

MASS INTENTIONS
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Saturday 14th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Thomas & Kathleen O’Dea (45 th Wed anni)
Sunday 15th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Tony Pears (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Thanksgiving
Monday 16th March – Monday of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	The Cook Family Peace
Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick	9:00am	Paddy & Michael (R.I.P)
Wednesday 18th March – Wednesday of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Bernie Fennessy (Int)
Thursday 19th March – St Joseph	9:00am	Prayer for Families
Friday 20th March – Friday of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Prayer for Families
Saturday 21st March – Saturday of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Greta Shanahan (Birthday Int)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Saturday 21st March – Fifth Sunday of Lent	6:30pm	James Sanguine (R.I.P)
Sunday 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Cordelia Onodu
	11:00am	Catherine Friel (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week:

Our lives are sometimes similar to that of the blind man who opened himself to the light, who opened himself to God, who opened himself to his grace. Today, we are invited to open ourselves to the light of Christ in order to bear fruit in our lives, to eliminate unchristian behaviours; we are all Christians but we all, everyone sometimes has unchristian behaviours, behaviours that are sins. We must repent of this, eliminate these behaviours in order to journey well along the way of holiness, which has its origin in baptism. We, too, have been ‘enlightened’ by Christ in baptism, so that, as St Paul reminds us, we may act as ‘children of light’, with humility, patience and mercy.



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14th & 15th March 2026

Dear Friends,

As we approach the half-way mark in our Lenten season it is a time to review Lenten resolutions and to ask if our lives are joyful responses to God’s love. Is his love finding expression in the way we live? What are we doing to bring the love of God into the lives of our families? Lent is a call to step out of the ways of darkness into the light of Christ’s love.

Today is Mother’s Day. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all Mums, past and present. Thank you all for being you. May Mary, our Heavenly mother, be with you all.

Prayer For All Mothers:

Lord, through our mothers we have received from you the wonderful gift of life. May all mothers be blessed for their special place in your plan of salvation. We thank you for the gift of our mothers. Be good to them Lord, and grant them the grace of your eternal love. Amen

God Bless
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, 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, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, 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:

7th & 8th March 2026

Loose

£875.66

Envelopes

£439.95

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11th of April 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 take place on Thursday the 26th of March 2026 at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish Hall and Parents in the Church. We also continue the sessions every Sunday for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools at 10.10am to 10.45am,

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for confirmation programme will be on Saturday the 28th of March.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings are open at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

Holy Hour:

Please note Holy Hour continues every Sunday 6 -7pm.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2026, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 7th May** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on Friday the 10th of April at 6:30pm – 8pm.

Assisted Suicide:

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on **Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm** (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time. The full letter is on display at the back of the Church.

This week on the 18th of March there is a voting at the House of Lords regarding Abortion up to birth. We ask you to take action by going to the link below and emailing a bishop asking to turn up and vote against this Bill. [Ask bishops in the House of Lords to oppose abortion up to birth](#). Thank you for your support on this important matter.

St John Bosco Children's Camp:

If you are in school year 12 or students age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at www.boscocamp.co.uk. The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during camp. The camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. **Volunteer for 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August**. The camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

Dates For Your Dairy:

- **Easter Tridium** – 2nd – 5th of April
- **Holy Communion Families Visit to Aylesford** – 18th April

Stations of the Cross:

There will be Stations of the Cross this Friday the 20th of March at St Albans Church at 7:30pm.

Series Of Four Lenten Lectures 2026:

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm. The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?"

This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

- **Talk 4: Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm.** Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society.

Holy Week and Easter 2026 Training for Altar Servers:

There will be training for all altar servers on Thursday the 2nd of April from 10am – 11:30am. Please make every effort to attend this training.

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 share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (currently yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website: [Be On Team - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service](#) or email: michaelkearns@brcdt.org.