

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Office closed at present – please contact us by email.

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

If you wish to make an offering online the QR code below can be used by scanning it on your phone.

Please note Gift Aid cannot be used when donating through the QR code.



Brentwood R.C. Diocesan Trust Reg. Charity No : 234092

5th Sunday Ordinary Time 2026	
Saturday 7th Feb 2026	
6pm	Vigil Mass: Edward and Kathleen Doherty
Sunday 8th Feb 2026 5th Sunday Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: All Parish – Pamela Ardon RIP
11am	Mass: Angelina Fernandes RIP
5pm	Holy Hour
Monday 9th Feb 2026 Feria	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 10th Feb 2026 St Scholastica	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7.30pm	Mass: Graham Labbett ints
Wednesday 11th Feb 2026 Our Lady of Lourdes – with Anointing of Sick	
9am	Mass: John Goughan RIP
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 12th Feb 2026 Feria	
9am	Mass: John Healy RIP
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 13th Feb 2026 Feria	
9am	Mass: May and John Bidnamrodi RIP
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 14th Feb 2026 Ss Cyril and Methodius	
9am	Mass: Colline and Connie Hounslaw RIP
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: The Smyth Family
Sunday 15th Feb 2026 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: All Parishioners / Teresa Doyle RIP
11am	Mass: Sennen Nazareth RIP
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour

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

The Parish Safeguarding enquiries:

Email 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 celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes reminding us that God meets us in places of simplicity and suffering. When Mary appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes, she did not offer grand solutions, but an invitation to prayer, trust, and humility. From that quiet grotto came a message that continues to speak to our lives today. Lourdes is known for physical healing, and these miracles matter. Yet most healing happens in less visible ways. Many of us carry wounds of grief, anxiety, broken relationships, or disappointment. On this feast, we are reminded that healing is not only about being cured, but about being accompanied. Mary points us toward a God who sees our pain and draws near to us within it. Healing may come as peace rather than answers, strength rather than solutions, or hope that slowly returns. As we honour Our Lady of Lourdes, may we trust that God is at work in our lives—often quietly—and may we become sources of healing and compassion for one another.

Healing: During Wednesday morning mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Sick for those who wish to avail of it.

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

House Blessings: If you would like Fr Damien to come and bless your homes, please send him an email and he will arrange a time for this to happen to welcome Christ into our homes again this year.

RCIA: The next session for those interested in becoming Catholics at Easter takes place this Thursday 12th Feb at 7pm in the back hall.

Liturgy Group: An Easter planning meeting will take place on Wednesday eve 11th Feb at 7pm in the back hall for those on the Liturgy group in parish.

Are you getting Married in 2026: Please see the parish office to ensure your date is in our parish diary for your celebration before booking your venue.

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.

Parish Meeting for all parishioners: will take place on Saturday 28th 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.

Funerals: A Service celebrating the life of James Gough RIP will take place Friday 13th Feb at 11am here. All welcome.

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

Curious about the Camino? This Friday, 13th February, 7-8pm. Clodagh and Luke Benning, experienced Camino pilgrims, will join Fr Dominic (who walked from Fatima to Santiago last summer) for an hour of information, memories, tips and hints. Ideal if you are a Camino walker who wants to reminisce, or if you are thinking of walking the Camino in the future. St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: Please pray for all those living out the vocation to marriage and couples preparing to marry. Support is available for those who need it. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let your parish know so that you can be invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Saturday 11th July.

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

James Grundy, Fr Alan Wilcox, James Balaam, Francis Gallacher, Michael Nagle, Carolina Woods, Fr William Smith, George Tracey, Canon Bernard Manning, Anne Fernandez, Theresa Nash, Constance Thorn, Emily Bourcher, Ronald Payne, Fr Donald Millis, Richard O Keefe, Peter Bigg, George Dalorts, Mary Stanley, Peter Borien, Leslie Flexman, William Walsh, Mary Doherty, Fr Charles Snell, Rosina Torini, Winifred Townsend, Elizabeth Hammond, Rev W Caffrey.

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 & Ralphie 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, 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, 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.