

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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9:00-13:00

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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.
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Holy Week 2026	
Saturday 28th March 2026	
9am	Mass: Fr Dennis Hall
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: All Parish, Mary & James O'Brian
Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday	
9am	Mass: Samantha Wells (Ints)
11am	Mass: Vera Tolman (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 30th March 2026 Holy Week	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 31st March 2026 Holy Week	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	Mass: Karen Pearson (RIP)
Wednesday 1st April 2026 Holy Week	
9am	Mass: Phil Walsh (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 2nd April 2026 Maundy Thursday	
7:30pm	Mass of the Lords Supper: All Parish Watching until 11pm (10:45pm Gospel of Arrest & NP)
Friday 3rd April 2026 Good Friday	
9:40am	Walk of Witness Service followed by walk
3pm	Commemoration of the Lords Passion
7pm	Solemn Station of the Cross
Saturday 4th April 2026 Holy Saturday	
10:30am	Blessing of Polish food and baskets
8pm	Easter Vigil: All Parish
Sunday 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday	
9am	Mass: All Parish, Anastasia Kelly (RIP)
11am	Mass: Billy Sweeney (RIP)

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 weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, Palm Sunday begins Holy Week with both joy and solemnity. We welcome Jesus with cries of “Hosanna,” yet we also hear the story of His Passion. In this, we are reminded how quickly human hearts can change.

Christ enters Jerusalem in humility, choosing the path of the Cross out of love for us. Palm Sunday invites us not only to celebrate Him, but to follow Him—through both joy and sacrifice.

As we begin this sacred week together, may we walk closely with the Lord, so as to share more deeply in the hope and joy of Easter.

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)

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams. Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Easter Offerings: Many people will be aware that the offerings at Christmas and Easter form the greater part of the personal income for the priests in our parishes in this diocese. For this Fr Damien, is very grateful for your generosity even in these hard times. We realise that many people now give to the parish through standing orders or bank transfers. In order that our auditors fully appreciate the intention of donors through the standing order

scheme it would be very useful if parishioners could indicate whether they consider a proportion (2 weeks of the 52 weeks of the year) to go to the Christmas and Easter offering amounts. If you are happy with this, you don't need to do anything but if you would not like this to not happen - A simple email or note to the office (wickford@brcdt.org) would clarify our accounts. We fully appreciate that some will wish to contribute separately to this collection at this time and this could be a one-off BACS transaction marked 'Easter' (with gift aid number if applicable), or a marked envelope (again with gift aid number if applicable). However, you choose to gift, Fr Damien thanks you for your generosity to his ministry.

100 Club Winners:

The **March** draw winners are.

1st Prize of £62 - Norah Dunne

2nd Prize of £37 - Everette Mackinnon

3rd Prize of £25 - Eva Lawson

100 Club – Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who joined the 100 Club this year—your support is greatly appreciated.

We will let you know when the next round begins, and we warmly invite others to join us.

Garden of Repose – Plants Needed

We are looking for *potted plants* for the Garden of Repose. If you are able to lend or donate any, please bring them to church by **Wednesday**.

All plants can be collected again on **Friday**.

Thank you for helping create a peaceful space.

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table.

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

John Mills, John Sullivan, Maureen Clifford, Fr Joseph Tuohey, Stephanie Brand, Fr Laurence Bright, Canon William Toft, Agnes Cooper, Mary Sannocks, Peter O'Brien, Violet Himpfen, Nora Thomas, Lena Stafford, Kathleen Doherty, Deborah Angel Moss, Karen Hill, Fr Ronald Roberts, Kathleen Mary Lambert, May Smart, Antoinette Harridge, Canon Charles Loughran, Albert Clayton, John Manning, Joan Burn, Nicholas Labbett, Michael Murphy, Margaret Barry

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.

If you would like to be added to our sicklist or have a visit from Fr Damien / one of the parish visitors, please let us know in the parish office.