Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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The Season of Advent	
Saturday 28th November 2026 Feria of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
9am	**Mass:** John McInch (RIP)
6pm	**Vigil Mass:** Alice Cusack O Rourke (RIP)
Sunday 29th November 2026 First Sunday of Advent	
9am	**Mass:** All Parish / Peter & Jacqueline Boynes (Ints)
11am	**Mass**: Denis Sweeney (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	**Holy Hour**
Monday 30th November 2026 St Andrew, Ap, Patron of Scotland	
Private Prayer in the Home	
Tuesday 1st December 2026 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	
7pm	Novena to St Anthony
7:30pm	**Mass:** John & May Foy (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd December 2026 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent	
9:00am	**Mass:** Paddy Kerrigan (RIP) 1 Month Anniversary
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 3rd December 2026 St Francis Xavier, Pr	
9.00am	**Mass:** Roy Field (RIP)
9:30am	Rosary
10am – 4pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Friday 4th December 2026 Friday of the First Week of Advent	
9am	**Mass:** Lynda Labbett & Graham Labbett (Thanksgiving)
9.30am	Rosary
10am – 5pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 5th December 2026 Saturday of the first week of Advent	
9am	**Mass:** Michael Clegg (RIP)
6pm	**Vigil Mass:** All Parish / Peter (RIP) (Barbara's brother)
Sunday 6th December 2026 Second Sunday of Advent	
9am	**Mass:** Ana Maria Hernandez (RIP)
11am	**Mass**: Alfred Tolman (RIP)
5pm – 6pm	**Holy Hour**

Parish Priest

Fr Damien J. Wade

PARISH OFFICE

Opening Hours

Open Wed-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 begin the beautiful season of Advent, we are invited to slow down, prepare our hearts and make room for Jesus. In the busyness of these days, let us not lose sight of the greatest gift of Christmas: God's love made flesh in the birth of His Son. May this Advent be a time of renewed hope, joyful expectation and deeper faith, as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts, our homes and our parish community.

Parish Pilgrimage, Rome/Asissi 2027: We are currently planning a parish pilgrimage for Sept/Oct 2027. If this is something you would be interested in, please leave your contact details via email or the parish office so we can gage interest.

🎄 **OFFSHOOTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 🎄

Join us on Sunday 6th December at 3pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel for a wonderful afternoon of festive music! After the concert, everyone is welcome to join us in St Peter's Hall for cheese and Mulled wine.

🎟️ **GRAND PRIZE DRAW**

Our Grand Prize Draw will take place after the concert! Tickets are available to purchase after Masses. Come along, enjoy some festive cheer and support our parish. Everyone is very welcome!

BCYS Advent Retreat at Walsingham House: 12th-13th December: A weekend of festive fun, friendship, prayer and reflection exploring the meaning of Advent. Open to anyone in school years 10-13. All information and applications at www.bcys.net/events

Masses for by Bishop Timothy Menezes: Masses will be celebrated in three locations:
Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m. – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m. – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m. - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

🎄 **Christmas Crafts Morning:** Join us on Sunday 6th December, 10am–12pm, in St Peter's Hall for a fun-filled morning of festive crafts! £5 per child (includes one adult), additional adults £2. Children must be accompanied. All proceeds go towards essential parish repairs and maintenance. Everyone welcome!

100 Club: Congratulations to our November 100 Club winners:
1st Prize of £62 - Phil MANNING
2nd Prize of £36 - Gladvine MUNDEMPILLY
3rd Prize of £24 - Fionnghuala GRIGGS
Many congratulations to our winners. Please contact the office for your winnings!

Christmas Cuppa, Cake & Chat 🎄 : Come along on Tuesday 15th December from 10am for our special Christmas Cuppa, Cake & Chat! Enjoy some festive food and drinks, a warm welcome and plenty of friendly conversation. Feel free to wear your favourite Christmas jumper if you have one and help us bring a little extra festive cheer! Everyone is welcome, so please join us as we come together to celebrate the season and start the festive period in style!
We look forward to seeing you there! 🎅

Bishop Timothy: Bishop Timothy's installation will be live streamed from Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd December via the diocesan website.
The link will be:
https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop-timothy

🌺 **Flower Donations:** We would be very grateful for donations of orchids or poinsettias to help decorate our church. If you would like to donate, please bring your flowers to the church and leave them by the altar. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

Beryl Winifred Martin, Vittorio Evangelista, Fr Frances Branney, Mabel Farrow, Maria Filomena D'Souza, Robert Charles Burrell, Daisy Salter, Phillip Narbeth, Alice Ada Utting, Mary Culverhouse, Mabel Lena Raven, Veronica Monteith, Fr Bart Lynch, Fr James Hannon, Clifford Orrock, James Doyle, Lorraine Cummings, Michael Crowley, June Bigg, Jessie Skinner, Enrique Darino, Patrick Murray, Peter John Robinson, Joy Anne McCarty, Arthur Argent, Fr Brian Drea, Nora Veronica Desmond

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.