

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 19th September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Olivia Nazareth (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: All Parish / William Sweeney (RIP)
Sunday 20th September 2026 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Doris Turner (Ints) Birthday
11am	Mass: Pam Stallwood (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 21st September 2026 St Matthew, Ap, Ev	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 22nd September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 23rd September 2026 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) PR	
9:00am	Mass: Pat and Michael Clark (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 24th September 2026 Our Lady of Walsingham	
9.00am	Mass: Vincent and Valerie Savona (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 25th September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: David Downes (RIP)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26th September 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory
9.30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: David & Elizabeth Spincer (RIP)
Sunday 27th September 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: All Parish / Seamus Meehan (Int)
11am	Mass: Olivia & Rosmarie McCaffrey (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: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God's generosity is beyond our understanding. Each of us is on a journey, a race towards heaven, but we do not all arrive at the same time. Some discover God's love early, while others find him later in life. What matters is that we keep walking faithfully, trusting in the Lord's mercy and rejoicing that his love is offered to everyone. Enjoy your week ahead.

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.

Fatima & First Saturday Devotion Symposium: Join Sr. Angela de Fatima Coelho & Fr. Lawrenc 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/4dgPDE3e>

RCIA: Thinking About Becoming Catholic?
Are you, or someone you know, considering becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments next Easter? Our RCIA programme begins in October and offers a warm and welcoming opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, ask questions and discover more about life in the Church. Come and have a chat with Fr Damien to find out more. If you know someone who might benefit from the programme, please encourage them to get in touch too. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Environment, Laudato Si', Saturday, 26th September hosted by Brentwood Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, 9:45am arrivals - 12:30pm departures. A talk on Catholic Social Teaching from Fr Matthias Baidoo.

Followed by lived experience from parishioners in St Teresa of Lisieux Parish, Lexden.

Cuppa, Cake & Chat: You are warmly invited to our next **Cuppa, Cake and Chat** gathering. **Date:** Tuesday 22nd September. **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.

Message from Kiera Harman: I am delighted to share the wonderful news that I will be getting married on **Thursday 1 October 2026 at 1pm**. As my parish family means so much to me, I would be absolutely delighted if you could join us in celebrating the Wedding Mass and sharing in this very special occasion. All members of our parish family are warmly invited to attend the Mass and celebrate with us. Your presence and prayers would mean a great deal as we begin this new chapter in our lives together. Please do bear in mind, however, that parking at the church will be limited, so you may wish to make alternative arrangements where possible. We very much hope that you will be able to join us on our special day.

Gardening Day: A gentle reminder that our Parish Gardening Day will take place on **Saturday 26th September**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and help us with a big parish clear-up. There will be plenty of jobs, both big and small, and every helping hand is greatly appreciated! Please bring along your gardening tools and gloves if you have them. We look forward to seeing you there!

OLGC Women's Group: Our next meeting will be on Friday 25th Sept at 7:30pm at St Peter's Hall.

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

Canon Frederick Gahaghan, Amelia Benning, Violet Alford, Georgina Pidgeon, Olive Nazareth, Gladys Petty, Paul Kudirka, Eileen Fox, Eileen Brown, Mary Harrington, Fr Jon Ryan, Josephine Parker, John Warren, Katherine Wooley, Jan Wszola, Eileen Tirkett, John Amey, Mary McQuillen, Dorothy Madle, Elizabeth Mary Spincer, Joe Coggins, David Rinshall, Frederick Howard-Simpson, Violet Thickbroom, Pope John Paul I, David Clark, Iris Rodin, Fr Gordon Godfrey

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, 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.