

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Open Tues-Fri

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.



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The Season of Easter 2026

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 – Good Shepherd Sunday Our Lady of Good Counsel
9am	Mass: Ann Macintyre (RIP)	
11am	Mass: Mary Ellen Stokes (RIP)	
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour	
Monday 27th April 2026		Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Private Prayer in the Home		
Tuesday 28th April 2026		Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
7pm	Novena to St Anthony	
7:30pm	Mass: Gill Stokes (Ints)	
Wednesday 29th April 2026		St Catherine of Siena, V, D
9am	Mass: Baby Rian James Marnie RIP - Mass of the Angels	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 30th April 2026		Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9am	Mass: Holy Souls	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 1st May 2026		Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9am	Mass: Eileen O'Mahoney (RIP)	
9.30am	Rosary	
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 2nd May 2026		St Athanasius, Bp, D
9am	Mass: All Parish	
9.30am	Rosary	
6pm	Vigil Mass: John Patrick Sullivan	
Sunday 3rd May 2026		Fifth Sunday of Easter
9am	Mass: World Peace	
11am	Mass: Daniel Mahony (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: wickfordcatholichalls@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: On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear the voice of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who knows us, calls us, and leads us to life. In the midst of life's noise, we are invited to listen more closely and to follow him with trust.

We also celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of our church. Mary gently guides us, as she did at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you." She teaches us to listen, to discern, and to respond with faith.

May we, through her intercession, hear the Shepherd's voice more clearly this week and follow him with confidence.

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!

Summer Bazaar: Donations needed for our Church Bazaar! **Date:** 14th June. We welcome items such as, crafts, books, toys, and good-quality unwanted household items. Please drop off at please drop off your donations at the back of the church or the church office during the week. Thank you so much for your generosity and support—it truly makes a difference to our community.

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

Fr Myles O'Reilly, Teresa McDowall, George Alfred Stevens, Kim Fletcher, Ellen Yorke, Dorothy Alma Power, Sylvia Lemon, Isobel Hankinson, Charlotte Prizeman, John Thomas Harrington, Lillian Mary Spurling, Stephen St. John Wall, Roy Grantham, Hilda M. Gavan, Victor William Payne, Lupacia Carrasco, John Sullivan, Joseph Corbishley, Philomena Wakefield, Fr Brian Higgins, Doris Amey, Hannah O'Keefe, Anthony Makri, Jame Power, John Henry Allen Read, John Joseph O'Connor, Nora Linnane, Charles Coates, Margaret Pakenham, Rosaleen Ashby, Ethel Sandford, Gabriella Zermier, Eileen O'Mahoney, Kathleen Jennings

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.