

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 9th December/ Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

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CANDLE OF *Peace*



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am. **There will be no Confessions or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 9th December.**

CHILDREN'S SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE - 2.00PM: Just a reminder for all the children to start thinking about making a birthday card for baby Jesus.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

100 CLUB - WINNERS: Congratulations to this month's winners!
First Prize (£200): Ron Sewell
Second Prize (£50): Frank Gibney
For £5 per month you have the chance to win £200. Money that isn't paid out as prizes, goes towards the church funds. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the 100 Club; please contact Clare on: 01376 326779.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)
Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school years 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Saturday 6th January 2024

A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

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

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Eileen Brooks, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, Olive Norman, Hazel Smith, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Sheryl Tully, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Michael Woulfe, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco and Mary Maher.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Lane, Jim Hailstone, Debbie Joan Gibson, Mark Higgins, Pauline Cox, Herbert Shelock, Barry Brown, Michael Swan, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Patrick Corcoran, Patrick O'Sullivan, Ena King, Licia Bryant, Evaristas Lucas, Margaret Doyle, William O'Grady, Mildred Brown and Nora Carroll.
May they rest in peace.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SVP: Thank you for your generous donations of filled shoeboxes for the asylum seekers at Wethersfield. We were able to pass on around 60 filled boxes.

FINAL RED BOX COLLECTION OF 2023

The final Missio Red Box Collection of 2023 is now underway. If you have been collecting in your Red Box could I please ask you to empty the contents into a brown envelope that you will find at the back of the Church. Please remember to fill in your details on the front of the envelope so I can acknowledge your contribution. Envelopes may be left at the presbytery with Clare.

If you have not been using a Red Box but you would like to help the Missions at this Christmas time, you can put a donation in a brown envelope and leave it at the presbytery or send a donation directly to Missio. You can find details of how to do this on the notice board at the back of the church.

I am always very appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners in helping Missio. In the current economic climate it is heartwarming to know that we still think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

I have to bank any monies collected by the 15th December so I should be grateful if all envelopes could be left at the presbytery by Monday 11th December.

A sincere thank you for your continuing support of Missio.

Pauline Smith (Parish Missio secretary)

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th December	6.00pm	Rosa Ruggiero and Pasquale Gallo RIP (Pina Santomoura)
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	9.00am	Fr Tony McKentey RIP (A) (Doleman)
Sunday 10th December	11.00am	Valerie Shelford RIP (Read)
Monday 11th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th December	9.30am	Bertie Shelock RIP (A) (Shelock)
Wednesday 13th December St Lucy, V, M	9.30am	Ronnie Olliffe RIP (Olliffe Family)
St Francis Schoolchildren (Juniors)	2.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 14th December St John of the Cross, Pr, D	9.30am	Patrick Folar RIP (A) (Hannah) & Patrick McDermott RIP (Mark & Anne)
Friday 15th December Funeral Mass	11.00am	Brenda Mary Sewell RIP
Saturday 16th December	6.00pm	Gwen Lindeman RIP (A) (Milden)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) ("Gaudete" Sunday)	9.00am	Mary Christodoulou RIP (Doleman)
Sunday 17th December	11.00am	Ints Mary Kate Lennon (Bernadette)