

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

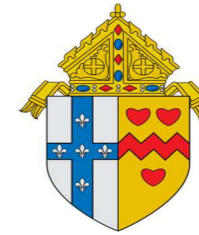
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SAFEGUARDING

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

CARD READER

We have a card reader if you need to pay for your collection offerings or the repository.

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

11th & 12th April 2026

Envelopes & Loose Plate - £554.32
Second Collection - Monthly Parish Project - £108.96

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship will take place at **7pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026**.

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will take place **after the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 20th May 2026**. Please use the side door.

MEDITATION GROUP

WCCM Meditation Group meets online at 8pm on Mondays. Please contact Val directly on 07887785502 or email her on valhilsley@btinternet.com

NEW HYMN BOOKS

A massive thank you to our two anonymous donors who purchased new Hymn books for the Church. We are incredibly grateful for this gift, but we are asking our parishioners to look after them as this was an expensive donation.

They will be appearing in the next few weeks.

CAFOD GREEN BOX

Please be aware that if you are putting money into the **CAFOD GREEN BOX** it is **JUST** for CAFOD. If we are collecting for another J&P fund raising activity, we ask that you put any donation in an envelope with the name of the activity and give it to a welcomer, this will be passed onto Clare.

The **BLUE BOX** remains for Parish funds.

THE LEGACY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2nd May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org No booking necessary.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVITE YOU TO A TALK BY DR AUSTEN IVEREIGH (ON ZOOM):

HOPE FOR THE CHURCH IN A CHANGE OF ERA: THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS - Wednesday 6th May at 7pm.

We are delighted to be joined by Austen Ivereigh (British Catholic writer & journalist – known for his two biographies of Pope Francis). The talk is free of charge and ALL are welcome! For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk

THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE

will take place on 30th May 2026, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Clacton. List inviting parishioners to attend is on the Welcomer's Desk.

D SUMMER 2026

D-Summer is a weekend residential for young people in school years 7–13, taking place from **17th – 19th July 2026 at Buckden Towers (St Neots)**. This year's theme is **Courage** – an opportunity for young people to explore what it means to live boldly in their faith and grow as disciples of Jesus. The cost of the weekend is **£96**. In order to keep the cost as accessible as possible, most of the accommodation will be in shared dormitories. We see this as a really positive part of the experience, giving young people the chance to build friendships & enjoy community life. If interested, please go to [D-Summer July 2026 \(17-Jul-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put in your diary the date for the Parish Garden Party 2026.

Sunday 12th July

On this date we will need volunteers to run stalls, help set up and take down tables and chairs. We will also need prizes for the raffle. Thank you in advance for your support.

BAPTISM

After the 11.30am Mass on 19th April we will be baptising Caleb Adalakun. Please pray for Caleb and his family at this special time.

Many thanks to Judy, Mark & Peter who are members of the Parish Gardening Group who spent a few hours last week, sweeping up leaves and cutting back bushes.

EASTER LILIES

The cards for our Easter lilies are at the welcomer's desk. Please write your card for your deceased loved ones and place in the basket in front of the tabernacle. Any donations to cover the cost of the lilies will be gratefully received.



MISSIO RED BOXES

Thank you to everyone who donated either online or through their Red Boxes. We have received notification that our Parish raised £529.40 for 2025.

BCYS – LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A few last-minute places are still available for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) Lourdes pilgrimage this July, for anyone in school year 10+.

A powerful experience of faith, service, and community. Funding available. All information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl26

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th April

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Beauty Pangidzwa RIP (Clement and Family)

Sunday 19th April
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Ron Warren RIP (Warren Family)
afterwards the Baptism of Caleb Adalakun

Monday 20th April – NO MASS
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 21st April – Mass, Adoration & Benediction
6.30 pm – Santana D'Souza RIP, Anniversary (J. Vaz & Family)

Wednesday 22nd April – NO MASS

Thursday 23rd April – ST. GEORGE, M
MASS ONLY – NO ADORATION & BENEDICTION

9.15 am – Ron Warren RIP (Greene Family)

Friday 24th April – St. Mellitus, Bp
9.15 am – Helen Igberaese's Intentions (E. Solomon)

Saturday 25th April

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Gordon Igberaese's Intentions (E. Solomon)

Sunday 26th April
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Carmel Eldred RIP (M. Elliott))