

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Confessions: 5.15pm on Saturday.



Saturday 26th September/ Sunday 27th September 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Dear parishioners,

This week Jesus reminds us that it is never too late to turn towards God and begin again. What matters is not simply what we say, but how we respond to God's love through our lives.

We all have moments when we hesitate, fall short, or say "no" to God's invitation. Yet the Lord is patient and merciful, always giving us the grace to change our hearts and follow Him.

This week we had the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for 15 of our young people. Bishop Alan spoke about the importance of using our God given gifts and having the ability to listen to the Lord. In this week ahead let's find a moment of stillness to hear the voice of God and notice the wonderful gifts He has given us. Please do pray for our young people and those young people reading this, watch this space for more information about an opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer...

May God bless you always.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Michael

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West, Betty Sheehan, Sharon Jennings, Jean Carroll, Mary Maher, Nastassja Williamson, Peter Leech, Peter Milden, Eric Coyle and Fr Bill.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Nutton, Edward Clarke, David Whiteman, Ann Moran, Veronica Bloomfield, Annabella Rowling, Michael Arenal, John Michael Baker, Margaret Closs, Ethel Siebert, Helen Williamson, Ann Connors, Bartholomew Mullane, Georgette Hull, Tom McGuile, Winifred Rolfe, June Barrett, Rose Clarke, Sally Norman, Andrew Burford and Bert Mullane.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection for “**Harvest Fast Day**” (CAFOD). Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord’s love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Gift Aider’s, please use your second collection envelopes.

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 7.00PM—CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

Those who’ve been in the parish for some time will remember fondly the annual Christmas Bazaar at the Institute. This was an important social time for our parish and raised a significant amount of money to help keep our community in the black each year! We would like to restart this tradition this year with a Christmas fair in the Jubilee Hall and are looking for volunteers to join the team making the preparations. Whether you’d like to help in the planning, run a stall or join the team of Santa’s in the Grotto we’d love to talk to you! There will be a meeting for everyone who might like to get involved in the Jubilee Hall on **Thursday the 8th of October at 7pm**, please come along if you’d like to find out more!

MASS ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER:

Mass will be at St Francis Primary School on Wednesday 30th September At 9.30am.

EVERY FRIDAY: Join us with your intentions every Friday, for Holy Face of Jesus Chaplet at 2.10pm, followed by Mother Mary's Rosary at 2.30pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm.

All are welcome.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST:

The SVP will be hosting a Fairtrade Breakfast in the Jubilee Hall.

Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children and family tickets £12.

Tickets will be available after mass and on the door .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: The forms to apply to join the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are now available at the back of Church. Please complete the form and post it through the presbytery door or give to Clare in the office. You can also email it to: **braintree@brcdt.org**

CONFIRMATIONS 2027

There will be a meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm for anyone year 10 and above who wish to make their Confirmation next year. This meeting is for both the candidate and their parent/parents.

FOUNDATION DAY TALK - CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

The Community invite you to their Foundation Day Talk on Friday 9th October at 2pm. Venue: 74, HOWE CLOSE, COLCHESTER CO4 3XD. Speaker: Dr Cormac Begadon. The talk is entitled: '**Between Faith and Fortune - The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, Atlantic World and the Paradox of Religious Benefaction in the 18th century**'. For more information and to book your place: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/foundation-day-2026/>

VACANCY AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE FOR A MANAGER:

Vacancy: To ensure the smooth and efficient running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, as an inspiring, faith-filled retreat house welcoming over 5,000 young people each year. Specific responsibilities include leading retreats, and leading and training the volunteer community. The post holder also has overall responsibility for Safeguarding and (together with the Site Manager) Health and Safety.

Location- Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with travel to retreat locations and BCYS events, as needed.

Hours- 35 hours per week- including significant evening and weekend work

Salary- £30 - 32K depending on prior experience (ideally this is a "live in" role, with a one bedroom flat provided, however it is not essential).

Contract: 3-year fixed term contract

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 26th September Sunday 27th September	6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Fran Wetton RIP, Gavin Leech RIP and Stella McKenna RIP (Clare and Jacqui) Raymond McNulty RIP (A) (McNulty) Ints Pina Santomouro (B'day) (Theresa Rowntree)
Monday 28th September	No Mass	
Tuesday 29th September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service Rosary at 10.00am	
Wednesday 30th September St Jerome, Pr, D	9.30am Mass at St Francis School	Haydn Bates RIP (Bates)
Thursday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus, V, D (Lisieux)	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Int's Mr O'Mann, Family, Friends And Neighbours
Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Anita Paul RIP (Bill)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 3rd October Sunday 4th October	Confessions 5.15pm 6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Jane and John Drugan RIP (The Digby Family) Beatrice Egboh RIP (A) (The Egboh Family) Andrew Burford RIP (A) (Mary Burford)