

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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.



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The Season of Easter 2026

Saturday 11th April 2026		Holy Saturday
6pm	Vigil Mass: Suzanna & George Grayston (RIP)	
Sunday 12th April 2026		Second Sunday of Easter
9am	Mass: Christya Elliot (RIP)	
11am	Mass: Felix, Tom, Mick & Kathleen Delaney	
Monday 13th April 2026		Monday of the Second Week of Easter
Private Prayer in the Home		
Tuesday 14th April 2026		Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter
7pm	Novena to St Anthony	
7:30pm	Mass: Hernandez Family (Ints)	
Wednesday 15th April 2026		Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter
9am	Mass: Getrude Ekeh, Lawrence Ekeh, Anthony Ekeh (RIP)	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 16th April 2026		Thursday of the Second Week of Easter
9am	Mass: John Sheridan (RIP) Birthday	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 17th April 2026		Friday of the Second Week of Easter
9am	Mass: Augutina Onyia (RIP), Rose-Lynn Ekeh (RIP)	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 18th April 2026		Saturday of the Second Week of Easter
9am	Mass: Helen Neale (RIP)	
9.30am	Rosary	
6pm	Vigil Mass: Frankie Blaney (RIP)	
Sunday 19th April 2026		Third Sunday of Easter
9am	Mass: All Parish	
11am	Mass: Alfred Tolman (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: Easter reveals the quiet, radiant beauty of hope fulfilled. What seemed like defeat on the Cross becomes, in the light of the Resurrection, the greatest victory the world has ever known. In the empty tomb, we see that God's love is stronger than sin, stronger than suffering, even stronger than death itself. For us, Easter is not only a remembrance—it is an invitation. An invitation to trust that no darkness in our lives is final, that grace is always at work, and that new life can emerge where we least expect it. Just as Christ rose, we too are called to rise: from discouragement to hope, from fear to faith, from self to love. In this holy season, may we open our hearts to the beauty of the Risen Lord, allowing His light to renew us, His peace to steady us, and His promise to guide us forward. Alleluia!

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: Fr Damien wishes to thank you all for your generosity to him over the Easter weekend, a Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Mass Bookings: If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one or for a special intention on a particular date, please arrange this in advance through the parish office. Mass bookings fill up quickly, so to avoid disappointment on your preferred date, please reserve your place as early as possible.

100 Club – An email regarding joining or rejoining the 100 Club has been sent separately.

The Parish Bake Off - Saturday 18th April

Everyone is invited to take part in *The Parish Bake Off*. Judging starts at 2 pm with 2 categories, an under 14 and an adult's category.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the porch if you are baking or attending.

Garden Committee - We are looking for volunteers to join our Church Garden Committee. No experience needed—just a willingness to help care for and maintain our garden. If you're interested, please make yourself known to the Parish Office.

Repository - The Repository has a lovely selection of gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation, including gift sets, rosaries, prayer books, missals and bibles, crosses and plaques, jewellery, cards and gift bags. The shop is open after all the weekend masses, and some weekday masses, and by appointment. Please contact Kathleen, (761195), and Sheila, (767064), for details. Both cash and card payments are accepted. Please come and visit us; we would be delighted to see you.

Eucharistic Adoration – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to support Eucharistic Adoration. If you are able to commit some time for prayer, please speak to a member of the parish team. Thank you for your support.

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

Margaret Morris, Natalia Wszola, John Edward Cummins, Fr Patrick O'Donoghue, Helen Smith, Alice Lavin, Jessie Chant, Stanley Newland, John Thomas, William Guckian, Ann Grant, Dominic Cummins, Vincent Gillet, Lucy Woods, George Hatch, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John Mahoney, Bridie Miller, Kathleen O'Donnell, Karen Hetherington, Timothy Burke, Fr William Donelan, Fr George Duckett, Rose Pont, Hannah Kemp, Mary Worthington, Mary Ages Melady, Frederick Charles Hazell, Pamela Josephine Flynn, Bernard Holden, William Naylor, William Guckian, Cristina Wells, Teresa Ann O'Meare, Harold Horam, William Stanley Raven, Violet Crouch, George Pyne, Rober Orrock

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.