



Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Cracknell (Ord.)

The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford.

Telephone: 01245 354256 Email: chelmsfordbs@brcdt.org

Website: www.blessedsacramentchelmsford.net

Ordinariate Website: www.ordinariate.org.uk



PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE HALL EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR – THIS IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

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 July 2026
Loose Plate & Envelopes – £536.23
Second Collection – Stella Maris - £226.67

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship will take place at **7pm on Wednesday 12th August 2026.**

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will take place **after the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 19th August 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

WHY YOUTH MINISTRY?

On Wednesday, 7th October, Chelmsford Knights of St. Columba will be presenting their Annual Lecture on the topic “Why Youth Ministry?”. The speaker will be Fr. Michael Barwick, one of the Diocese of Brentwood’s most experienced ministers to young people.

Fr. Michael will be talking about Christian Youth Work, how it is undertaken and what it aims to achieve. His talk will interest anyone working with young people, volunteers or professionals, in schools, parishes or youth services, but also anyone involved with Religious Education or pastoral care. However, anyone with an interest in the future of the Church’s young generation will learn a great deal from Fr. Michael’s talk.

The talk will be at St. Augustine’s Church, Springfield (CM1 6GQ) at 8pm on Wednesday, 7th October. There is ample parking at the church.

CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (CCYA)

Dates for your diary – the CCYA will be taking place every two weeks on a Friday in our hall from 7pm till 8.30pm. The next two dates are:

24th July and 7th August

Anyone aged between 18 and 35 are warmly welcomed.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day with Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29th July to 31st July at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium

A poster is on our website with information regarding talks, etc for each day.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Our Parish Garden Party will take place this weekend:

Sunday 19th July 2026

after the 11.30am Mass.

This year we will have our usual Garden Party Raffle, £2 per ticket. We will also be running a Bingo session again £2 per ticket (prizes for a line and a full house). You can purchase tickets both before the event as well as at the Garden Party. If you can’t attend the Garden Party and wish to make a donation, please speak to Clare.

Please don’t forget we need volunteers to help set up gazebos, tables and chairs. Many hands make light work!

CYRIL SELVON RIP

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Cyril Selvon.

Please pray for the repose of his soul and pray also for Lisby, Paschal, Linda, Faye, Francesca and all the Selvon family.

CANONESSES INVITATION – MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS SESSIONS

This last week the Vatican published *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, which speaks directly to one of the most urgent questions of our time: What does it mean to remain fully human in the age of artificial intelligence? With moral clarity and pastoral depth, the first American pope offers a compelling Christian response to the rise of digital technocracy and power, showing how faith, reason, and the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching can guide society through rapid technological change. The depth and breadth of the encyclical is relevant to everyone and not only Catholics! It is divided into 5 chapters and we are holding 5 evenings to reflect on its contents chapter by chapter. We invite you to join us for some or all of the sessions which will be at 7pm on Tuesday evenings as follows: 28th July; 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August. Please let us know if you intend to join us. Venue: 43 Anderson Avenue.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th July

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Jim Davis RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 19th July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.30 am – Desmond O’Brien RIP (I. Zeller)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

**Monday 20th July – NO MASS
Father’s & Clare’s Day Off**

Tuesday 21st July – Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Fr. David Prior RIP & the Intentions of Kate & Family
(Fr. Paul, Clare & Family)

Wednesday 22nd July – ST. MARY MAGDALENE (Feast)

9.15 am – Anna Yakavenka RIP (E. Solomon)

Thursday 23rd July – ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel (E. Feast)
Mass, Adoration & Benediction (HOLY HOUR)

9.15 am – Dr. Edmund Patrick Solomon RIP (E. Solomon)

Friday 24th July – NO MASS

Saturday 25th July

5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Mrs T. Scanes’ Private Intentions (M. & P. East)

Sunday 26th July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.30 am – Peter Clark RIP (Marian & Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish
Followed by the Baptism of Kayla Chinwuba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers to join our Finance Committee. An accountancy qualification would be an advantage but not a requirement.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are also looking for parishioners to join our Social Committee. All that is required is enthusiasm and good ideas!

For either committee, please speak to Clare or email the office.

FINANCE UPDATE

Thank you to all those who sent in questions and attended the Finance Update meeting last Sunday.

Personally, I would like to thank Mark, Simon, Joanna, Rory and Jack for all their hard work not only for the Finance Update but over the past few years helping me to navigate through Finance, Health and Safety and also Grants that we’ve had to deal with.

My final thanks goes to Gosia, who has taken up the Finances of our Parish. She has done an outstanding job.

THANK YOU

to Mark, Peter & Steve for their final ‘push’ to cut back foliage in the Parish garden in preparation for our Garden Party.