

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 29th August 2026 The Passion of St John the Baptist	
9am	Mass: All Parish, Frank Parr (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: Herman Hernandez (RIP)
Sunday 30th August 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: James Casey (Ints)
11am	Mass: Thanksgiving for the Lord of 32nd Anniversary for EA & Faithful Watchers.
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 31st August 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 1st September 2026 St Sebbi, K	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	Mass: Veronica Pat & Tom Moran (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Mass: Kitty Mackinnon (RIP) Anniversary
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 3rd September 2026 St George the Great, P, D	
9.00am	Mass: Edward and Kathleen Doherty (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 4th September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Chris Feranley (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 5th September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: All Parish / Joseph and Elizabeth Savona (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: Sheila Reynolds (Ints)
Sunday 6th September 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Brigid Edwards 100th Birthday
11am	Mass: Anne Fitzgerald (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:

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: This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that following Jesus is not always the easy path. He speaks honestly about the cross and calls us to take up our own cross and follow him. In a world that often tells us to put ourselves first, Jesus invites us to discover that true life is found not in seeking ourselves, but in giving ourselves in love. Whatever crosses we carry today, we never carry them alone: Christ walks beside us and leads us towards the fullness of life.

ProLife: On Saturday 5th September, there will be a day for life in London. The day will begin at the Emmanuel Center SW1P3DW at 10.30am, a **Catholic Mass for Life takes place at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am**, a march will take place at 1.30pm and there will be speeches in Westminster Square at 3pm. Please see online for more information about how to attend.

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.

Parish House: Floor restoration and painting are almost complete in the parish house and office, if you would like to donate towards the costs, please let Fr Damien know. Thanks in advance.

Socials: The Parish is thinking about arranging some parish social gatherings weekly or monthly- to cinema, art galleries and various places and events, if this is something you would be interested in, can you let Fr Damien or office know, so that we can gauge interest.

BCCS Event: On Saturday 10th October BCCS are hosting a luncheon at The Lawns Rochford. This includes a 2-course meal and a live performance from Fr. Eugene & Fr. Martin O'Hagan formerly of the "The Priests". If you would like to attend or know more details, please contact BCCS either by phone or on their website.

100 Club: Congratulations to our August 100 Club winners:

1st Prize (£60): Bella Hernandez

2nd Prize (£36): Martin A McClenaghan

3rd Prize (£24): Tony Hyatt

Many congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who supports the Parish 100 Club. Please contact the office for your winnings!

Fatima & First Saturday Devotion Symposium:

Join Sr. Angela de Fatima Coelho & Fr. Lawrence Lew OP at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chelsea SW3 2QP, 12.30 to 19.00 on Sunday, 22 November 2026. Please bring your packed lunch. Register free online: <https://bit.ly/4dgPDE3>

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

Canon John Sloane, Victoria Tracey, Patricia Jessie Grantham, Thomas O'Neil, Luigi Fealy, Eleanor Long, Joyce Foster, Catherine Duffy, Canon John Walsh, Frederick Voyce, Charles Jeakins, Rosaleen Nolan, Harriet (Kitty) Mackinnon, John Francis Barry, David Ayre, Canon Cyril Sheperd, Mary Jennings, Gillin Harrison, Bernard O'Shea, Anne O'Malley, Dennis Thorogood, Sipora Arnold, Johanna Howard Simson, Mary Elizabeth McCourt, Barbara Kester, Christina George, Roy Dixon, Frances Whiddett, John Buchannan, Nelle Saunders, Grace Teresa Elizabeth Wing, James McTaggart, Mary Newing, Dorothy Kentish, Eric Merrin, Joseph Rogers

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

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.