attending Mass each week with your children, so that Fr Mark will be able to sign them.

### **Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees:**

Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2022/23:**

We are hoping to have a First Holy Communion Programme beginning in September 2022, but Fr Mark wants to gauge the amount of interest there is in having the programme in the next academic year, because, if the interest is very low, we may defer the programme to the following year. So, if you reside in Wickford parish and your children will be in Year 3 or above *from the next academic year*, please contact Fr Mark by email on [wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by 1<sup>st</sup> July at the latest.

**Gardening.** If you have 'green fingers' and are willing to help out with the parish garden and the flowers beds around the church, we are in desperate need of gardeners to help out, otherwise the plants will be taking over! Please contact Fr Mark if you can help.

### **March for Life: 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life. We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday, 3 September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00 am at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held 10.30-1.30 at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 pm. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>  
Our witness is vital. Please put the date in your diary. God bless, Fr Mark

**The Relics of St Bernadette** will visit the Diocese of Brentwood in October as part of a national tour of Britain. A section of bone from her thigh is to be taken to the major cathedrals and churches of the dioceses of England, Scotland and Wales. It will give British Catholics the chance to make a personal pilgrimage to the French saint, to venerate her and to pray for her intercession. Her relics will be in Brentwood cathedral from 11am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October till 12noon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Walsingham House Team 2022/23: Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022, for those in current year 13, up to age 22:**

Details on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Foodbank – Gateway Project:** The Foodbank currently need tins of fish and meat, fruit, custard and rice, packets of pasta and rice, long life milk and coffee. Thank you for your support helping our Wickford community.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION- Chelmsford.**

The Mid Essex Deanery invite you to join them, in taking part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford **on Sunday 12th June 2019 at 3pm**. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford, the Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests from the Mid Essex Deanery. The procession is accompanied by a marching band, catholic groups and organisations, first communion children, lay people and their families. Don't miss this extraordinary event, bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For further information please contact Des Kelly by email at [kelly.clan@btinternet.com](mailto:kelly.clan@btinternet.com)

### **YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK:**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### **St Bon's Alumni Event - 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm**

All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: [www.stbons.org/alumni](http://www.stbons.org/alumni) - Email any questions to [alumni@stbons.org](mailto:alumni@stbons.org)

### **FAITH LIFT DAYS:**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - The next in our series of successful FAITH LIFT DAYS at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will be on Sunday 10th July. More details to follow nearer the time.

**The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)** entered into force on 22nd January 2021. To date 86 countries have signed the TPNW. Your prayers are asked for the the First Meeting of States Parties in Vienna 21-23 June, when the 61 countries which have also ratified the TPNW (States Parties) will review progress towards a nuclear-free world. Check International Campaign for Abolition of Nuclear Weapons ([icanw.org](http://icanw.org))

16th June -Visit the Russian, German, French embassies & 10 Downing St as part of an International Day of Action calling on all countries to ratify the Treaty. Contact Ann Kobayashi -01268 767138 for details

### **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](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.

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 in the parish office to arrange this.

### **Teaching Vacancies in KS1 & KS2 - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford:**

Required from September 2022. St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford, are seeking to appoint teachers in KS1 & KS2. Visits to the school are highly recommended by appointment with the Headteacher, Mrs Jenny Waterfield. Visit our school [website](#) to see a Virtual Tour to find out more about our school. Deadline for applications: **12:00 noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. Please contact the school office on [office@st-peters.haveringsch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.haveringsch.uk) to arrange a visit. Please send applications to: <https://ats-haveringschools.igp.co.uk/vacancies/197571>

**The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral** is seeking a part-time Co-ordinator to assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. If you have strong interpersonal and organisational skills, coupled with the ability to work on your own initiative to implement the plans and actions determined by the charity's governing Council and its subcommittees, this role may be of interest. You will be a good communicator, able to sustain engagement with our members through personal contact, written and digital channels. In addition to being able to plan and execute a range of fundraising events, you will have a keen eye for detail, enabling you to deliver the exacting level of administrative support needed for a successful membership organisation. Full details at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>

### **St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Catering Assistant Vacancy:**

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit a Catering Assistant to join our established catering team preparing approximately 250 meals a day.

Candidates must have experience of a similar environment as well as a passion for great food. For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs:

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=76759>

Closing date: 22/06/22 - midday

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, 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, Anne Humphrays, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Mary Caruana, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Danny Curtis, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, Valerie Robinson, Nelly Prada and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for, Ruth Garland, Anne Dudley, William Palmer, Frederick Croft, George Mears, Mary McNamee, Peter John Kent, Fr Thomas Carlin, Thomas Bishop, Royston Sydney Casper, Elizabeth Bielicz, Sarah Cloonan, Winifred Brazier, Clarence Simms, Peggy Rogers, Ann Tierney, Ernest Arthur Upton, Martin Kennedy, Philip Sullivan Kinsey, George Eden, George Tex, Francis Joseph Gillet, Olive Parker, Carinal Basil Hume, Eileen O'Riordan, Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall, Jan Hajduza, John Backhouse, and Thomas Dawson. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God's Kingdom.