



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING 20th November 2022

Gospel: Luke 21:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Feast of Christ the King. The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

- That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
- That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state.
- That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

Saturday 19th November 2022 – In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary Emily Begg RIP
10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday November Dead Lists

Sunday 20th November 2022 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C) (Youth Day)

9.00am Mass People of the Parish
11.00am Mass Francisca Oguike RIP
5.00pm Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 – St Cecilia

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

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer
9.20am Mass and Rosary November Dead Lists
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Memorial Mass Deceased Parishioners RIP

Thursday 24th November 2022 – St Andrew Dung-Lac & Co

9.05am Morning Prayer Christine Kieran RIP
9.20am Mass and Rosary

Friday 25th November 2022 – Feria

9.05am Morning Prayer Alice Cusack-O'Rorke RIP
9.20am Mass and Rosary
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 26th 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 27th November 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

9.00am Mass Steven Lewin RIP
11.00am Mass Jon Sennen Nazareth RIP

Pope's Angelus message 13th November 2022

In his address, the Pope offered his weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospel, which recalls Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem. Those around the Lord spoke of the magnificence of the grandiose building, but the Lord reminded them of the transitory nature of things on earth that are here today and gone tomorrow, saying "there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down," adding how in history wars and natural disasters will occur, sweeping away everything.

Pursuing perseverance

The Pope observed that these sobering words offer us a valuable teaching that there is a way out from the precariousness and volatility of human life. We can find it in the Lord's words, when He says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives," the Pope pointed out. The key word is "perseverance", he said, which means being disciplined and persistent in what the Lord has at heart and matters most. *"Jesus says to concentrate on what remains, to avoid devoting our life to building something that will then be destroyed, like that temple, and forgetting to build that which will not collapse, to build on his word, on love, on goodness."*

Focusing on what matters

The Pope said we can often lose focus on what is most important when we, like those at the temple, prioritize and celebrate only the world of our hands, our successes, traditions, and religious and cultural symbols. While they are important, they are passing away, he pointed out. Striving for perseverance, he said, means, "building goodness every day...to remain constant in goodness, especially when the reality around us urges us to do otherwise." In practical terms, this means praying even when we believe we are too busy, playing by the rules even if everyone else may not be, offering our time to our community, the poor, our parish.

Remaining in Goodness

In conclusion, Pope Francis said it would be good if we asked ourselves about how well we are trying to persevere in remaining in the Lord's goodness: do we strive to live by faith, justice and charity in our daily lives, do we make sacrifices to dedicate time to prayer or helping others, are we able to keep our hearts steadfast in the Lord even when circumstances around us make it difficult?

"If we persevere – Jesus reminds us – we have nothing to fear, even in the sad and ugly events of life, not even in the evil we see around us, because we remain grounded in the good...May Our Lady, servant of the Lord, persevering in prayer fortify our perseverance."

General Audience 16th November 2022

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on discernment, we have seen the importance of interpreting the movements of our heart, including occasional experiences of "desolation" or interior unrest and dissatisfaction. Such moments are in fact a challenge to our complacency and an incentive to growth in the spiritual life. In the case of many great saints like Augustine, this sense of inner unrest was the prelude to a profound conversion. The experience of desolation can open our eyes to see things in a new light, to appreciate the blessings we so often take for granted, and to find our peace in drawing closer to the Lord. In this way, we deepen our relationship with Jesus, which brings not only consolation, but also new challenges to mature in Christian discipleship. At times of desolation or discouragement, may we embrace the experience as an invitation to deeper prayer, closer union with Christ and steadfast trust in his promises.

World Youth Sunday, 20th November 2022

World Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be speaking about their work and holding second collection this weekend. (You can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate). Your support is greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. And of course, please do pray for all young people in your Parish, in our Diocese and around the world.

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.

Month of November

The month of November is when we traditionally remember and pray for the holy souls in purgatory. Through our prayers, our fasting and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the faithful departed to assist them on their journey through purgatory and into heaven. **Throughout November here, we will pray for our dead at each Mass and on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm there will be a special Mass for parishioners who have died recently (especially those who died during Covid).**

YouCat, the *Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church* (London, CTS: 2011) explains well what we pray for in November in two of its questions:

159 *What is purgatory?* Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition. Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore at peace with God and people) but who still needs purification before he can see God face to face is in purgatory. When Peter had betrayed Jesus, the Lord turned around and looked at Peter: "And Peter went out and wept bitterly"—a feeling *like being in purgatory*. Just such a purgatory probably awaits most of us at the moment of our death: the Lord looks at us full of love—and we experience burning shame and painful remorse over our wicked or "merely" unloving behaviour. Only after this purifying pain will we be capable of meeting his loving gaze in untroubled heavenly joy.

