Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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The Season of Ordinary Time	
Saturday 1st August 2026	**St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bp, D**
9am	**Mass:** Christopher Howse (RIP) Birthday
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	**Vigil Mass:** All Parish
Sunday 2nd August 2026	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9am	**Mass:** Eileen & Dennis Norman (RIP) Anniversary
11am	**Mass:** Marie Fitzgerald (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	**Holy Hour**
Monday 3rd August 2026	**Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**
	Private Prayer in the Home
Tuesday 4th August 2026	**St John Vianney (Cure of Ars), Pr**
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	**Mass:** Ozzy Ozduru (RIP)
Wednesday 5th August 2026	**Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00am	**Mass in Private, Service in Church**
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 6th August 2026	**The Transfiguration of The Lord (A)**
9.00am	**Mass in Private, Service in Church**
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 7th August 2026	**Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**
9am	**Mass in Private, Service in Church**
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 8th August 2026	**St Dominic, Pr**
9am	**Mass:** Joyce Orrock (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	**Vigil Mass:** Barrie Reynolds (RIP)
Sunday 9th August 2026	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9am	**Mass:** Neil Auker (Thanksgiving)/ Recovery
11am	**Mass:** All Parish
5pm – 6pm	**Holy Hour**

Parish Priest
Fr Damien J. Wade

PARISH OFFICE
Opening Hours
Open Tues-Fri
9:00-13:00

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Parish Administrator
Alex Nagle

Deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter: Thursday 9am to the Parish Office

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 continue our journey through the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time, the Lord gently reminds us that he never abandons those who seek him. In a world that can often leave us anxious or distracted, the Gospel invites us to place our trust in Christ, who alone satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart. The summer months offer us an opportunity to slow down, spend time with those we love, and renew our relationship with God. Whether you are at home or away on holiday, may you find moments for prayer, gratitude, and rest. Thank you for your continued support and faithful witness to our parish community. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families, and may God bless you with peace and joy in the week ahead.

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.

Maureen Sullivan: Our beloved Mum Maureen Sullivan passed away on the 27th June 26.
Mum's Funeral Mass will take place on the 19th August at 12.00pm. It was Mum's wish that her Parish family joined us for a Celebration of her Life at Downham Hall following the service. Mum will be laid to rest on the 20th August during a private family burial at St Patrick's RC Cemetery Leytonstone.
Maria, Suzanne & Patrick

100 Club: Congratulations to our June 100 Club winners:
1st Prize (£60): Shirley Goodin
2nd Prize (£36): Nuala O'Connor
3rd Prize (£24): Chris Tisi
Many congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who supports the Parish 100 Club. Please contact the office for your winnings!

Gardening Day: Saturday 15th August. Our Parish Gardening Day is taking place on Saturday 15th August, and we would be delighted if you could join us. Please come along with your gardening tools, gloves, and plenty of enthusiasm to help with our parish tidy-up. There are lots of jobs to do, both big and small, so whether you can spare an hour or stay for the whole morning, your help will be greatly appreciated. Working together is a wonderful way to care for our church grounds, meet fellow parishioners, and prepare our parish for the busy summer months. Thank you in advance for your support—we look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Liturgy: Volunteers Needed. We are looking to re-establish and grow our Children's Liturgy and are seeking parishioners who would like to help. If you enjoy working with children and would like to support this important ministry, we would love to hear from you. No previous experience is necessary—guidance and support will be provided. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more, please make yourself known to Fr Damien after Mass or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for considering how you can support the life of our parish.

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

Laurence Pasco, Margaret Christian, Thora Brady, Yvonne Purves, John Teng, Victoria Danino, Sheila McEwan, George Bruce, Thomas Joseph Carley, Pope Paul VI, Deacon Fred Wall, James Phillips, Justina Santos, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coughlan, Fr Hugh Verily, Celia Fawcett, Charles Lawes, David Cheriton, Armando Toledo, Dorothy Lepper, Dennis Durkin, Bridget Harper, Dorothy Marshall, Halina Ostrowska, Mohammed Tasneem

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.