



## CHRISTMAS CLEANING



To prepare the Church for our Christmas masses we will have a cleaning session on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am**. Please come along and help us. Tea, coffee, mince pies and conversation will be available.

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Angela & Tony Murphy RIP (P. McCaul)

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

9.30 am – Gerard Donachie RIP (A. & J. Donachie)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – **NO MASS**  
**Father's & Clare's Day Off**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**NO MASS, ADORATION OR BENEDICTION**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

9.15 am – Clive Secluna RIP (Fr. Paul & Ordinariate Group)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – St. Ambrose, Bp D  
**MASS ONLY (No Adoration & Benediction)**

9.15 am – Annamma Kurian RIP (D. Shaji)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)  
**We welcome Year 5 from St. Pius School**

9.15 am – Deceased members of the Lloyd Family  
(Lloyd Family)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Valerian & Stan D'Souza RIP (O. Moras)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Mike Toolan RIP (M. Smyth)

## SAFEGUARDING

Please accompany your child(ren) to the toilet if they need it whilst in the Church.

## SILENCE!

**PLEASE** keep **SILENCE** before Mass especially during the Rosary on Saturday evenings. People may be trying to pray and listen to God. Thank you.

## CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available for confession:  
Saturdays 5-5.30pm.  
Tuesdays during adoration after 6.30pm Mass.  
Thursdays during adoration after 9.15am Mass.

## OFFICE EMAILS

Please be aware that emails sent over the weekend or on a Monday will not be seen until the Tuesday. Thank you.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you require a notice to appear in the newsletter – the deadline is on **Wednesdays**.

## COLLECTION PLATE

Week ending 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Envelopes & Loose Plate - £520.13  
National Youth Sunday - £194.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## GIFT AID ORGANISER

Our Gift Aid organiser is Greg Carvalho. His contact is: [greg@god.co.uk](mailto:greg@god.co.uk) or on 261302.

## MEDITATION GROUP

WCCM Meditation Group meets online at 8pm on Mondays. Please contact Val directly on 07887785502 or email her on [valhilsley@btinternet.com](mailto:valhilsley@btinternet.com)

## PROJECT TO SUPPORT

### CHELMSFORD'S ROUGH SLEEPERS

The Justice and Peace Group wishes to support a project involving Chelmsford Churches and organisations to support the homeless rough sleepers in the city centre. From Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December through until New Year, there will be a box at the back of the Church to collect items which will be passed on to the organisations who are coordinating food and hygiene parcels for distribution. They need:

drinks (bottles/cans of coke/water)  
hygiene items such as wet wipes, deodorants  
warm hats, socks and gloves  
snack bars and sweets

A list is displayed on the box as well. The organisers have also asked for any tents (waterproof, pop-up ones) or sleeping bags no longer required to pass on to a homeless person. They need to be clean and the tents need to be waterproof please. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## THE CANONESSES INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

**Meditative Advent Reflections** at 5.30pm on Zoom.

*Sunday 10th December - "Lighting the Darkness"*

*Sunday 17th December - "Opening the Door of our Hearts"*

*Friday 22nd December - "Emmanuel"*

Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933736118?pwd=\\_SHpUWlh2Yis1MzViMGNHNmVKN2Zndz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933736118?pwd=_SHpUWlh2Yis1MzViMGNHNmVKN2Zndz09)

Meeting ID: 819 3373 6118

Passcode: 257456

**And IN PERSON:** Blessed Sacrament Church, Melbourne CM1 2DU on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm All welcome to any of the above, no registration, just come.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION

Our next FHC session will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Hall doors open at 9am. Don't forget your 'I Belong book' and your sticker attendance book.

## BRENTWOOD DIRECTORIES

The Brentwood Diocesan Directories for 2024 have arrived! They cost either £4.15 for the ring bound edition or £2.95 for the bound editions. The directories are to be found at the welcomer's desk.



## MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOK

The new 2023 Day by Day Advent books are now on sale. The cost is £1. They can be purchased at the welcomer's desk.



## ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am for **ALL** Altar Servers to sort out covering all of the Christmas Services. It is vital that all servers attend at this important time in the Church year. Any who have moved on to go to University etc are more than welcome to attend

Any queries please contact me John Donachie on 01245 442116.

## SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT – BE STILL MY SOUL – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on the need to learn the 'art' of being still and at rest in the midst of a busy and noisy society. Guest speaker: Grace Nowakowska, full-time lay missionary member of Sion Community. This silent weekend retreat during Advent offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email [allegra.mutanda@gmail.com](mailto:allegra.mutanda@gmail.com) More information on the Church noticeboard.

## RAFFLE TICKETS



Our Christmas 2023 Raffle tickets are now on sale. Please purchase as many tickets as you can and take home envelopes to give to family and friends so that they too can buy tickets. Each ticket costs £5. This is our **MAJOR** fundraising opportunity.

**YOU NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

Hopefully, we can beat last year's amazing total of **£2,165.00**.

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



This year we will be running our Confirmation programme together with the churches from the OLI partnership. This will be under the umbrella of the 'Alpha Youth' course. If you are in Year 9 or above you will need to fill in the form (which are at the welcomer's desk) and return it to the Parish Office of OLI by 8<sup>th</sup> December. Any queries please speak to Fr. Paul.



There will be a Christmas Fayre in our hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30 am. **ALL WELCOME.**



St. John Payne invite you to their Carol Service on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm in the Aquinas Hall. Details on Church website & noticeboard.