

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd May

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
6 pm – Pearl Hoare RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 24th May

PENTECOST (A)

9.30 am – **CONFIRMATION MASS** - People of the Parish especially our Confirmation Candidates

11.30 am – Beauty Pangidzwa RIP (Clement & Family)

Monday 25th May - NO MASS

Tuesday 26th May - NO MASS

Wednesday 27th May - NO MASS

Thursday 28th May - NO MASS

Friday 29th May - NO MASS

Saturday 30th May

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
6 pm – Cathie Ingram RIP (M. & P. East)

Sunday 31st May

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)
(Day for Life)

9.30 am – People of the Parish
11.30 am – Geraldine Smyth RIP (Bourke Family)

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

16th & 17th May 2026

Envelopes & Loose Plate - £475.53
Second Collection – World Communications - £138.00

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 17th June 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

CONFIRMATION MASS

This 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. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards, a cake (made by Derek) and tea and coffee as well, please join the Confirmation candidates and their families in celebrating their special day.

WEBSITE

Please don't forget to visit our website, where we put everything from job vacancies, events whether in the Parish or further afield, and lots of other things. This is updated weekly.

THE CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (CCYA)

We are starting a new young adults group for Catholics aged from 18-35 years old. It is being started by three members of Blessed Sacrament parish and is due to start on **Friday 29th May at 7 till 8.30 pm in the church hall**.

There will be a mix of social evenings and sessions orientated towards growing in our faith, where all members can get to know each other better, grow in fellowship and community as well as nights for bible study, worship and other activities that allow us to further our knowledge and our understanding of our faith.

Each meeting will be every fortnight starting from the 29th May, we look forward to seeing you then. However, if you have any questions message Aaron on 07849257507.

ST PIUS JOB VACANCIES

Cleaner - 2 hrs per day (3:30-5:30pm /4:00-6:00pm) each afternoon
Teaching Assistant Apprentice -32.5 hrs per week Monday to Friday
Further details can be found on www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk

THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE

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

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 \(17-Jul-2026\) -](http://D-Summer July 2026 (17-Jul-2026) -)

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.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVITE YOU TO A TALK BY DAVID NEUHAUS SJ (JERUSALEM): MUST WE STILL HOPE?

Wednesday 3rd June at **6pm** (on ZOOM from Jerusalem) We are deeply grateful to David Neuhaus SJ for agreeing to share his reflections on the topic of 'hope' in the midst of the Israel/Gaza conflict. In his talk, *'Must We Still Hope?'*, he will confront the difficult question of whether it is right to continue hoping in the face of the suffering in Gaza — and whether there are moments when despair seems inevitable.

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.

BCCS LUNCHEON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you to a wonderful charity two-course luncheon at the beautiful Grade II listed Georgian house, The Lawn in Rochford. Friday June 19th - 13:00-15:30 - Tickets are £38.50 per person. To book - <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/>