

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 16 th May 2026		Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter
9am		Mass: Maureen Buxton-Smith
9.30am		Rosary
6pm		Vigil Mass: All Parish
Sunday 17 th May 2026		Seventh Sunday of Easter
9am		Mass: Jonathan Hernandez – (Thanksgiving)
11am		Mass: Anne Matthews (Ints)
5pm – 6pm		Holy Hour
Monday 18 th May 2026		Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter
		Private Prayer in the Home
Tuesday 19 th May 2026		Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
7pm		Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm		Mass: Richard Woodford (Ints)
Wednesday 20 th May 2026		Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
9am		Mass: Private Intention
9.30am		Rosary
10am – 5pm		Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 st May 2026		Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
9am		Mass: Ian Dawes (RIP)
9.30am		Rosary
10am – 4pm		Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 22 nd May 2026		Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter
9am		Mass: Russel Claiden (RIP)
9.30am		Rosary
10am – 5pm		Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 23 rd May 2026		Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter
9am		Mass: Ann Ross (RIP)
9.30am		Rosary
6pm		Vigil Mass: Trevor Mackinnon (RIP) Anniversary
Sunday 24 th May 2026		Pentecost
9am		Mass: All Parish & Fr Damien (Ints)
11am		Mass: John O'Connor (RIP) Anniversary
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: As we celebrate the Seventh Week of Easter, we continue to rejoice in the Feast of the Ascension, where Christ returns to the Father yet remains always present with His Church. The Ascension reminds us to live with hope and confidence, trusting that the Lord walks with us each day.

We also give thanks for the children in our parish making their First Holy Communion. Their joy and faith are a beautiful reminder of the gift of the Eucharist and Christ's loving presence among us.

May this Easter season deepen our faith and draw us all closer to the Lord.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration – Volunteers Needed: Can you commit an hour to keep Jesus company? On Fridays, 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm.

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.

Cuppa, Cake & Chat: You are warmly invited to our next **Cuppa, Cake and Chat** gathering.

 **Date:** 26/6

 **Time:** 10:00am

Come along for a relaxed morning of tea, cake, conversation and good company. We will also be drawing the first 100 club winners, it's not too late to join! Everyone is very welcome — we'd love to see you there! Many thanks

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 Alan 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.

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.

William McDonnell, Jan Zygmunt Kazimierz Ostrowski, Margaret Johnson, Fr. John Hawes, Maria Glavin, Beatrice Blanche Ann Harty, Henry George Ardley, Esme Edith Mattin, Christine McStay, Maisie Berry, Canon Thomas Clark, John & Kathleen McCarthy, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Elizabeth Rendall, Matthias Tensch, Leonard James Drain, Imelda Preece, Deborah Maxwell, George Hoffman, MGR. William O'Grady VG, Andrejs Lazaris, Constance Baldrey, Madeline Rose Kyle, Peter William Bundell, Charles Nelson Akhurst, Mary Anne Stevens, Joseph Fernandes, Fr. Henry Peace, Fr. Charles Carless, Fr. Austin Thornburn, Arthur George Camper, Bobislan Wilk, Kathleen Gibbons, Antonia Drummy, Douglas Michael Hall

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.