

TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

Saturday 24th September 2022 – Our Lady of Walsingham

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Cathy Young RIP
10am until 12noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30 – 11.30am Confessions

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

Sunday 25th September 2022 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

9.00am Mass John Mongan RIP
11.00am Mass John & Kathleen McCaffrey RIP
5.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Tuesday 27th September 2022 – St Vincent de Paul

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua
7.30pm Mass Francisca Oguike RIP

Wednesday 28th September 2022 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.25am Mass and Rosary Benedict & Ethel Doyle RIP
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 29th September 2022 – Feast of SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

8.00am Mass and Rosary Michael Fitzgerald Ints

Friday 30th September 2022 – St Jerome

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Ella Mackinnon RIP
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 1st October 2022 – St Therese of the Child Jesus

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Bella Hernandez In Thanksgiving
10.30 – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday Francisca Oguike RIP

Sunday 2nd October 2022 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

9.00am Mass Barrie Reynolds & Gabrielle Wisken RIP
11.00am Mass People of the Parish
5.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th September 2022

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Canon Pat Sammon RIP Fr Pat's funeral will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes in Wanstead on Thursday 29th September at 11.30am. All are welcome. May he rest in peace. Mass that day here at Our Lady of Good Counsel will be at 8am.

Parish Office Opening Hours are Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's 9am – 1pm
Hall Bookings: email: wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com / Tel: 01268 733219

Pope at Angelus: Sunday 18th September

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis offered his weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospel, which recounts the parable Jesus told about the corrupt manager who squandered his master's property, but was discovered and set to be fired. The manager quickly and shrewdly found a way out of the situation to save himself. The Pope said understanding the point of this parable can be difficult at first, and we need to reflect on what lesson Jesus is giving us here.

The Pope made some observations about the manager in this parable: first, that he does not resign himself to his fate or play the victim, but on the contrary, acts with shrewdness in finding a way out of his bind. The Pope noted Jesus' words, "The children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light," who sometimes are not as alert or are too naive, not knowing how to take the initiative to find ways out of difficulties. Cleverness and creativity can be used for good and on behalf of serving others, he pointed out, noting that Jesus shows that in following the Gospel, we need to be honest, awake, and attentive to discern reality and be creative to find good solutions for ourselves and others.

Good for all

Another teaching the Lord gives us here is the importance of building up fraternal relations through generosity, sharing, and serving others with what we have. The Pope said that to inherit eternal life, "there is no need to accumulate goods in this world" and what matters is the love shown in our fraternal relations. The Pope said we are called to use the material goods of the world charitably, not selfishly, so they benefit everyone, especially the weakest.

Be positive

In conclusion, the Pope pointed out how today also we hear about stories of corruption, dishonest conduct, unfair policies, selfishness that dominates the choices of individuals and institutions, and many other murky situations. But he stressed that we Christians cannot allow ourselves to become discouraged, or worse, just ignore matters and remain indifferent.

"We are called to be creative in doing good with the prudence and the cleverness of the Gospel, using the goods of this world, not only material but all of the gifts we have received from the Lord, not to enrich ourselves, but to generate fraternal love and social fellowship. Let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she may help us be like herself, poor in spirit and rich in works of charity for one another."

Eucharistic Ministers meeting to be held on Friday 7th October @ 5pm in the church.

General Audience 21st September 2022:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Following my recent Apostolic Journey to Kazakhstan, I once more express my gratitude to the President of the Republic, the civil authorities, Bishops and lay faithful, and the many volunteers for their warm welcome. The primary purpose of my visit was to attend the Seventh Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, whose aim is to promote peace and human fraternity in our world. This gathering, together with its Final Declaration, is one more step forward on the path of interreligious dialogue, and continues a journey that began with the historic meeting in Assisi in 1986. This path also includes the Document on Human Fraternity signed in Abu Dhabi in 2019. When speaking of these noble efforts, we must also remember the many martyrs of diverse nationalities and backgrounds who have borne faithful witness in their daily lives to God's desire for peace and fraternity among his children. In addition to encouraging the nation in its vocation as a *Country of Encounter*, I was able to meet members of the local Church. This small yet faithful flock, fortified by the example of its saints, especially during the years of persecution, is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, it was fitting that we could celebrate Mass together on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, an instrument of suffering and death turned into the ultimate sign of hope and salvation. Let us pray that God will abundantly bless the people of Kazakhstan and the life of the pilgrim Church in that land.

Ideas for the Parish post-Covid. Many thanks for your ideas for the parish post-Covid. At the meeting of the Parish Council last week, we reviewed your feedback and hope to implement many of the ideas over time subject to the availability of volunteers. We hope to restore things we lost during Covid (like socials, Tea and Coffee after Mass, Youth activities and Children's Liturgy of the Word) and try new things (like types of men's groups, women's groups, SVP, Legion of Mary, the new Faith course for young people and a course called Sycamore at the beginning of next year which encourages fraternity and conversation about faith matters after a good meal). Also, on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm there will be a special Mass for parishioners who have died recently (especially those who died during Covid). Finally on Tuesday 20th December at 7pm, the Bishop will be coming to Wickford to celebrate Mass to mark the 50th Anniversary of the building of the church, with a reception afterwards.

