

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. Charity No: 234092

The Season of Easter 2026	
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
Monday 20th April 2026 Monday of the Third Week of Easter	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 21st April 2026 Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 22nd April 2026 Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter	
9am	Mass: Robert Turner (Ints)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 23rd April 2026 St George, M	
9am	Mass: Anna Przybylska (Ints)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 24th April 2026 St Mellitus, Bp	
9am	Mass: Eleanor Brightman (Thanksgiving) Birthday
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 25th April 2026 St Mark, Ev	
9am	Mass: Sean Fahy (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: All Parish
Sunday 26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter	
9am	Mass: Ann Macintyre (RIP)
11am	Mass: Mary Ellen Stokes (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: In this Third Week of Easter, we are reminded that the risen Christ is still at work among us—often in quiet, unseen ways. Like the disciples who slowly came to understand the Resurrection, we too are invited to notice how new life is unfolding in our daily lives.

Gardening offers a simple but powerful image of this. Growth takes patience, care, and trust. Seeds are planted, tended, and nurtured long before anything is visible. So it is with our faith: small acts of love, prayer, and service become the soil where God brings new life.

Here in our parish, this can be lived out in a very tangible way. Our church grounds are a place of welcome and beauty, and caring for them is one way of “gardening for the Lord.” If you are able, consider joining the parish gardening team—helping to create a space that reflects the hope and renewal of Easter. May we all be faithful gardeners, trusting that God is bringing growth in ways we may not yet see.

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)

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 can commit some time for prayer, please speak to a member of the parish team. Thank you for your support.

Cuppa, Cake & Chat: You’re warmly invited to join us for our next Cuppa, Cake & Chat 🍵 🍰

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Time: From 10:00am

Come along for a relaxed morning of conversation, a hot drink, and some delicious cake. It’s a great chance to catch up, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly company.

Everyone is very welcome, so feel free to bring a friend!

100 Club: Invitation to rejoin or join the club with a payment of £25 to the parish bank account, quoting reference '100'.

Music in Church: From Easter onwards, Bishop Allen and the Liturgical Committee have advised that only liturgical music should be played in the church. So, if you are playing a wedding or funeral, please do keep this in mind. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Concert: Join us for a peaceful and uplifting evening of song in a beautiful church setting.

Date: 29th April 2026

Time: 8:00pm

Refreshments and Raffle will be served afterwards in St Peter’s Hall. Tickets for the raffle are £1 a strip! Lots of prizes to be won!

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

William Naylor, William Guckian, Cristina Wells, Teresa Ann O’Meare, Harold Horam, William Stanley Raven, Violet Crouch, George Pyne, Rober Orrock, Margaret Kearney, Josie Shennan, Walter Bradley, Valerie Harris, Adam Tasneem, Rita Taylor, Fr Michael Enright, Julia M. Brady, Esther Kirk, Clifford McInerny, Josephine Shennan, Canon Thomas Smith, Rober McDermott, Janet George, Mary Ann Shea, Fr Simon Sullivan, Frank McKenna, Annelise Thomas, Fr Myles O’Reilly, Teresa McDowall, George Alfred Stevens, Kim Fletcher, Ellen Yorke, Dorothy Alma Power, Sylvia Lemon, Isobel Hankinson, Charlotte Prizeman

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, 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.