

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary November Dead Lists  
10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

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

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

9.00am Mass Steven Lewin RIP  
11.00am Mass Jon Sennen Nazareth RIP  
5.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Feria

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua  
7.30pm Mass November Dead Lists

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Feast of ST ANDREW, Patron of Scotland

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Dennis Sweeney RIP  
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – Feria

8.30am Mass and Rosary John and Mary Foy RIP

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 – Feria

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

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 – St Francis Xavier (Migrants' Day)

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Val Kerins RIP  
10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

9.00am Mass Alfred Tolman RIP  
11.00am Mass Michael Clegg RIP



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

### Summary of General Audience 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on discernment, we now consider the experience of spiritual "consolation", that sense of deep inner joy, a gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables us to sense God's comforting presence and providential care in all things, even in moments of trial and difficulty. Saint Ignatius compares this grace-filled movement of the heart to a drop of water on a sponge: quietly and in full respect for our freedom, the Lord confirms us in faith and hope and confident trust in his undying love. In the lives of great saints like Ignatius, Edith Stein and Therese of Lisieux, we see how experiences of spiritual consolation not only bring profound interior peace and conviction, but also grant the strength to accomplish extraordinary things in God's service. The sign of an authentic consolation is precisely the serene, fruitful and lasting peace that it brings. Discernment is needed to distinguish true consolations from those that are false, shallow and self-indulgent; in our spiritual journey, may we always heed the sound advice of Saint Bernard, who urges us to seek the consolations of God, and not the God of consolations.

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

## **Pope's Angelus Message 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Ending the celebration of Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King in the Italian City of Asti, Pope Francis recited the Angelus prayer, before thanking the city in the northern region of Piedmont for the warm welcome he received.

### ***A prayer for peace***

Pope Francis then went on to describe the time in which we are living as "a famine of peace". He encouraged all those present to think of the many places in the world which are scourged by war, paying particular attention to Ukraine. He also turned his thoughts to the tragic fire two days ago in a refugee camp in Gaza, Palestine, which killed at least 21 people. "We pray for the families of the victims", which included 10 children. "May the Lord receive into heaven those who lost their lives and comfort that population so tried by years of conflict, stressed the Pope, adding, "Let's give ourselves something to do and continue to pray for peace!"

### ***Young people can change the world***

The Pope then spoke of young people, sending them his love as he recalled that local Churches observe World Youth Day on this solemnity. This year's theme, the Pope noted, is the same as the one for the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon: "*Mary arose and went with haste*". The Pope noted that "Our Lady did this when she was young, and she tells us that the secret to remaining young is found precisely in those two verbs, *to arise* and *to go*". To arise and to go, repeated the Pope, "not to stay still thinking about ourselves, wasting our lives and chasing after comfort or the latest fads, but to aim for the heights, get on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand". And today, Pope Francis concluded, we need young people who can change the world, "realizing dreams of peace".

## **Our Lady of Good Counsel 50<sup>th</sup> 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 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. 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.

**Inauguration of Advent Service** at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 p.m. With music from the Cathedral choir, readings and lighting of the Advent wreath led by Bishop Alan Williams, this is a perfect way to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome. You can also watch this service on the *Thresholds of Hope* page on youtube: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

## **Our Lady of Good Counsel – Christmas Grand Draw:**

The draw will take place after the evening Anniversary Mass in the hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, where you will also be able to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two! For those who would like to donate towards the hampers, there is a list of donations at the back of the church from next weekend. The draw is the only fundraiser for the church that we have each year, so please do try and support it and buy as many raffle tickets as you can. Thank you.

## **Mary Hurley RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Mary Hurley will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am (with the Reception of the Body the day before at 4pm). May she rest in peace.

## **John Foley RIP**

The Requiem Mass for John Foley will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. May he rest in peace.

## **Sunday Coffee Mornings**

If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Morning after 9am or 11am Sunday Masses to raise money for a charity, please contact the parish office.

## **Unwanted Hamper Baskets**

If anyone has any hamper baskets they could donate to the church for the Annual Grand Draw, please drop them into the office.

## **Advent Missio Red Box Collection**

The Autumn edition of Mission Today together with the calendar is inside the brown envelope with your name on it. The envelopes are in the church porch for collection. Please empty your red box and return the envelope by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The envelopes can be returned to any of the Missio promoters or the church office during opening hours. Extra brown envelopes are also available for anyone who is not a red box holder but would like to donate to the charity during Advent. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Certificates of Practice for Catholic Primary schools**

Fr Mark will be signing Certificates of Practice for Catholic Primary school applications at the beginning of January 2023., but he can only do so, if you attend Mass each week with your child/children.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023**

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023!

The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

### **Calais Light is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais.**

Age 18+. Dec 9-11 Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

### **BCCS 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://visufund.com/tree-of-angels-2022> to go directly to our Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

### **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/>

### **Knock Pilgrimage**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### **Free Jesse Tree Booklet for Families**

The Jesse Tree is a wonderful resource for families to prepare for Christmas during Advent, telling the story of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the ancestors of Jesus Christ. A free, printable Jesse Tree booklet containing daily short scripture passages, simple reflections and prayers, as well as tree ornaments are available for all families in the Diocese of Brentwood by following this link: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/)

### **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 date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

### **Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School**

#### **Kitchen Staff Vacancy**

Kitchen Staff required with an immediate start. 12.5 hours per week. 11.30am – 2.00pm. For more information, please contact [sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk](mailto:sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk)

#### **Cleaning Vacancy**

The Local Governing Committee of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a cleaner to join our Site Team. You will be required to work for 5 hours per week (two x 2.5 hours each afternoon) to be paid on Point 1 (approx. £9.50 per hour) during term time, plus some limited hours in the school holidays. Please select the link below for an application form <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1shQOwjOfh61zMappRJ3wmzFseYO9TyzY/edit> which should be returned to [office@olorcps.net](mailto:office@olorcps.net). The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

**Receptionist / Administration Assistant – St Peter’s Catholic Primary**

**School:**<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=82349> Job description download printable version. The Christus Catholic Trust are seeking to appoint a Receptionist / Administration Assistant, permanent contract: [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk). Closing date is Midday on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall Manager – St Mary & St Helen and Holy Cross**

The successful applicant will ideally have administration experience and be able to demonstrate good numeracy skills. Excellent communication skills is also a requirement and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. Hours: 3 hours per week. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is 16 December 2022. Job description: [Cathedral Parish Halls Manager – Brentwood JD](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

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**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, 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, Conrad Gomes, Hannah Miller, Peter Turner and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for 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 Gorgon-Ralph, Mary Meecham, Mgr Edward Watson, Canon Martin Hancock, James Daly, Andrew Christie, Reginald Brooks, Fr Anthony Robson, James Baldrey, Erickson Lord, Criss Daly, Edward Bielicz, Sidney James Reynolds, Fr John Aydon, Elizabeth Gray, Stanley Elliston, and Thomas Fanning. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God’s Kingdom.