

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

The Season of Ordinary Time	
Saturday 18th July 2026	Feria of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time
9am	Mass: Emily Begg (RIP)
11am	Rosary
5pm – 6pm	Vigil Mass: Sheila Reynolds (Ints)
Sunday 19th July 2026	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Mass: Teresa Doyle (RIP), All Parish
11am	Mass: Vera Tolman (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 20th July 2026	Feria of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
	Private Prayer in the Home
Tuesday 21st July 2026	Feria of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
	Mass this week will be said in Lourdes, Service in Church.
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	St Mary Magdalene
9:00am	Service in Church
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 23rd July 2026	St Bridget of Sweden, Rel Patron of Europe
9.00am	Service in Church
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 24th July 2026	Feria of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
9am	Service in Church
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 25th July 2026	St James, Ap
9am	Mass: All Parish
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: David & Fred Reynolds (RIP)
Sunday 26th July 2026	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Mass: Jo & Frederick Arthur Noys
11am	Mass: Doris Turner (Ints)
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 week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God's Word is like a seed planted in the soil. Though it may seem small and hidden, it has the power to grow and bear abundant fruit when received with open hearts. In our busy lives, we can become impatient, expecting immediate results from our prayers, our efforts, or even our faith. Yet Jesus invites us to trust in God's timing. Like a gardener, the Lord patiently nurtures what He has planted within us, even when growth is not immediately visible. This week, let us make space to listen to God's voice in prayer, remain faithful in the small acts of love and kindness we offer each day, and trust that God is at work in ways we cannot always see. May we become fertile soil where His Word takes root, grows, and brings hope to those around us.

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)

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.

A Day with Mary: A Day with Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium

Final Places – St John Bosco Children's Camp: A Catholic summer activities camp near Brentwood for children currently in Years 5–7. Two weeks available: **25 July–1 August** or **1–8 August**. Suggested donation **£200**, with funded places available. For details and to apply, visit www.boscocamp.co.uk.

Cuppa, Cake & Chat: You are warmly invited to our next **Cuppa, Cake and Chat** gathering. 📅 **Date:** Tuesday 28th July. 🕒 **Time:** 10:00am. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a hot drink, a slice of cake, and friendly conversation in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're a regular or it's your first visit, everyone is warmly invited. We look forward to seeing you for a morning of friendship, laughter, and the monthly 100 club draw.

Church Office: Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, 21st July. Normal office hours will resume for the remainder of the week. Thank you for your understanding.

Summer Holidays: As many of us begin our summer holidays, we would like to wish everyone a happy, restful, and enjoyable break. Whether you are travelling, spending time with family and friends, or simply enjoying a slower pace at home, we pray that this season brings you rest, refreshment, and many happy memories. Wherever your travels take you, please stay safe and remember that God is with you wherever you go. Have a wonderful summer!

Finance Manager- Cathedral House

We are looking for a finance manager to support the Diocesan central finance department in all aspects of general accounts administration. The full job description is available on our website

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to HR@BRCDT.ORG

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

Ellen Witjens, Fr Edmund Dobson, Ivy Green, Geraldine Ridley, Celia Mugford, Claudius John Deacon, Father Patrick Taylor, Maisie Coulter, Ethel Ardley, Mary Shipperlee, Alfred Chittenolen, Agnes Moore, Isobel Martin, Colin Hounslow, Harry Poole, Fr John Jones, Fr Dermot Moore, Ada Clements, Fr James Cooney, George Townsend, Mary Eveling, Mary Mc Court, Giorgi Hristov

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, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry and Pat Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Paddy Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, 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.