

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Peggy O'Connor RIP (Casey)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

2nd Dec 2018
9.00 am Jim Kennedy RIP (Anniv)
11.00 am The People of our Parish
5.00 pm David Henderson RIP (Anniv)

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 10.15 am Tim Griffiths RIP (Anniv)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Intentions of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

THURSDAY 9.15 am Deceased members of the Doherty Family RIP

FRIDAY **St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**
9.15 am Toby Brooker RIP

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Alfred Bunker RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

9th Dec 2018
9.00 am David O'Driscoll RIP (Keilthy)
11.00 am The People of our Parish
5.00 pm Bernard Regan RIP (Anniv)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am & SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon

Prayer for Evangelisation

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443**.
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#. Others can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button

Brentwood News December issue is now available in the Church porch.
Diocesan Directory for 2019 is in the Church porch cost £2.75

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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week's edition of your parish newsletter is unusual because for the first time this message is being printed not only in your own parish newsletter but also in two other parish newsletters.

The reason for this is because this weekend our diocese is publishing the final version of its Planning Document which it has developed to lead the diocese forward.

In the Planning Document, which we would encourage you all to read, Bishop Alan is announcing the creation of Parish Partnerships across the diocese. Parishes are being encouraged to work with neighbouring parishes in order to draw up a shared plan for the future.

As the priests of the parishes of Basildon, Billericay and Wickford, we are delighted to announce that from this weekend we will be working together in a new Parish Partnership.

Initially much of the work will be done by the priests and Stewards of the Gospel in our three parishes but over time we will be looking at how all of the organisations within our parishes can work more closely together.

Over the coming months you will hear much more about how we propose to create a shared plan for the future but in the meantime we would ask you to pray for us, your priests, the Stewards, to pray for our diocese at this important time and also to pray for your fellow Catholics in the parishes of Basildon, Billericay and Wickford.

Father Daniel Mason Father John Corbyn
Father Rick Fernandez Father Daniel Kelly

Church Opening Hours: We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open most days during the week but sometimes the church has to be closed early if Father Dan is away or there is nobody available to lock up. As a rough guide these are the hours that the church is normally open during the weekdays:

Monday: 8am-3pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

If you are unsure about whether the church will be open please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm Monday-Friday on 01277 624891.

Baptisms at Most Holy Redeemer: If you would like your child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer then you must first arrange an appointment to see Father Dan. Rather than emailing or phoning the parish office the best way to do this is to speak to Father Dan after the Parish Mass that you normally attend at the weekend. In order for a child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic and we do expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, do please introduce yourself to Father Dan at the end of Mass. New parishioners are encouraged to fill in a registration form which can be found in the church porch. We are also able to arrange a visit from some existing parishioners if you would like more information about what is available in our parish.

Parish Centre Alarm: All parish groups should be aware that the Parish Centre is frequently alarmed. If any groups do not know the code for the alarm then they should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PARISH HELP SCHEME assists parishioners who need transport to Mass; to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Chris Nightingale 625604**.

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Emmanuel Church Car Park & Quilters School: A gentle reminder to parishioners to avoid parking in the Emmanuel Church car park and in front of Quilters School when you come to Mass at the weekend.

Alpha Course: It's now too late to join this year's Alpha course. If you would like to join the next Alpha course that we will be running in the parish please fill in the registration form or email: alpha@mostholyredeemer.org.uk

Bereavement Support Group: We have set up a small group of volunteers who are available to support those who are coping with terminal illness and bereavement. Those involved have experienced this themselves and are able to offer a small amount of time, either for a phone call or, if requested, a visit. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Sara Abbs, Gerard Lawlor, Margaret Andrews, Peter & Cecilia Clegg, Maureen Bewick, Mary Cronjaeger, Mary Carr, Peter Patterson, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Grace Howlett, Michael Howlett, Anna Sullivan, John Gaut, Frederick Stocks, Peter Bion, John Hegarty, Priska Wiederkehr. May the healing power of the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are ill.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: To comply with the new regulations on data protection, we need to update the list for our sick at home and in hospital. If you wish your name or that of a relative or friend to go on the sick list in the newsletter, please contact the parish office either by telephone or email. You need the permission of the person concerned for their name to be published.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Maisie Shoton, George Deverill, Tim Griffiths, Jim Kennedy, Sheila Hill, Betty Delaney, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peter Hawkes, Bernard Regan. **Clergy:** Fr Pat Hannon, Fr Brian Drea, Fr Michael Healy, Fr Bernard Pownall.

Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Ivor Stebbing RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ivor Stebbing. Ivor's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 11th December at 12pm. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 10.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

Patricia Clark RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Clark, Patricia will be received into the Most Holy Redeemer at 6pm on Thursday, 20th December and her Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Friday, 21st December. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15 am Parish Mass on that day. May she rest in peace.

Helen Harte RIP, wife of Des, who died recently. Helen's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Monday, 17th December. May she rest in peace.

Jane Jowers RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Jowers who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Kathy Leyden RIP, a former teacher at St Peter's School in the 1970's, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 2pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford followed by a committal service at Chelmsford Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Alan Hill RIP, a former parishioner, who died on Wednesday 28th. Alan's Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr John McGrath on Thursday 20th December at 11am. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

KIDS' CORNER

1st Sunday of Advent

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INTEGRITY	GENEROUS	LOVE
CONFIDENCE	HOLINESS	MOON
BLAMELESS	PROGRESS	SUN
AUTHORITY	INSTRUCTIONS	STARS
POWER	GLORY	AWAKE
STRENGTH	SURVIVE	WATCH

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! If you didn't buy your **ADVENT CALENDAR** at the bazaar last Saturday....we still have plenty in the repository so come and get yours this weekend - only £2 each. We also have cards, children's books and other Christmas items- come and see!

