

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)

Saturday 22nd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.30pm	Alex Fialho (R.I.P)
Sunday 23rd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Sayers Connolly & McMahon Families
Monday 24 th November – St Andrew Dūng -Lac	9:00am	Brian Popkin (R.I.P)
Tuesday 25 th November – Feria	9:00am	Urmis (R.I.P)
Wednesday 26 th November – Feria	9:00am	Charlotte Green
Thursday 27 th November – Feria	9:00am	Fr Noel Doyle (R.I.P)
Friday 28 th November – Feria	9:00am	Anthony Raj (R.I.P)
Saturday 29 th November – Feria	9:00am	Gavin & Ann Turner (Special Int)

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 29th November – First Sunday of Advent	6:30pm	Patrick Waters (R.I.P)
Sunday 30th November – First Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Reflection for the Week:

We live in a world that is constantly searching – looking for information, for connection, for meaning. Yet the deepest questions of life cannot truly be answered by a search engine. Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose? These aren't questions of data but of the heart. And the Bible reminds us that the one who holds the answers is God himself. God speaks this promise, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart". Jesus assures us that those who seek will find. Unlike an internet search, which can return countless results of varying accuracy, the search for God leads us directly to truth. In Him we discover love, forgiveness, guidance, and purpose.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)

22nd & 23rd November 2025

Dear friends,

Today we are celebrating a feast to honour our Lord Jesus Christ, King and centre of all hearts. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and of his Kingdom there will be no end. Meantime we subject ourselves to his rule and help to build his kingdom here on earth, that is what we are doing now, we should do this collectively, as members of the Church and also individually. Christ wants us to be messengers of his love to others but especially to the poor and the needy. What kind of messenger am I?

Prayer:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Saviour who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This weekend is also **World Youth Sunday**, and it is an international initiative celebrating young people in the Church. On this Sunday a young person will speak to us on behalf of the BCYS and share with us about their work and incredible opportunities for young people across our Diocese. The second collect will be taken up to support this work.

God Bless
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Teresa Morris, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

15th & 16th November 2025

Loose

£559.02

Envelopes

£419.06

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 13th of December at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:

The next session will be the sacrament of reconciliation for the Children and for the parents as well, on Saturday the 6th of December at 11am. There will be a number of visiting Priest helping us. We also continue the sessions every Sunday for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools at 10:10am to 10:45am just before 11am Mass.

Christmas Bazaar:

Next Saturday the 29th of November 12pm – 3pm. The success of any Bazaar is holily dependent on the generosity of the whole parish community. We would like to appeal to the parish for various gift items for the Bazaar this year. A Bazaar is not a Jumble Sale, so we do ask for new or nearly new items please. One of the most successful stalls is the 'Bottle Stall'. Toiletries are always popular. Children's toys & cuddly toys, which are in good conditions.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):

Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly session every Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Holy Hour:

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Job Vacancy:

- **Walsingham House Team 26/27:** applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org. Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.
- **Headteacher – St Peter's Primary School, Romford**
Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 6th January 2026

Catechists & Readers Day:

There will be a meeting for all Catechists & readers on the 13th of December beginning with Mass at 9am and finishing with lunch at 2pm. All people who are involved as Catechists in the sacramental life of the Parish are invited to attend for support and for training in this very important work for passing on the faith. Readers also have a great responsibility of proclaiming the word of God and support will be giving to you as well.

Dates for the Dairy:

- **Christmas Parish Bazaar** – Saturday 29th of November 12pm – 3pm
- **School Parish Mass** – Saturday 29th of November 6:30pm
- **Carol Concert** – Sunday 7th of December 5:45pm
- **Day for Readers and Catechist** – Saturday 13th of December 9am – 2pm (*Lunch*)
- **Church Carol Service** – Sunday 14th of December 5:30pm

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese. There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more! Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. **Next date: Thursday 4th December.**

Thank you:

Canon Maurice had a letter from Brother John Deeney, thanking all of you for your generous response to the recent Mission Appeal Collection. The Sum of £373.10 was collected to help them in their work. They are currently assisting the development of the Catholic Junior School in Kenya where solid buildings are required. The local communities and the children are very appreciative of the new facilities which will serve them for many years to come.

Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

ADVENT TALK ON THE PROPHETS

Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving a short talk at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd December at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The topic is the Prophets. You may attend in person free of charge or watch livestream at www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be available subsequently on the same website.