

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th May
5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Lawrence Pulé RIP (M. Pulé & Family)

Sunday 10th May
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

9.30 am – **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GOING FORTH MASS** - People of the Parish especially our First Holy Communion Children

11.30 am – Jill McCarthy RIP., Anniv (P. & G. Moore)

Monday 11th May – NO MASS
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 12th May – St. John Houghton, Pr M
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Irene & John Wallace RIP (H. Jones)

Wednesday 13th May – St. Erconwald, Bp

9.15 am – John Sullivan RIP & Family & Anwara RIP (A. Pleasant)

VIGIL MASS OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8 pm – People of the Parish

Thursday 14th May – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
MASS, ADORATION & BENEDICTION (HOLY HOUR)

9.15 am – Erika Berentemfel's Intentions (A. Pleasant)

Friday 15th May

12.15 pm – **BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL MASS**

Saturday 16th May

5.30 pm – Rosary

Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Leonora Kilbane-Nickels RIP (A. Murgatroyd)

Sunday 17th May

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Angeliki Haji Panteli RIP (J. Talboys)
the Baptism of Lily Jarvis follows after the Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GOING FORTH MASS

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who last weekend celebrated the Eucharist for the first time with their families.

This weekend after the 9.30am Mass we invite our parishioners into the hall after celebrating the FHC Going Forth Mass. There will be a Cake (made by Derek) and refreshments, please join the children for this special occasion.

CONFIRMATION MASS

On Sunday 24th May (Pentecost) our Confirmation Candidates will be confirmed at the 9.30am Mass. Please come and support these candidates as they take the next step in their faith journey.

THE LADIES GROUP

The next meeting of the Ladies Group is on Wednesday 13th May at 10.00 in the Hall. This group is open to all ladies in the parish and we hope to continue to welcome new ladies to join the group. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month for a coffee and a chat. Contact Margaret on 01245 442067 for information or just turn up to a meeting.

100+ CLUB

Congratulations to Lorraine W. who won the May 100+ Club draw.

Her winning number was 23.

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 and timetables are on the Welcomer's Desk.

NEW ALTAR LINENS

We are in desperate need of new altar linens. If you are interested in helping to purchase these, please speak to Clare regarding costs.

MARANATHA

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 15 May 2026, led by Fr. Paschal Uche. The time is from 7 till 9pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us! Everyone is welcome.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday, the 1st of August 2026, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. More details, including information on coach transport, can be found on the poster and the website: <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>.

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](#)

PARISH GARDEN PARTY - SAVE THE DATE!

Our Parish Garden Party will take place on:

Sunday 19th July 2026

after the 11.30am Mass.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister and take Communion to the sick and housebound after the 9.30am Sunday Mass?

We are in need of more people to come forward and help our EM's who do a wonderful job taking communion to those who cannot come to mass. If you feel you are being called by our Lord to minister to these people, please speak to either Father Paul or Clare and they can tell you what is required.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Will next meet on Wednesday, 20th May at 9.45am following morning Mass.

"The world has more than enough to satisfy everybody's needs, but it does not have enough to satisfy everybody's greed." Ghandi

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

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

2nd & 3rd May 2026
Envelopes & Loose Plate - £ 417.00

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