

## TIMES & INTENTIONS

**All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

NO MORNING MASS & NO CONFESSIONS

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**9.00am Mass** Marie Fitzgerald RIP

**11.00am Mass** Barrie Reynolds & Gabrielle Wisken RIP

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – European Feast of ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

NO MASS but **10am until 3pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Feast of ST LAWRENCE**

NO MASS but **10am until 3pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – St Clare**

NO MASS

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - FERIA**

NO MASS but **10am until 5pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – FERIA**

NO MORNING MASS & NO CONFESSIONS

**6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** Gabrielle Wisken RIP

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (C)**

**9.00am Mass** People of the Parish

**11.00am Mass** Gertrude, Lawrence & Anthony Ekeh RIP

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – FERIA**

NO MASS but **10am until 3pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – FERIA**

NO MASS but **10am until 3pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – FERIA**

NO MASS

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – FERIA**

NO MASS but **10am until 5pm** Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – St Bernard**

**9.05am** Morning Prayer

**9.20am** Mass and Rosary Trevor Mackinnon RIP

**10am until 12noon** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**10.30 – 11.30am** Confessions

**6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday** In Thanksgiving – Shirley Goodin

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**9.00am Mass** Steven Lewin RIP

**11.00am Mass** People of the Parish RIP



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### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 7<sup>th</sup> August & 14<sup>th</sup> August

#### ***A prayer for the Holidays.***

Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me whatever is weary or broken, and revive my drooping spirit. Let this holiday be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving. May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration, a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

*"The summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period, students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey... May Mary our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments" (Pope Francis).*

We welcome to the parish Fr Basil Pearson who will be celebrating Masses this coming weekend (for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) and Fr Bob White who will be celebrating Masses the weekend after (for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Parish Office Opening Hours are subject to change over the summer break  
Hall Bookings: email: [wickfordcatholics@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordcatholics@gmail.com) / Tel: 01268 733219

## **Gospel – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - Luke 12:35-40 (Shorter form)**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## **Gospel –Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary– Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

## **Pope at Angelus: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel which recounts when a man asked Jesus to tell his brother to share his inheritance with him. Rather than addressing the family issue at hand, Jesus went to the core of the matter over how divisions caused by covetousness, or unbridled greed for possession of things is an "illness" that can destroy lives and create addiction, observed the Pope.

### ***The danger of greed***

The insatiable desire for possessions often feeds on itself, he went on to say, with people wanting more and more for themselves and so becoming a slave of "what paradoxically was meant to serve them so as to live freely and serenely." Covetousness is also a dangerous ailment for society, the Pope warned, pointing out that today our world is marked by huge inequalities, an "injustice never before seen in history, where few have so much and so many have little." *"Let's consider wars and conflicts as well. The lust for resources and wealth are almost always behind them. How many interests are behind war! Certainly, one of these is the arms trade."*

### ***Facing our own covetousness***

The Pope explained that Jesus shows us that the temptation for covetousness lies in everyone's heart, not just some powerful people or economic systems. He suggested we take a look at our own lives and examine whether we may be too attached to possessions or wealth, always wanting more or complaining we do not have enough. Do we sacrifice relationships and time for others, or ignore laws and honesty on the "altar of covetousness?" The Pope warned that greed can become a cult, an authentic form of idolatry, and this is why Jesus uses strong words to warn that "you cannot serve two masters...God and wealth," when wealth instead should be at our service and not the other way around, which is an offense to God.

### ***Rich according to God***

It is understandable and right to desire to become wealthy, but we should desire to be "rich according to God," the Pope pointed out. And this means being rich in compassion and in mercy. And these riches do not impoverish anyone or create quarrels and divisions, he added, as God's richness "knows how to give, to distribute, to share."

***Rich in good relationships*** The Pope concluded his address, explaining that we need more than just the accumulation of material goods to live well, we need good relationships with God and others, also those who have less. Let us all endeavour to become rich not through greed, but through "good works that are not forgotten, people that I have helped to grow and mature," in our lives and efforts, a good inheritance to leave for others.

**Journey in Faith Programme:** We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Our Lady's Hall. 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 one, 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](mailto:wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Ideas for the Parish post-Covid.** Many thanks for your ideas for the parish post-Covid. After a slightly slow start, I received quite a number of ideas (also during the BBQ) and so I will be having a think about them over the summer period and then discussing them further at our next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting which takes place at the beginning of September. I am also happy to announce that we have 3 new PPC members namely Bridget Auker, Peris Muthike and David O'Brien.

### **New Faith course for young people**

From September, Fr Mark will run a new Faith course designed especially for those young people who go to non-Catholic secondary schools, though, those who go to Catholic Secondary schools are also very welcome. The overall aim of the course is to understand better what it means to be a Christian. Please let Fr Mark know if you are interested. There will be a meeting sometime in September to discuss how it will work. So far, we have 6 young people who are interested.

**Altar Servers Training.** We will have Altar Servers Training for those children who recently made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon. Let Fr Mark know if you can attend.

### **100 Club Winners – July 2022:**

Congratulations to the following winners of July's 100 Club:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Kathryn Murrell

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Liz Baker

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Patricia Wallace

Many thanks for your support and good luck in next month's draw!

### **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/>

### **Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to [WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Only 40 places available.

### **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.

**Sharing the Church's Story Conference** aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, we are excited for what God will do through this event. The Conference takes place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

**20 Hours of Adoration** takes place 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.

### **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.

**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.

**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.

### **7-9th OCT 2022 YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND:**

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics"  
During the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). The talks are – Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr. Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun).

Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Book soon as places are limited! Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022).

For More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>.

To book go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

### **Walsingham House:**

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at

<https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### **Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture:**

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The cost will start be £850 for one place in a double room, with an additional charge of £165 for single occupancy. Flights, half board at 3 and 4 star hotels, travel in Romania and tour guides are included in the price.

For more information or to register your interest please send an email to [benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org) *Closing date for registration is the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022.*

### **Beginning Experience Weekend:**

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).

### **Lost Property:**

A ladies navy cardigan was left at Our Lady of Good Counsel a few weeks ago. Please contact the office to collect. Many thanks.

### **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.

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, 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, 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, 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, Michael Fitzgerald and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for Pope Paul VI, Deacon Fred Wall, James Phillips, Justina Santos, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coughlan, Fr Hugh Verily, Celia Fawcett, Charles Lawes, David Cheriton, Armando Toledo, Dorothy Lepper, Dennis Durkin, Bridget Harper, Dorothy Marshall, Halina Ostrowska, May Joyce, Philip Sullivan Kinsey, Stan Wagstaff, Andrew Hill, Margaret O'Sullivan, Derrick Barnett, Madge McKeever, Rachel Hatch, Lily O'Kell, Fr David Papworth, Ernest Kentish, William Millar, Edward McEvoy, Rose Bibb, Isa Mullins, Fr Stephen Keane, Mary McGrath, Jeanine Ashworth, Joan Neal, Sidney Brothers, Dorothy Perrett, Sheila Herlihy, Joseph Ounan, Rose Mary Totten, Gabrielle Wisken, Canon Peter Prendergast, Clive Dewi Thomas, Steve Lewin, Patrick Christopher McCaffrey, Alan Eric Merrin, Canon Vincent Hurley, Patrick Moriarty, Fr Andrew Hurley, Stanley Terence Thorn and Ellen Ogunsanya. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God's Kingdom.