

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.



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

The Season of Easter 2026

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)
Monday 6th April 2026		Easter Monday
Private Prayer in the Home		
Tuesday 7th April 2026		Easter Tuesday
7pm		Novena to St Anthony
Wednesday 8th April 2026		Easter Wednesday
9am		Eucharistic Service (Mass said in private)
9:30am		Rosary
Thursday 9th April 2026		Easter Thursday
9am		Eucharistic Service (Mass said in private)
9.30am		Rosary
Friday 10th April 2026		Easter Friday
9am		Eucharistic Service (Mass said in private)
9.30am		Rosary
Saturday 11th April 2026		Easter 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

Fr Damien would like to thank all those people who were involved in preparing our church and liturgies for Holy week and Easter. Thank you for your generosity, May the Lord Bless you and your families at this very special and Holy Time.

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 Sunday proclaims the heart of our faith: the tomb is empty. What seemed like the end became a new beginning, as Christ rose from the dead and overcame sin and death forever. The empty tomb is not a sign of loss, but of hope. It reminds us that God can bring life out of even our darkest moments. When we face fear, doubt, or suffering, Easter assures us that these do not have the final word.

As Easter people, we are called to live in the light of the Resurrection—carrying hope, faith, and joy into the world. Christ is risen, and because He lives, we too can walk in new life. Have a happy and blessed Easter to you and your families.

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.

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. The diocese has suggested a recommended donation of £10, but we are grateful for any contribution you are able to make.



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

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, Iris Sankey, Christopher Murphy, Walter Jennings, Christina Bernadette Elliott, Deacon Geoffrey Piper, Patrick James Kirk, Matthew Dunn, Thomas Moriarty, Fr Thomas Adkins, William Holden Pound, Richard John Wetton, Magdalene Mary Molloy, Fred Simpson, Martorie Lunnis Thomas Sanford, Ethel Dragoni, Frank Matthews, Kathleen Braham, 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

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.