

# Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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**Parish Priest**

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**PARISH OFFICE**

**Opening Hours**

Open Tues-Fri

9:30-13:30pm

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Alexandra Nagle

*Deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter: Thursday 9am to the Parish Office*

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## 6th Sunday Ordinary Time 2026

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b>	
6pm	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> The Smyth Family
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>6th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	
9am	<b>Mass:</b> Teresa Doyle RIP, David Downes RIP
11am	<b>Mass:</b> Sennen Nazareth RIP
5pm	<b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Feria</b>	
Private Prayer in the Home	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Feria</b>	
4.30 - 6.30pm	<b>Funeral</b> Thomas Casey RIP
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm	<b>Mass:</b> Maria Stivala RIP
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
8.30am	<b>Mass:</b> Bob and Shirley Galloway RIP
11am	<b>Funeral Requiem</b> Thomas Casey RIP
1pm – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Lent</b>	
9am	<b>Mass:</b> Helan Neale RIP
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Lent</b>	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
7pm	Stations of the Cross
7.30pm	<b>Mass:</b> Kitty MacKinnon RIP
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>Lent</b>	
9am	<b>Mass:</b> Frank and Teresa Matthews RIP
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2026</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	<b>Mass:</b> Jo and Fredrick Arthur Noys RIP
11am	<b>Mass:</b> Rachel Lunn RIP
5pm – 6pm	<b>Holy Hour</b>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays: 9:30am-10:30am or call the Parish Office

### Baptism, Marriage and becoming a Catholic enquiries:

Please email or telephone the Parish Office.

### For Hospital or Sick Visits:

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are sick or housebound or would like to be added to the sick list for prayer

### Live-streamed Masses:

<https://wickfordcatholic.com/live-streaming/>

### For Hall Booking Enquiries:

Phone 01268 733219 or email: [wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com)

### The Parish Safeguarding enquiries:

Email [Safeguarding-wickford@brcdt.org](mailto:Safeguarding-wickford@brcdt.org) **Amanda Pelham** or speak to the Parish Priest

### Setting up a standing order for weekly offerings:

**Account Name:** Catholic Church Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Account Number:** 71026216 **Sort Code:** 40-13-22

**Reference:** (Your surname followed by your weekly offering number)

**Fr Damien writes:** This week we begin our journey into Lent with Ash Wednesday—a season of grace, reflection, and renewal in the Catholic Church. As we receive ashes and hear the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” we are reminded of both our human frailty and God’s boundless mercy. The ashes, traced in the sign of the cross, point us to hope in Jesus Christ. Lent invites us to return to the Lord through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—not as empty rituals, but as ways to draw closer to Him. This sacred season is not about perfection, but about turning our hearts back to God. May these forty days lead us to deeper faith, renewed love, and the joy of Easter. Remember what we give out is not the important part, but what we achieve, a greater relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Mass Times:** Please note the changes in some mass times this week, Ash Wednesday and Friday evening.

**Funeral:** Thomas Casey funeral will take place on Tuesday Eve and Wednesday morning, if you are available to be an usher or welcomer, please let Fr Damien know.

**Half Term:** Enjoy your week off, remember to rest and take it easy. Fr Damien thanks those who work in schools for the care that they give to our young parishioners.

**Lourdes Collection:** will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your generosity in assisting pilgrims to attend the Shrine of Lourdes this summer.

**RCIA:** The next session for those interested in becoming Catholics at Easter takes place this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm in the back hall.

**Second Collections:** There will be an ongoing second collection taken up after masses in the parish to raise some money for key building works that will need to be carried out across the parish in the coming year.

Please give as generously as you can. If you would like to mark a donation online (**Account Number:** 71026216 **Sort Code:** 40-13-22 **Ref:** Building Fund) **Parish Meeting for all parishioners:** will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am (After the morning mass in the back hall) – please put this date in your diary now. This meeting will allow us to discuss the parish going forward.

**Lourdes with the Diocese:** Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Booking details shortly.

**CuppaCakeChat:** will take place in the back hall at 10am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. All welcome to come and see us.

**Lent:** Each Friday evening in Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm followed by the evening mass. If you haven’t attended before, maybe this could form part of your Lenten journey.

**Parish Office:** We have appointed a new parish administrator Alex this week and will welcome her next week. The Parish office will reopen on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The new hours will be Tue – Friday from 9.30-1.30pm.

**Lent Lectures at Brentwood Cathedral:** commencing Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm. The theme this year is: “What does it truly mean to be Catholic?” All are welcome to attend!  
Talk 1. Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. “I Believe...”  
Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. Talk 2. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonized saints. Talk 3. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30pm Talk 4. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism

**IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME AND FOR ALL WHO MOURN.**

Rev W. Caffrey, Karl Johnnessen, Mildred Mowat, Noline Mayhew, Raymond Peckham, Alfred Yorke, Fr John Joyce, Henry Saunders, Leonard Adams, Norah Thurgood, Catherine Rumble, Geoffrey Purves, Elizabeth Watford, Fr Thomas O Connor, Fr Archibald O Brien, Stephanie Orrock, Nicholas Kelly, Ian Montagu, Alexander Farrugia, Alfred Brand, Michael Cooney, Rev Sydney Lewis, Anna Winterhalter, Adelaide Marsello, Charles Amey.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH (AND ALL WHO ARE SICK).**

Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Sharon Guckian, Gabrielle & Ralpie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Margaret O’Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry and Pat Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Paddy Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-kye, 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, Patricia Graves, Keith Bottjer, Robert Turner, Patricia Price, George Ross, Geoff Ebdon, Joan Fitzgerald, Sandra Fitzgerald.Clifford Foxwell, Pat Kent, Antoniette Ambrose, Esther Leighton.