

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 17th October 2026 St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M	
9am	Mass: Madge Maume (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: Joseph & Dan Callaghan (RIP)
Sunday 18th October 2026 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Mary & Joe Rodgers (RIP)
11am	Mass: All Parish / Sylvia Purkis (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 19th October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 20th October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
Wednesday 21st October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Mass: Mass in Private, Service in Church
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 22nd October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
9.00am	Mass: Mass in Private, Service in Church
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 23rd October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Mass in Private, Service in Church
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24th October 2026 Feria of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: Roger Tisi (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
6pm	Vigil Mass: Charles Walsh (RIP)
Sunday 25th October 2026 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Mass: John Mongan (RIP)
11am	Mass: All Parish
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 to "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God." We have responsibilities in our daily lives, but we must never forget that our deepest identity and worth come from God. We are called to be good citizens, to care for one another, and to contribute to the world around us, while keeping Christ at the centre of all we do. Everything we have is a gift from God, and the greatest gift we can offer Him is our hearts, our love, and our lives. Have a good week ahead.

Bishop Timothy Menezes: On the 10th October 2026, Pope Leo appointed our new 8th Bishop of Brentwood. We look forward to welcoming him shortly in the diocese. Our prayers of thanks to Bishop Laan Williams who resignation has been accepted. There will be an opportunity to thank Bishop Alan for his years of ministry to us in due course.

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/4dgPDE3e>

November: In the Month of November, we as Christians are called to remember and pray for our beloved dead. Here in this church – firstly there will be an additional 4 Friday evening Masses in honour of the Holy Souls which you can attend at 7.30pm each week. The Friday evening mass on 13th November will be an opportunity for us to remember those of our parish who have died in the last year and also our own deceased family members. If you wish for your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Altar during the month of November, **envelopes and lists** are now located at the back of the Church for you to complete and return. Fr Damien will **bless the graves** of those families who wish to have them blessed at Wickford Cemetery on Sunday 8th November at 2pm. He will bless the graves of those family members in Pitsea Cemetery on Saturday 14th November at 2pm. Please meet him in the car park or stand beside your family's grave and direct him towards it.

Cuppa, Cake and Chat 🍰: Our next Cuppa, Cake and Chat will be held on Tuesday 27 October from 10am. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for a friendly cuppa, a slice of cake and a lovely chat. Whether you come along regularly or have never joined us before, we would love to see you! It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and enjoy some friendly company in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is welcome — we look forward to seeing you there! ❤️

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

Sixth form Open Evening: At Brentwood Ursuline, we believe that a truly great Catholic education should form the whole person: nurturing faith, furnishing the mind, building character and inspiring ambition. For over a century, our school has offered an education rooted in the Catholic faith and the Ursuline tradition; intellectually ambitious, rich in opportunity and centred on each young person. Here, faith is lived, excellence is expected and every student is known and valued. Our outstanding academic results tell part of our story; the confident, compassionate and purposeful young people who leave us tell the rest. We warmly invite prospective students and their families to join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening. Come through our doors, meet our community and discover all that a Brentwood Ursuline education could offer your son/daughter.

World Mission Sunday, 18th October: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for World Mission – we stand united ad God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Missin Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. Envelopes are on the church porch.

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

Louis Dellar, Albert Kester, Austine Marie, Richard Butler, Anne Borbone, Paula Wilmitzer, Hanorah Desmond (1965), Fr Bernard Clay, Frederick Woznica, Violet Sharp, Timothy Hockley, Florence Armstrong, May Scheibl, Thomas Wade, Dermot Moore, Patrick Power, May Morrice, Thomas Chaplin, Katie Hayden, Teresa Matthews, Maud Day, Margaret Osborne, Mary Leonard, Michael Hurley, Terence McCallister, John O Driscoll, Mgr Daniel Shanahan

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.