

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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## Saturday 9th September 2023 – Our Lady on Saturday

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Amanda Pelham's Ints  
10.30 – 11.30am Confessions  
6.00pm Vigil Mass Mr & Mrs Hurley RIP

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Education Sunday

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

## Tuesday 12th September 2023 – Feria

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

## Wednesday 13th September 2023 St John Chrysostom, Bp. D

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary John, Patrick, and Nora Thomas RIP  
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023- Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Kathleen Doyle and Sally Moriary RIP

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Our Lady of Sorrows

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

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Ss Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, Mm

9.05am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Mass and Rosary Bill McCuwan RIP  
10.30 – 11.30am Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass Theresa Wing RIP

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### (Evangelii Gaudium Day)

9.00am Mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass John Challenger RIP



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

#### If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven'.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'.



Dear Friends,

My Cordial Greetings to you and your families as I begin my pastoral ministry with you this Sunday.

I sincerely wish to thank Fr. Mark for warmly welcoming me into the faith community of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford.

My first impression of the parish has been all positive. It was comforting to see so many friendly people with such smiling faces on Tuesday as I arrived. I have the feeling that the parish has a great spiritual and human potential and I wish to welcome and facilitate such a resource into the building of "the people of God".

Right at the outset I wish to say that whatever you have been doing in your different roles, kindly do continue without any hesitation. As the entire universal church is moving forward towards synodality and greater lay participation in the "way of being the church" I wish to humbly invite all of you towards greater collaboration and shared leadership. Simply put, I cannot do it alone. I need you to continue to be active members of the "body of Christ."

I look forward to the Fish and Chips quiz night to get to know many of you personally.

Kindly hold me in your prayers as I hold you too in mine.

In the Lord  
Fr. Britto

### **Angelus Message of Pope Francis on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Pope Francis: I am happy to visit Mongolia as a brother to all.

Taking his cue from the Gospel of Matthew in which Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" (Mt 16:13-20), Pope Francis said it is a question we too ask ourselves.

Addressing the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus prayer, the Pope noted that generally Jesus is seen as "a great teacher, a special person: good, righteous, consistent, courageous..."

But, he continued, this is not enough for Jesus who is not just an agent of history, a distant prophet: He is here for us today, He is God who is close to us!

The Holy Father went on to explain that Christ is not a memory of the past, but the God of the present. Christ is the God of the present.

Jesus, he added, is alive and accompanies us. "He is at our side, He offers us His Word and His grace, which enlighten and refresh us on the journey."

*"He, an expert and wise guide, is happy to accompany us on the most difficult paths and the most inaccessible slopes."*

### **We are never Alone**

Pope Francis prays for victims of fires in Greece and suffering Ukraine.

Assuring believers that they are never alone on the path of life, he said Christ is with us and helps us on our way, as he did with Peter and the other disciples.

It is Peter, in today's Gospel, he added, who understands this and by grace recognises in Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God", not a character from the past, but the Christ, that is, the Messiah, "the Son of the living God, made man and come to share the joys and the labours of our journey."

Nothing is impossible with Jesus at our side, Pope Francis said that if sometimes "the summit of Christian life seems too high and the path too steep," look to Jesus who walks beside us, welcoming our frailties, sharing our efforts and resting his firm and gentle arm on our weak shoulders.

"With Him close at hand, let us also reach out to one another and renew our trust: with Jesus, what seems impossible on our own is no longer so!" he concluded, inviting Christians to renew their trust in Him, to cultivate His presence through the Word and the Sacraments, and allowing themselves to be guided by Him together with their brothers and sisters, in the community.

### **JOSEPH RODGERS RIP**

We offer our prayerful condolences to Mary Rodgers and her family as she mourns the passing away of her beloved husband, Joseph, in the company of her family. May his soul now rest in peace.

## **FATHER MARK'S LEAVING PARTY**

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after Father Mark's Leaving Party. It was a huge success and Father Mark was delighted that so many parishioners could attend. The parish collection totalled £1,240 and he was very grateful to receive the West Ham top and a cheque from us as tokens of our appreciation for all he has done for us.

## **FISH AND CHIP QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 19.00

Please speak to Jane or Elizabeth if you require tickets for this event

**RCIA / Journey in Faith Programme:** We begin a new Journey of Faith programme with Fr Britto from October 2023. It is designed for Adults, falling into 3 categories — i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one or just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on [wickford@brcdt.org](mailto:wickford@brcdt.org)

## **First Holy Communion Programme 2023/24**

If your child or children will be in Year 3 or above from September this year, and you would like them to join the First Holy Communion programme here at Our Lady of Good Counsel starting in September, please send Fr Britto an email letting him know of your interest. Email: [wickford@brcdt.org](mailto:wickford@brcdt.org)

## **Catechist Training and Resources Day, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

The BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster! With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood! Visit [www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/) for details on how to book your place now!

**Year 13 Retreat at Walsingham House: Made for a purpose.** Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept or 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website [www.bcys.net/events/](http://www.bcys.net/events/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate,** London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

**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 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: [dillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000

**The Jumbulance Trust** is delighted to be able to offer a new pilgrimage date for Lourdes 2023 for those who would love the opportunity to travel with us. We can take children, young people and adults of all ages, who may need assistance of any kind (subject to assessment for a suitable place). If you have never seen a Jumbulance it is a custom-built coach, which has wheelchair access, trolley beds for the overnight stretch for those who need it, an accessible toilet, and a kitchen. We are also looking for helpers, with or without experience, but willing to be trained and able to help with assisting others. Some funding is available to help if the cost is prohibitive and fund-raising ideas may also help you to meet such costs. The dates are 29 September - 6 October 2023 and the cost is £1,100, inclusive of travel and half-board accommodation. Day trips out may include Gavarnie and The Glacial Lake of Lourdes and there will be ample opportunity to attend Masses in Lourdes. Please contact Caroline Southgate for more information on 07775773805 or [info@jumbulance.org.uk](mailto:info@jumbulance.org.uk)

**BCYS Youth Gather, 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island** Youth Gather is back for 2023 and the BCYS are absolutely thrilled to be joined by the fantastic Adenike, semi-finalist on the voice, who many of you will have seen perform and heard from at Flame back in March. Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities to keep you challenged and entertained, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike and the SVP! All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island – all of this for just £70! The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age

18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events/yg23/](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23/)

**Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:**

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? For further help and information visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Vacancies**

There are a range of vacancies for staff in our parish schools across the diocese. Please find further information by following this link <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

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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, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O’Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Joseph Rodgers, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, 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, Peter Turner, Sr. Sior Cosgrave Una, Clairin Molloy, Celine Wells, Patricia Graves and Keith Bottjer.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for Elizabeth Hurley, Patrick Chooi, Paul Bielicz, Iris Ringshall, Pat Parkes, Hazell Austin, John Bernard Glynn, Fr. Chales Johnson, Raymond Newell, Jerry Hennessy, Fr. Theophilus Borer, Olive Camper, Archbishop George Beck, Canon James Hemmings, Deacon Arthur Woods, James Denis Price, Anthony Hatch, Norah Hayward, Margaret Guilfoyle, Fr. Louis Heston, Gladys Elizabeth Wade, Isabella Neeson, Gabielle Emily Griffin, Edward Gomes, Fr. John Bergin, Theesa Mary Wing, Paul Best, Mary Jarvis, Jack Peckham, Ernes Cox, Fr. Anthony Mayson, Doreen Shepherd, Eugenie Jarvis, Edith O’Connor May they rejoice forever with all the Saints in God’s Kingdom.