Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES UNATTENDED WHEN YOU GO UP TO THE ALTAR FOR COMMUNION.

OUR QR CODE

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

21st & 22nd November 2026
Loose Plate & Envelopes – £322.23
Second Collection – Youth Sunday - £178.94

DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will take place **at 9.45am on Wednesday 16th December. 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

OUR NEW HALL TOILET GRANT FUNDERS

AG THE ALBERT GUBAY

Chelmsford City Council

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Father Paul will be reflecting on Advent with the writings of Blessed Fulton Sheen on **4th December after morning mass** and before Advent Lunch, also 11th & 17th December after morning mass followed by coffee in the hall.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE
(Thursday 24th December)
6pm - Mass with Nativity Story.
10pm – 'Bethlehem Midnight' Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY
(Friday 25th)
10am – Mass.



ST STEPHEN'S
(Saturday 26th)
10am Mass for St. Stephen
6pm – Vigil Mass for The Holy Family

SUNDAY 27th
THE HOLY FAMILY
Masses are as normal at 9.30am and 11.30am.

Now our new Hall Toilets have been refurbished we are having a clean-up of the Hall. All welcome to help on Tuesday 1st December at 10am. Refreshments available.

THE J&P ADVENT LUNCH

The J&P Group are holding their annual Advent Lunch on **Friday, December 4th** from 12 noon-2 pm in the parish hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to come along and spend time together as we enjoy the festive spread. We are raising money for two very good causes - The sister order of our own Canonesses, the Sisters of the Resurrection, helping the Ebola sufferers, and the homeless of our own country, supporting the two homeless charities in our city - Chess and Sanctus. Please come along we'd love to welcome you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

are on sale. Don't forget to add your name, phone number and your money to the envelope. Please purchase as many raffle tickets as you can and take home envelopes to give to family and friends so that they too can buy tickets. Each ticket costs £5. This is our **MAJOR** fundraising opportunity. Please return envelopes to the welcomer's desk.

SUPPORT CALLUM'S 2027 LONDON MARATHON IN MEMORY OF HIS DAD – RAISING FUNDS FOR THE STROKE ASSOCIATION

Our grandson, Callum, will run the London Marathon in 2027 in memory of his dad, our son Gerard, who sadly passed away on 1st December 2016 following a brain stem stroke. He is raising money for the Stroke Association to support others affected by stroke — a cause close to our family's heart. We would be grateful for any donation you can make to support Callum's fundraising. Every contribution, large or small, will help. Please donate through Callum's fundraising page: **https://events.stroke.org.uk/fundraisers/callumdonachie/london-marathon-2027-charity**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Ann & John Donachie.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE – URGENT APPEAL

Volunteer driver(s) willing to give regular lift on Mondays to two elderly ladies who attend our 'Wisdom Club' at Langton Hall, Langton Ave (Melbourne, Chelmsford). We are looking for two volunteers to collect the ladies at around 9.30am and take them home at 11.45. Drivers would need their own appropriate insurance cover. If you can help with this, please contact Sister Moira on **07443-643254**.

CALLING ALL HOME BAKERS

The Hall Social Committee are asking our Parishioners to make cakes for Sunday 13th December. This appeal is to help replace the Church Hall chairs with new folding/stacking chairs. Please speak to any member of the Hall Social Committee or Clare for further details. Poster is on our website.

MARGO ZILLIG RIP

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Margo Zillig, a former teacher at St. Pius X primary school. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family in your prayers. Funeral will be at OLI Church, 21st December at 11am.

ADVENT REFLECTION

Led by the Canonesses and their Community on Friday 18th December in the Church at 7pm, followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome.

100+ CLUB

Congratulations to the winner of our first new draw (November) who was Mary E. The winning number was 10.
The next draw will take place on the weekend of 5th/6th December.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HOPE

God of Light,
we wait for you.
Let this first candle
remind us that
You are coming
and that you have not
forgotten anyone.

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual Carol Service with carols and readings will take place on Sunday 20th December at 7pm. There will be refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

The Christmas Raffle draw will take place after the Carol Service.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Is Christmas your favourite time of the year? What do you know about Christmas traditions? Come and find out what you really know and venture along to our Parish Christmas Themed Quiz night on Saturday 19th December starting at 7.30pm in the hall.

This evening promises to be filled with fun and laughter. Make up a family and friends' team of 6 to 8 or come on your own and you will be teamed up with others. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets cost £7 each, (children free) which includes a mince pie and glass of mulled wine (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and are available from the welcomers table or ring Jenny on 07904 903800 for more information and to reserve your table.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th November
5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday – **ADVENT VIGIL**

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

Sunday 29th November

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

9.30 am – Gerard Donachie RIP, 10th Anniversary (A. & J. Donachie)

11.30 am – People of the Parish

Monday 30th November – NO MASS
Father's & Clare's Day Off

Tuesday 1st December – DIVINE WORSHIP MASS
Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Ints of Matthew Torrice & Emma Caldwell (C. Torrice)

Wednesday 2nd December

9.15 am – Nora & Eddie Heaslip RIP (Foundation)

Thursday 3rd December – NO MASS OR HOLY HOUR
11.30 am – Episcopal Installation of Bishop Timothy Menezes at Brentwood Cathedral (livestreamed)
https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop-timothy

Friday 4th December

9.15 am – Ciaran Fitzgerald RIP (P. & M. Akhurst)
followed by Advent Reflection

Saturday 5th December
5.30 pm – Rosary
Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – David Moore RIP (M. & P. East)

Sunday 6th December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Casmiro Barbosa RIP (Family)