



# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## Saturday 18<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10.00am Confessions  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Willie Myers RIP

Andrew Reynolds RIP

## Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Peace Day)

9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass  
5.00pm Holy Hour

Eugene Glynn Recovery Intentions  
People of the Parish

## Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2025 – St Agnes, V M

7.00 pm Novena to St. Antony

## Wednesday 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2025 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10am – 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

People of the Parish

## Thursday 23<sup>RD</sup> January 2025 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10am – 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

People of the Parish

## Friday 24<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 – St Frances de Sales, Bp, D

9.00am Morning Mass  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10am – 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

People of the Parish

## Saturday 25<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap

9.00am Morning Mass  
9.30am Holy Rosary  
10.00am Confessions  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

Sheila Reynolds Intentions

## Sunday 26<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Sunday of the Word of God)

9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass  
5.00pm Holy Hour

Bill Cook RIP  
Jeffrey Bench RIP

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Peace Day

### 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2025

In the United States, a soon-to-be married couple usually registers at a major department store for the gifts they would most like to receive for their wedding. They choose the pattern of china they like, the glassware, and silverware. They list small appliances and other useful items for the home they desire. Friends and relatives choose gifts for the couple from among these items, and the store keeps track of whether or not someone else has already purchased them. It is a very efficient system, not at all like the way the Spirit gives gifts.



There is no predictability about how the Spirit distributes the various charisms. One might ask God for a particular gift, and it may or may not be granted. A totally unexpected gift might land in one's lap, bringing surprise and delight – something you might never have thought to ask for, something that ends a perfect fit! Sometimes there are unsolicited gifts that can seem like white elephants, to be tucked away until a time when they can be “re-gifted.”

In the second reading today, Paul lists a whole array of gifts that the Spirit gives, each one carefully chosen for the individual for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation. We might picture the Spirit delighting in choosing a gift for each one – a gift that weds the recipient to the Holy One and impregnates each with God's fruitful power. None of the Spirit's gifts are meant to be kept under wraps. They are always meant to bear fruit, not only in the recipient's life, but also in service towards others.

The wedding scene in today's gospel depicts Jesus as hesitant to open his Spirit-given gifts in public. He thinks the time has not yet come. But, as his mother rightly discerns, the need is urgent. Like all prophets, Jesus is reluctant and objects, just as Jeremiah protested that he was too young, and Moses avowed that he could not speak well. Jesus's mother, however, seems to take on the role of the wedding planner. She works behind the scenes, using her gifts of insight and knowledge, setting the stage for the sign that Jesus will perform. She knows that the time has come for her Son to offer his gifts publicly to bring the marriage between humanity and divinity to consummation.

Just as a wedding is only the beginning of a lifelong love affair, so the sign Jesus performs at Cana is the beginning of his many signs that revealed his glory. It is also the beginning of the disciples' belief in Jesus, who himself is the bridegroom, as John the Baptist acknowledges (John 3:29). The gift of Jesus himself is one that far surpasses any other that we could have on our “wish list”!

If you wish to make an offering online, this QR code can be scanned using the camera on your phone, directly to the Parish bank account, for your offering to be transferred each time. Please note Gift Aid cannot be used when donating through the QR Codes.



## PARISH NEWS

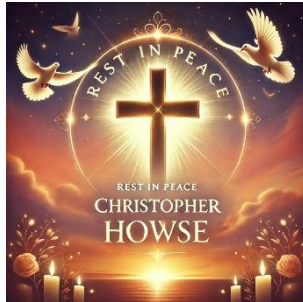
### FR. BRITTO'S TIME AWAY

Fr. Britto was originally expected to return on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of January**, however, his return has been delayed until **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. In his absence, Fr. Joseph Mukatt will continue to celebrate weekday Masses next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are extremely grateful to Fr. Joseph Mukatt and Fr. Leslie Knight for celebrating our masses whilst Fr. Britto has been away.

### CHRISTOPHER HOWSE – REQUIEM MASS

We are saddened to announce the passing of the late Christopher Howse. His Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am** here at OLOGC followed by a service at Basildon Crematorium at 12.00pm. Please keep Christopher and his family in your prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in Peace.



### NATIVITY SCENE IN CHAPEL – THANK YOU

A heartfelt Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Nativity Scene in the Chapel and cleaned the Church earlier this week. Your hard work and dedication are genuinely appreciated, and your efforts help keep our Church a welcoming and beautiful space for all.

### CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT

Happy New Year to you all. Our first Cuppa, Cake and Chat of the year will be on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10am**. Please come and enjoy a cuppa and a natter whilst eating a cake or two. All are welcome.

### PAX CHRISTI

A second collection for **Pax Christi** will take this on **Sunday, 19th January**. Pax Christi works for peace and reconciliation, inspired by the gospel and rooted in Catholic social teaching. Your generous support helps promote peace and justice in our world. Thank you for your contributions.

### SPECIAL ALTAR SERVERS MASS

**On Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February**, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we will be holding a special mass for our altar servers at the **11am mass**. Many have been serving for a year or over and will be presented with their medals. It will be a mass celebrating their service to the parish community.

This will be followed with a celebration lunch together at a local pizza restaurant after mass at 12:30pm - venue tbc.

We need to know numbers as soon as possible.

Please email [amandapelham@rocketmail.com](mailto:amandapelham@rocketmail.com) to advise if you will be able to attend both the mass and meal. Amanda will be emailing all the servers with more detail.