160 *Can we help the departed who are in the condition of purgatory?* Yes, since all those who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.

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.

Foodbank

Thank you so much for your generous donations, your support is very much appreciated.

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.

BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th 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

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.

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

Age 18+. Nov 18-20 and 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. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

Advent Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27th 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>

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

London Marathon 2023

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 23rd April 2023. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 11th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

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/>

THE ADVENT LECTINARY

On Wednesday 23rd November from 7 pm there will be an **in-person** Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be **live-streamed** – simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

Aid to the Church in Need - #RedWednesday

The annual Aid to the Church in Need **#RedWednesday** event raises the plight of persecuted Christians to governments and societies across the West, informing them on how to alleviate the suffering of the world's most innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, harassment and oppression. This year it is November 23, please wear something **Red** to show solidarity with those being persecuted.

Also:

London's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral will host a very special #RedWednesday 2022, as we stand in solidarity with the suffering people of Ukraine. Please join us for the events on 23rd November which start at 5.45 pm with the Rosary followed by the Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass), both held at the cathedral, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ.

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th 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.

SVP1833 Young Adult's Retreat

An opportunity for students and young adults, a weekend retreat of prayer, reflection and mission in the Vincentian Spirituality. During the weekend, we will have talks by inspirational speakers, moments of prayer and reflection as well as a visit to Leeds Community Support Project where we will experience some of the vital work of the SVP.

Retreat Details:

Dates: 25th-27th November 2022

Place: THE BRIERY RETREAT CENTRE
38, Victoria Avenue,

Ilkley,
West Yorkshire,
LS29 9BW

Cost: £35

To book, email: youngvincentians@svp.org.uk or follow the link:

https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_s_retreat_application

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: Thursday 24th November and Tuesday 10th January at 9.15am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING:

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 6.00-9.00 P.M. For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2023. 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.

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

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

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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. Closing date for applications is 16 December 2022.

Job description: [Cathedral Parish Halls Manager – Brentwood JD](#) (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

The Champion School Kitchen Assistant

20 hours per week 10.30 – 14.30 Salary: £7,962pa Closing date 21st November 2022. The Kitchen Assistant will play a key role in the day-to-day offer to students and staff in a busy kitchen environment that serves breakfast before school, a break and a lunch service. The successful candidate will also have the option of additional hours if they choose, to cover absence and support Saturday Rugby on a timesheet basis. If you have a positive approach, are resilient, have the skills for the role and can enhance our team to support our young people, we would like you to apply. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of an excellent team of people. This position would be suitable for someone with recent experience of working within a kitchen environment, but the main thing is a positive can-do attitude. References from two previous employers will be sought prior to interview which will be held on 24th November 2022. To apply for either post, please contact cnoddings@thecampionschool.org.uk for an application form or call 01708 452332.

Kitchen Assistant (Bank Staff)

Do you have experience and skills working in a kitchen environment? Are you looking for work without the need to commit all of your time? If so please keep reading. At The Champion School in Hornchurch, Essex we are looking to recruit a bank of kitchen assistants that can support the excellent team where there may be periods of absence, training or need for additional staff due to events that are taking place. The value of bank work is that you have a choice to work or not when the need is required. Current hourly rates range between £12.49-£12.99 inclusive of holiday pay which is based on experience, and this is subject to pay review. The role will require the preparation, simple cooking and serving of food and beverages. The role may require working on the till, cleaning, washing up and any other duties as required in the kitchen service. The kitchen serves at breakfast, break and lunch for students including sixth form students and staff and is a warm and friendly environment that possesses an excellent team of experienced and supportive staff. We also require support for our Saturday Rugby. This is making provision for our students when playing rugby on Saturdays between September and March each year. Making rolls, refreshments and basic cooking to support the needs of spectators is what is required. Closing Date: 21st November 2022, Interviews will be held on 24th November 2022.

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.

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.