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

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Family Mass at 11am

12.30pm Baptism: Jude East Knight

MONDAY Guides

TUESDAY Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass
Brownies

St Peter's School Advent Recital 7pm (Church)

Baptism Preparation meeting 8pm (Room 2)

WEDNESDAY Church Cleaning
Rainbows & Brownies

THURSDAY Padre Pio Prayer Group 10am (Lounge)

MHRCC Rehearsal 4.30pm

Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**

Sunflower Club 7pm (lounge)

SATURDAY Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am -12 noon
Christingle Service 2pm

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12.30pm Baptisms: Harry Daniel Anthony Edwards

Isabella Amelia Edwards

6.30pm Advent Recital by the MHR Singers

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous **Offerings last Sunday** of **£2070.08 (£1624.25 Gift Aided)** and **£39.17** in the **CAFOD BOX** to support our parish **CAFOD Project in Sebeya, Ethiopia.**

Standing Order: the most efficient way for you to support our parish financially. Please fill in a form in the Church porch and return it to your bank. If you are a tax payer do think seriously about Gift Aiding your donations. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church.

Our retiring collection for the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** came to **££512.13 (£190 Gift Aided)** – thank you all for your generosity.

Advent Recital by the MHR Singers – including the MHR Children's Choir, will be held on **Sunday 9th December at 6.30pm.** The choir will sing some of their repertoire from their recent tour to Venice.

The Christmas 100 Club was won by Mrs. J Palmer who will receive a cheque for £100, a further £100 will be donated to 'Aid to the Church in Need', who have appealed for funds to purchase shoes and clothes for the poor people of Syria. One year's membership of the 100 Club (£24) makes a very acceptable Christmas present – phone Joan on 01277 651773 for details.

Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is published this weekend. Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to all parishioners that can be viewed on the Diocese's website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net by clicking on the News button. Please take time to watch and listen to this message in the coming days. In the News section you will also find a link to the Vision Document: Shaping Our Future. This is an online resource in line with our early commitment to making better use of technology. Viewing the document online enables it to be read in large print and some people have access to read aloud functions. We also have hard copies of the booklets for those who cannot access the online version.

Service of Light: Inauguration of Advent in Brentwood Cathedral at 4.00 pm on Sunday 2 December. This beautiful service includes the solemn lighting of the Advent wreath, profound readings and music led by the Cathedral choir. It is a special way to prepare for the real meaning of Christmas and all are welcome. Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams sm.

Christmas Card Campaign At this time of year we send greetings to people all over the world. Prisoners who have been tortured, human rights defenders and persecuted Christians welcome your messages of encouragement and solidarity. This weekend **1st/2nd December** there will be an opportunity in the Church porch after each Mass to sign greetings cards and write messages of support. A priceless gift you can give a prisoner or those facing persecution is the knowledge that they have your support and are in your prayers.

Christingle Service Saturday 8th December 2-4pm. These services take place in many Churches to celebrate the coming of Christ. They provide a fun, child-centred service, and involve children in the activity of making, lighting and holding the Christingles. We start in the Canon Roche Hall at 2pm and finish with the Service of Light in the Church. Please come along.

Confirmation 2019 Registration Evening On **Tuesday, 11th December** at 7.30pm in the Church we will hold a Registration Evening for all of those young people in Year 10 and above who would like to be confirmed in our parish next year on Pentecost Sunday. In order to join the Confirmation programme it is essential that you attend this meeting. If you are not able to come to the meeting you will need to contact the Parish Office in advance of the date. After the 11th December it will no longer be possible to join the programme. Please note that Confirmation sessions require attendance at the Sunday 5pm Mass and on Sunday evenings.

St. Peter's School invites all **senior members** of the parish to an **Advent Concert of Carols and Music** at the school on **Thursday 13th December** at **1.45pm for 2.00pm start**. For catering purposes, please let Claire Wallis know if you are coming. Tel: **658783**. Lifts available ring Claire.

Calling all Christmas Singers: Following last year's wonderful **POP UP CHOIR** for the 6pm Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve, now is your chance to sign up for this year's one off opportunity! If you are interested in joining the Group then please contact Kathy Underhill on 07810123122 or 01277 626661, or alternatively the Parish office. It is important to register so that music can be arranged. There will be a quick rehearsal **Monday 24th December** before the Mass at 4.45pm.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting their Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on **Friday 7th December** 12pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Tickets cost £25. To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Parish Carol Service: On Sunday, 16th December at 7pm we have our parish Advent Carol Service in the church. All are welcome to attend this very beautiful service, and enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine after! **Help with the refreshments is needed – please contact the Parish Office if you can help.**

Advent Leaflets These are available at the back of the church and list all of the different events and activities taking place in our parish during Advent and Christmas.

Brentwood Advent Reconciliation Service: On Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30pm priests from across the deanery will be coming to the Cathedral for an Advent Reconciliation Service. Please note that this year we are not having a parish reconciliation service so if you wish to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation you are warmly invited to attend the service at the Cathedral or to come to confession at Most Holy Redeemer every Saturday, 11am-12pm.

Primary School Signing: It is now longer possible to make an appointment to see Father Dan to receive the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019 Following last year's very successful Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr Dan, it is our intention to visit Lourdes again next year. Parishioners will travel out with St Peter's school on Friday 7 June and return on Wednesday 12 June. We will again stay at Hosanna House near the village of Bartres. Please advise the Parish office of your interest, after which a meeting will be held to provide further information. Please note that Fr Dan will not be on the Pilgrimage next year as it is around Pentecost Sunday, and he will be Confirming our young people.

BAPTISM *Congratulations to the family of Mae Alice Breda Jamieson who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*