### THE REPOSITORY

The repository has a lovely selection of items for sale including cards, candles & children's books. The shop is open after all the weekend masses, & some weekday masses, & by appointment. Please contact Kathleen (761195), & Sheila (767064), for details.

Both Cash & Card payments are available. Please come & visit us. We will be delighted to see you!

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We are delighted to have new altar servers coming on board; Will all parents of altar servers new or longer standing, please collect relevant paperwork from Amanda as our Safeguarding representative, or Father Britto. This is to be completed for each child. For queries, email [Amandapelham@rocketmail.com](mailto:Amandapelham@rocketmail.com).

### SICK FRIENDS AND RELATIVES –

Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, 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 Nabeth, Olivia Nazareth, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, 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, Robert Turner, Patricia Price, George Ross, Frank Daniels, Geoff Ebdon, Peter Griggs, Joan Fitzgerald, Sandra Fitzgerald, Clifford Foxwell.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Henry Waskett, Mildred Hopkins, MGR David Donnelly, Gertrude Barrett, Eileen Mickelbrough, Mary McKeeverm Ernest Joseph Comber, Ann Fernandes, Agnes Cuddy, Margaret McCormack, Fr. Dominic Meehan, Bridget Roberts, Victor Dragoni, Bishop Bernard Nicholas Ward, Peter De Roeper, James Ernest Nazell, Fr. Christopher Quirke, June Moss, Colleen Marshall, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, John McGee, Jessie Price, Edmund Waddoups, Hilart Cooper, Nora Josephine Power, Bridget McKeever, Patrick Feldoe, John Francis Unwin, Michael O'Callaghan, Fr. John O'Sullivan, Patricia Keogh, Eileen Melling, Fr. John Hibbert, Bishop Patrick Casey, Joan Crewe, Lawrence Thomas Gilsean, Selina Hennessey, Maureen Brandon.

## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

### **ISLAM STUDY DAY**

In 2025 we mark sixty years since the promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the inter-faith document of Vatican II. We are delighted to welcome Sidra Naeem, distinguished teacher and chair of Havering Interfaith, who will speak about Islam. The talk will take place on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 11.00 (11.00 GMT) in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The talk will also be available by livestream free of charge at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and will be available subsequently on the same website. The church is close to Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee available from 10.30. Do join us.

### **JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by entering through the holy door. The parish of OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions. We will visit THE VATICAN, ROME, ASSISI, PADUA, VENICE & PISA. DATE: 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST–4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 (6 DAYS). Superior 4\* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: [frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org](mailto:frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org).

### **HOLY WEEK PILGRIMAGE**

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### **BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)**

has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025. 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](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk). The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 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, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. 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.

### **WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 25/26**

Applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: [www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

#### **1. Programmes:**

### **BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION**

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas

Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and click on the link.

## **2. Appeals:**

### **CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

## **3. Job adverts:**

### **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)**

is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively. The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

### **St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford**

Headteacher Required from September 2025

The school is magnificent, and they are looking for an inspiring leader with great attention to standards of teaching and learning, wonderful pastoral care for the children, and all wrapped in a strong Catholic ethos which infuses every aspect of school life.

All the details are on the Diocesan website:

[https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-12-09\\_1200\\_St-Peters-Primary-School-Romford\\_Headteacher\\_Job-Advert.pdf](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-12-09_1200_St-Peters-Primary-School-Romford_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf)



## This week's Article:



# Pope prays for those affected by fires in LA, asks for prayers for peace

Pope Francis turns his thoughts to the thousands of people affected by devastating fires in the US city of Los Angeles and renews his appeal to pray for peace.

**By Linda Bordoni**

"I am close to the residents of Los Angeles County, California, where devastating wildfires have flared in recent days: I pray for all of you," said Pope Francis after the recitation of the Angelus Prayer on Sunday. His words of solidarity and concern come in the wake of a telegram addressed to Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles on Saturday in which

he expressed his deep sadness over the "loss of life" and "widespread destruction" caused by the fires that continue to burn near the city of Los Angeles.

## The fires



11/01/2025

### Pope prays for victims of fires in Los Angeles

Meanwhile, on Sunday the death toll from the wildfires ravaging the Los Angeles area rose to 16 as crews battled to cut off the spreading blazes before potentially strong winds return that could push the flames toward some of the city's most famous landmarks.

Five of the deaths reported so far are attributed to the "Palisades Fire" and 11 resulted from the "Eaton Fire", according to a statement by the Los Angeles County coroner's office on Saturday evening.

Officials said they expected that figure to rise as teams with cadaver dogs conduct systematic grid searches in levelled neighbourhoods. Authorities have established a centre where people can report the missing. And as new

evacuation warnings left more homeowners on edge, there are fears that winds could move the fires toward the J. Paul Getty Museum and the University of California.

## Prayers for peace

After expressing his joy after having baptized several babies on Sunday morning, Pope Francis asked for prayers for them and their families. He also mentioned the beatification of a missionary priest, Don Giovanni Merlini, whom he described as “a prudent advisor to many souls and a messenger of peace.”

“Let us invoke his intercession as we pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the entire world,” the Pope said reiterating his tireless appeal and reminder that war is always a defeat.

*“Let us not fail to pray for peace. Let us remember that war is always a defeat.”*