Mary Jarvis RIP We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jarvis and the comfort and consolation of her family at this time. Her funeral will take place on Friday 7th October here at Our Lady of Gd Counsel in Wickford at 11am.

An update on Chris and May Carey:

They are now residing in Blenheim Court nursing home in Liss. They both thank you for the cards, prayers and kind wishes sent to them both after a difficult couple of months and wanted to say that they miss their Wickford parish family. They are settled and happy in their new surrounding and glad to be back together after time spent apart in different hospitals.

If anyone would like any further details or would like to visit or telephone please do not hesitate to get in contact with me and I can pass on all the information I have.

Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers as they are both extremely grateful for these.

Mandy Harman 07799434688 or harmanamanda@hotmail.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel 50th Anniversary Celebrations:

Our Lady of Good Counsel is preparing for a very special celebration in December as our church marks its' 50th Anniversary and welcomes Bishop Alan to commemorate this with a mass.

We are also looking to hold a celebration gathering afterwards and would like to take a look back over these 50 years and are hoping you might be able to help!

Do you have any photos or press cuttings from over the years that depict Our Lady's Hall when it used to be the parish church, or even the church before that as it was further up the London Road? Or do you have some that show the building work that went on back in 1971/2 or maybe show some of the wonderful celebrations that have taken place within the church, halls or grounds? If so, please put them in an envelope with your name on and they will be photocopied and then the originals will be returned to you. Alternatively, feel free to jot down a special story that can be used. We can then put up a display of all these lovely memories.

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.

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/>

Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Tour this Autumn - Brentwood Diocese (dioceseofbrentwood.net)

The relics of St Bernadette will come to our diocese in October.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with the woman to whom Our Lady chose to appear in Lourdes. Here are the details:

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Sunday 16 October

11 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11.30 am: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bp Alan.

6.30 pm: Holy Mass, led by the Youth Service.

9 pm: Cathedral closes.

Monday 17 October

6 am: Cathedral opens.

9.15 am: Holy Mass

12 noon: Relics of St Bernadette leave.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD

Tuesday 18 October

10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups.

7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan

12 midnight: Church closes.

Wednesday 19 October

6 am: Church opens.

9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.

You are welcome to come to pray before the relics outside reserved times for schools. If possible, book your visit through the national website: stbernadette.org.uk Whether you book or not, you may have to queue.

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.

Revision to 20 Hours of Adoration. This will now take place on Tuesdays (from 10am to 4pm), Wednesdays (from 10am to 4pm), Fridays (10am to 5pm), 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.

Foodbank: Foodbank stocks are very low, urgently needed are tins of meat, fish, soup, tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, custard and rice. Also, jars of coffee, pasta sauces and jams. The box for donations is in the church porch. A big thank you for your support. There are new people coming for help each week.

40daysforlife; 28th Sept-Nov 6th

www.40daysforlife.com

Are holding a peaceful, prayerful witness outside Marie Stopes International an Abortion provider.

We are there to offer services of help to women in crisis pregnancies.

Please come and pray.

For more information contact Mary & Francis connolly 07478765010

If you have been hurt by Abortion, please contact

www. rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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 14th to 16th 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.

STUDY DAY – ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new saints canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022. His journey in faith, preaching the Gospel to all with his life, ended with his death in his hermitage in the Sahara in 1916. Little Sister Kathleen McKee will lead a study day on 'St Charles de Foucauld – universal brother' on Saturday 8th October from 11.00 to 13.00 BST. You may attend this free event in person at Gidea Park Catholic Church – RM2 6DH – from 11 am (Coffee available at 10.30). Please book your place by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org The event is also live-streamed. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on www.whatgoodnews.org

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair:

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30.

For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

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 7th-9th 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. Glaysner 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>

BCYS Youth Mass

Thursday 6th October, Brentwood Cathedral.

Starting from 6pm for pizza, we are then delighted to be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and others to share their vocations stories and answer any of your questions, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30pm where Fr Paschal will also be preaching.

Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

BCYS Youth Gather

22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island.

Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday. The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more! The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included.

This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

New Hall School Open Morning:

Saturday 24 September, 9.00am – 12.30pm

New Hall School Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 11 October, 6.30-8.30pm

For both events, please book online at newhallschool.co.uk

New Hall is a Catholic independent School in Boreham, near Chelmsford, offering a distinctive education to girls and boys aged 1-18. Day, flexible boarding and full boarding options are available.

