

IMPORTANT NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
VALUABLES (HANDBAGS OR
MOBILE PHONES) WHEN YOU GO
UP TO THE ALTAR FOR
COMMUNION.

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
12th & 13th September 2026
Loose Plate & Envelopes – £498.09
Second Collection – Catholic Education Service - £165.03

DIVINE MERCY
Divine Mercy will take place **after the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 21st October 2026.**
Please use the FRONT 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

ST. JOHN PAYNE OPEN EVENING will take place on Thursday 1st October from 5.30pm until 8pm. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students and their families to visit the school, meet staff and students and learn more about the educational and spiritual life of St. John Payne’s school community. Please see our website for the poster or just turn up on 1st October.

GARDENING GROUP
We thank Judy, Mark & Steve for their hard work in tidying the Church gardens on Wednesday.

If you are interested in joining the gardening Group, please speak to Clare.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SESSION
The next sessions will take place on **Saturday 3rd and Wednesday 7th October** in the hall – these sessions will start at 10am. All sessions are free, however, donations are grateful received for refreshments.

PADRE PIO
On the Feast Day of Padre Pio, 23rd September at 2 pm. _Saint Augustine's will host an afternoon dedicated to this Saint. We will celebrate Mass at 2 pm, then watch a film of his life, have a short talk/discussion and also spiritual input from Fr Barto, followed by tea/coffee/ biscuits.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Any queries please contact Karin at karinseeman2@gmail.com.

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:

2nd & 16th October

Anyone aged between 18 and 35 are warmly welcomed.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Cracknell (Ord.)
The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford.
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Ordinariate Website: www.ordinariate.org.uk

FRANCIS OGU RIP
It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Francis Ogu. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Please also pray for Justina and his family at this very sad time. Funeral details to follow.

100+ CLUB
We are going to restart the 2026/2027 100+ Club next month. Please take a leaflet and return it with your payment before **18th October**. This is a big Parish fundraiser – please buy as many tickets as you can. Thank you for your support.

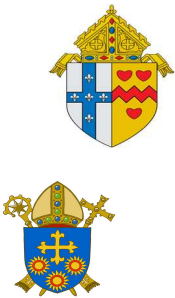
SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS
We were lucky enough last Sunday at our refreshments to have homemade cakes baked and served by young members of our Parish. Thank you to those who baked and served these delicious treats - here’s to many more!

ST MARGARET’S, CANNING TOWN 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
On behalf of Msgr John Armitage, the parish of St Margaret’s Canning Town, wishes to invite any former parishioners to the 150th Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in the grounds of St Helens School, Falcon Street, E13 entrance, on Saturday 26th September mass begins at 12 noon. Seating is limited so if you would like to sit, we would advise bring a chair.

THE CALL TO BE HUMAN: *an introduction to Catholic morality.* Four talks to be given by Fr Martin Boland, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. For more information go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com
All welcome.

CATHOLIC TEACHING IN THE WORLD OF AI
Pope Leo has recently published *Magnifica Humanitas*, an encyclical letter on ‘safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence’.

The Holy Father writes: ‘In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.’ Fr. Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.



SECOND COLLECTION
This week the Parish Second collection is Evangelii Gaudium. A few years ago, this day was re-named *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* after Pope Francis’s Apostolic Exhortation the ‘Joy of the Gospel’. It is the name given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a second collection.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA ANNUAL LECTURE
Due to commitments in his new parish, Fr. Michael Barwick will no longer be able to deliver the KSC Annual Lecture. Instead, it will be delivered by Claire Bailey, Director of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, still on the topic "Why Youth Ministry", at St. Augustine's after 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday, October 7th. Claire has been Director of BCYS for five years and built up extensive experience in ministry to young people. Any questions, contact: thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk.

KNIGHT’S WALKING QUIZ
KSC are organising their annual Walking Quiz on Sunday, 27th September. This year, we will be solving clues on Ingatestone High Street, meeting at the Community Centre Car Park at 3pm. It will be about 2 hours, and all about observation on the route, not knowledge of Ingatestone. No charge, suitable for children. All welcome; for further information, contact thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th September
5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
6 pm – Leslie Moore RIP (M. & P. East)

Sunday 20th September
(Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
9.30 am – Angela Fitzpatrick RIP (I. Zeller)
11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 21st September – NO MASS
Father’s & Clare’s Day Off

Tuesday 22nd September – Mass, Adoration & Benediction
6.30 pm – Stanley Ridley RIP (L. & P. Whittington)

Wednesday 23rd September – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Pr.
9.15 am – Emeka Ogu (J. Ogu)

Thursday 24th September – OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (Feast)
Mass, Adoration & Benediction (HOLY HOUR)
9.15 am – Pilgrims of Hope (A. Smith)

Friday 25th September
9.15 am – Stanley Ridley RIP (Greene Family)

Saturday 26th September
5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday
6 pm – Mary Clegg RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 27th September
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
9.30 am – People of the Parish
11.30 am –Anthony Barnett RIP, Thérèse Govinden RIP, Cyril Selvon RIP & all their dearly departed family members (Lisby, Linda and Family)