



CHURCH CLEANING

Our Church cleaning in preparation for our Choral Concert & Christmas masses will take place on **Wednesday 11th December** after the 9.15 am mass. Mince pies, tea & coffee will be available. All welcome.

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.

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 23rd & 24th November 2024
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £440.42
World Youth Sunday - £256.58
Thank you for your generosity.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship will take place at **7pm on Wednesday 11th December**.

GIFT AID ORGANISER

Our Gift Aid organiser is Greg Carvalho. His contact is: 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

CHORAL CONCERT EVENING

With the **BOEHAM LADIES CHOIR**

At Blessed Sacrament Church
Melbourne Avenue, CM1 2DU

Friday 13th December
Starting 7.30pm

Tickets cost **£5** and are available at the door - Cash only please



Raffle Tickets on sale

All proceeds to 'Blessed Sacrament Hall Refurbishment Fund'

For further details contact 01245 354256

Refreshments available (donations gratefully received)

EVERYONE WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER - LUNCHTIME

The J&P Group invites you to celebrate Advent in the Parish Hall at lunchtime on Sunday 1st December. Please bring a plate or dish of food to share. It would be fun to share dishes from different countries, so if you have a national dish such as curry or Coq-a-leekie soup etc that would be great! Food can be hot or cold. Doors will open after the 11.30 mass. Coffee, tea and squash will be available.

There is no entry charge but we want to raise money for Sisters Margaret and Moira Community in Goma in the DRC which is the epicentre of the M-Pox Epidemic. They have urgent need of an ambulance so funds raised from donations will contribute to that. There will also be a small raffle. Please come and bring friends and family. We would be grateful to know rough numbers. So, if you think you might come, please would you make a note of your name and number of people expected to attend on the list on the Welcomers' table at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

CAFOD GREEN BOX

The CAFOD green box has been emptied and all donations placed in the box from the weekend of November 30th/December 1st to the weekend of December 28th/29th will be given to the M-pox appeal to raise funds for an ambulance at the nuns' mission in Goma in Congo.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Cracknell (Ord.)

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We welcome & thank Father John who will be concelebrating at the 11.30 Sunday Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30th November

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Lorraine Whittington Birthday Intentions (Peter & Whittington Family)

Sunday 1st December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

9.30 am – Gerard Donachie RIP (Donachie Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 2nd December – **NO MASS**
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 3rd December – St. Francis Xavier, Pr
DIVINE WORSHIP MASS – MASS ONLY

6.30 pm – Intentions of all Priests in thanksgiving and for holiness (Anonymous)

Wednesday 4th December – **NO MASS**

Thursday 5th December – **MASS ONLY (NO HOLY HOUR)**

9.15 am – Nora & Eddie Heaslip RIP (Foundation)

Friday 6th December

9.15 am – Chicco Liu RIP (Dyung Hong Liu Family)

Saturday 7th December

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
6 pm – Anne Houghton RIP (C. Houghton)

Sunday 8th December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Wellesley Bourke RIP (Bourke Family)

NEW GOSPEL AND LECTIONARIES

The Parish has received our new Gospel and Lectionaries which we will be begin using at this weekend's masses. Kevin Greene has very kindly made a donation which covers the full cost of these new books – the Gospel is in loving memory of his Mother, Sallie Greene and the Lectionaries are donated to the Parish on behalf of Kevin. Thank you to Kevin for this very generous donation.

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS TRAINING

There will be an Altar Servers training session in preparation for Christmas services on Saturday 14th December at 11am. All Altar Servers please attend this meeting. Any queries please speak to John Donachie.

CITIZEN ADVICE – PENSION CREDIT & WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE DROP IN

Are you worried about keeping warm this winter? Are you concerned about losing the Winter Fuel Allowance? Then please drop into a free session on Monday 2nd December 1.00-3.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU where advice will be on offer as to what support you may be entitled to and how to claim this. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN

2025 DIRECTORIES have arrived!
Ringbound copies £4.40
and bound editions £3.20.
Directories to be found at Welcomers' desk.

WORK TO BEGIN IN CHURCH

We are about to start the decorating work around the tabernacle and support post next week in preparation for Christmas.

HALL SOCIAL

COMMITTEE MEETING
on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.15pm. If you're interested in joining the committee please speak to Joanna, Jenny or Clare.

CANONESSES TALK AT OLI CHURCH HALL – 4TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in Our Lady Immaculate Church Hall, the Canonesses will be giving a talk on "The Prayer of the Church". Please support this as part of our Parish Partnership and in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT TOGETHER WITH THE CANONESSES

The Community are offering four zoomed Advent Reflections at 5.30pm on each of the four Sundays of Advent (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd). Everyone is welcome - the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86088969935?pwd=UMrMPQp0rJdmbg9qIM7qVLzefsXDxN.1> It can also be found on our website - www.canonesses.co.uk. These Reflections will replace our normal zoomed Sunday Evening Prayer & Gospel sharing.

Also, on Friday 20th Dec at 7pm in Blessed Sacrament Parish, we will have an 'in person' Advent Reflection followed by seasonal light refreshments - again, anyone is welcome to join us.

INAUGURATION OF ADVENT AND NINE LESSONS & CAROLS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 1st December at 4pm is the Inauguration of Advent and Sunday 22nd December at 4pm is Nine Lessons & Carols. These will both take place at Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome to attend.