St John Payne School Open Evening:

On this Education Sunday, I write to invite families who wish their children to join our wonderfully diverse & inclusive community to attend our open evening from 5.30-8.30 p.m. on Thursday 29th September. In advance of the evening, a promotional film can be viewed via the following link and is also available on our website <https://vimeo.com/user17292630/review/582542050/5dd0e33f4e>. I will look forward to welcoming you, following which I urge you to visit during the working day to experience the school in all its vibrancy and colour. Our students - ever our greatest ambassadors - would love to show you around.
Mr T Coen Headteacher of St John Payne Catholic School

Open Day St. Mary's Hare Park Independent Catholic School & Nursery

We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our Open Morning on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 9am to 12pm. Staff and pupils will be on hand to speak with you directly and show you first-hand why our school is such a special place, where pupils grow in confidence and independence, and learn skills which prepare them for a future life and love of learning. To truly understand why children and their parents love our school, we warmly invite you to come and pay us a visit and see how we nurture, engage and inspire every child. Please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysharepark.co.uk/> to register your interest, or alternatively just turn up on the day. We look forward to meeting you.

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 are currently being recruited for:

- Head of School – St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Loughton
Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Monday 3rd October 2022
- Assistant Curriculum Leader of Religious Studies – St Bonaventure's School, Forest Gate
Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Wednesday 5th October 2022
- School Chaplain – Ursuline Convent High School, Brentwood
Deadline for applications: 16:00 noon on Friday 14th October 2022

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings:

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2023 intake, to an Open Morning on the following dates:

Tuesday 11th October, Tuesday 18th October, Thursday 24th November, Tuesday 10th January at 9.15am.

Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School Open Evenings:

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2023. For prospective Year 7 students, the Open Evening will be on Thursday 29th September 2022 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. For Sixth Form students, the Open Evening will be on Thursday 3rd November 2022 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 6.30pm. Please note that there are no on-site parking facilities available.

Parish Administrator – St Peter - Dagenham

The successful applicant will ideally be an administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. They must have excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. Hours: 6-8 hours per week. Further details can be found here: [Parish Administrator – Dagenham](#) . Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to dagenhamstp@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date for applications is 1st October 2022.

Breakfast and After School Club Practitioner Required – St Mary's Hare Park Preparatory School:

St Mary's Hare Park School in Gidea Park, is urgently looking for a reliable and motivated individual to take care of children of ages 3 - 11.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a dedicated, enthusiastic Breakfast and After School Club Practitioner, but applications are welcome from those with less experience as well.

The hours are 7:30am - 8:30am and 3:00pm - 5:30pm Monday to Friday starting this September 2022.

For all enquiries and applications please contact the school office on 01708 761220 or email the school at office@stmarysharepark.co.uk.

Relief Cleaners – The Champion School

Scale APTC 1 Spinal Point 1 £21,228 (FTE) pro rata – 15 hours per week

The Champion school is looking to recruit relief cleaners to its team to start as soon as possible. Previous experience would be an advantage. You will be responsible for ensuring the school is cleaned to the Academy's standards and is safe for use.

You'll be joining a friendly and supportive team that has cultivated a genuinely cohesive working environment – sharing ideas, best practice and resources.

If you are interested in this role and would like an application form, please e.mail the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Noddings: cnoddings@thecampionschool.org.uk

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, COLCHESTER - VACANCIES

Head of Humanities and Teacher in charge of R.E. - St Benedict's Catholic College is seeking to recruit a talented and dynamic Head of Humanities, teacher in charge of RE to lead our visionary and high achieving faculty. The successful candidate will be an RE specialist, with a proven track record of inspiring and leading both people and curriculum developments. Salary – Upper Pay Scale (£38,691 - £41,605) plus TLR 1c (£12,115) Pay Award Pending. If you would like to know more about the college and the humanities department, please email Mrs Miriam Davies, Assistant Principal at m.davis@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

Lay Chaplain - We are looking to appoint a practising Catholic, who as Chaplain will further develop and enhance the spiritual, liturgical and prayer life of the college. The pay band for the role is Scale 7 (scp 19 to 24), which is £25,927 to £29,174. (Pay Award, back dated to April 2022 pending).

Applications for both roles will only be accepted on the college application form (which can be downloaded from our website <https://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk/>) and should be emailed to Mr Chris Brown, Business Manager at c.brown@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk CVs will not be accepted.

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 Humphreys, 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, May and Chris Carey, Doreen Green and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

Anniversaries – We pray for Mary McQuillen, Dorothy Madle, Joe Coggins, David Ringshall, Frederick Howard-Simpson, Violet Thickbroom, Pope John Paul I, David Clark, Iris Rodin, Fr Gordon Godfrey, George Grisdale, Edith Pound, Anthony Bernatovitch, Thomas Cloonan, Margaret Chandley, Fr Bernard Wakeling, Ellen Reed, Henry Gerald McGill, Fr Jude Mkhomeni, Fr Jack Donovan, Pauline Hinds, Canon William O'Neill, Evelyn Payne and Brian McClory. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God's Kingdom.