

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed and Open to the Public

Saturday 12th November 2022 – St Josaphat

**NO MORNING MASS
NO CONFESSIONS**

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday Jayne and Danny Balaam Ints

Sunday 13th November 2022 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Remembrance Sunday) (World Day of the Poor)

9.00am Mass People of the Parish

11.00am Mass Angelina Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 15th November 2022 – Feria

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua

7.30pm Mass Deceased members of the Okeke and Offiah Families RIP

Wednesday 16th November 2022 – St Edmund of Abingdon

Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese

9.05am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass and Rosary November Dead Lists

10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 17th November 2022 – Feria

Caroline McGill RIP

9.05am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass and Rosary

Friday 18th November 2022 – Feria

Kay Granados RIP

9.05am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass and Rosary

10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th November 2022

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

We welcome Fr Bob White to our parish this weekend whilst Fr Mark is away on retreat.

Parish Office Opening Hours are Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's 9am – 1pm

Hall Bookings: email: wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com / Tel: 01268 733219

Pope's Angelus message for All Saints Day

Speaking to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis reflected on today's Gospel, the Beatitudes of Jesus (*Mt* 5:1-12), saying they serve as a form of "identity card" for the saints. Rather than having the stereotypical view that all saints lived "perfect" and "precise" lives, the Pope said the Beatitudes rather show another side of the equation: the saints lived radically "countercultural" and "revolutionary" lives.

'Blessed are the peacemakers'

Taking the example of the beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers" (v. 9), the Pope said the type of peace Jesus brings is often very different from what we imagine or would like peace to be defined as. Often, the Pope noted, the definition of "peace" for us means tranquillity, to be left alone without any disruption or problems. Rather, Jesus calls on us to act as peacemakers, building peace through works of justice and mercy. *"The Bible speaks of a 'sowing of peace' because it germinates from the soil of life, from the seed of our heart; it grows in silence, day after day, through works of justice and mercy, as the luminous witnesses we are celebrating today show us."* Jesus' life, and those of the saints, Pope Francis continued, shows us that the "seed of peace must first die" in order to grow and bear fruit. *"Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed."*

Disarming the heart

What must one do to become a peacemaker? Pope Francis notes that although we all have the ability to say sharp words or have aggressive thoughts, the first step to becoming a peacemaker is rather to disarm the heart by opening ourselves to Jesus, standing before His Cross, and receiving from Him in Confession "forgiveness and peace." *"This is where we begin, because being peacemakers, being saints, is not our ability, it is His gift, it is grace."*

An eternal reward for those who build peace

Pope Francis continued by asking if in our everyday lives, we desire to bring peace or if we seek to bring pain, gossip, and controversy through our daily actions. The Pope noted that building peace is about caring for those at the margins, fighting injustice, and forgiving others. Those who build the path towards peace will be, as Jesus says, ultimately rewarded in heaven and called "children of God." Although they may seem "out of place" in today's world, the Pope noted, peacemakers in Heaven will be closest to God. *"Those who love everyone and hurt no one win: as the Psalm says, 'there is a future for a man of peace.'" The Pope concluded by invoking the Virgin Mary, "Queen of all saints," to help us "be peacemakers in our daily lives."*

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.

100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Octobers 100 Club draw:

1st Prize – Titus Fernando 2nd Prize – Miriam Parker 3rd Prize – Eric Lord

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and good luck for next month's draw!

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.

General Audience – 9th November 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My recent Apostolic Journey to Bahrain was occasioned by the international Forum for Dialogue, which brought together leaders of different religions in the service of peace. Dialogue is in fact “the oxygen of peace”, opening minds and hearts to encounter and breaking down the walls of violence and division. In our world, torn by war and conflict, religious and civil leaders, and all persons of good will, are challenged to look beyond narrow interests and to seek the unity and peace of the entire human family. My visit to Bahrain, a predominantly Muslim country, was yet another step in the promising journey of dialogue, encounter and fraternal cooperation between Christians and Muslims. In those days, I was also able to join Christian leaders in a choral prayer for peace and to celebrate Holy Mass with the Catholic community of Bahrain and the greater Gulf region. May the prayers of Our Lady of Arabia confirm them in their joyful witness of faith and help all believers to persevere on the path to peace, understanding and fraternal coexistence.

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.

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

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.

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>

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.

A representative of The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be speaking about their work and holding second collection on this weekend. (You can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate)

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised 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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Teresa's RC Church, Brook Road, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex, IG2 7JA on Saturday 12 November 2022 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

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.

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

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.

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.

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/>

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.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, in October 1967. With this terrible number of lives lost, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 17th November please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/651748283008980>

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.

Reception Class Teacher - St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

Reception class teacher required for Spring and Summer term 2023 for three days a week at St Albans Catholic Primary School Hornchurch. Visits are welcome. Please email the school at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk for more details and application form. Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 18th November 2022.

The Champion School - 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.

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.

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.

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 and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

Anniversaries – We pray for Henry Harty, Sid Surrige, Norman Baker, Reginald Frank Gardiner, Ann Ardin, Fr Terry Howes, Vi Bennett, Jane Mary Moore, Hilda May Smart, Fr James Allis, Sidney Piper, Charles Utting, George Merrin, Olive Ethel Akhurst, Jessie Greenstead, Fr Richard Ashton, Daniel John Mills, Leonard Catterick, Kathleen Granados, Denise Brown, 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 and Fr James Linburgh. May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God's Kingdom.