

# **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

## **Parish News**

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**Saturday 23rd December/ Sunday 24th December 2023**

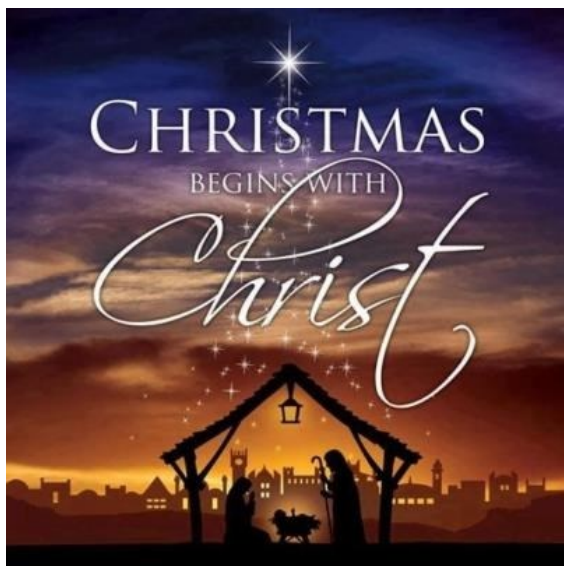
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**(Expectant Mothers)**

**&**

**Saturday 30th December/ Sunday 31st December 2023**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



**The Parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Clare will be back in the office on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.**

**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 Exposition or Confessions on Saturday 30th December.**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD (CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY):** This is your personal gift to Fr David. Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelope.

**GRAND DRAW TOTAL:** The total raised is **£2,063.50.**

Thank you for all your generosity and support.



### **Christmas 2023 & New Year 2024**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 6.00pm Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 9.00am Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
11.00am Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

2.00pm Children's Christmas Service

6.00pm First Mass of Christmas  
10.00pm Mass of Christmas Night

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Mass of Christmas Morning  
11.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Stephen  
And in Thanksgiving for our Parish Altar Servers  
and their families

***Wednesday to Saturday mornings: Masses to be announced***

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 9.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family  
11.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God

**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, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco and Mary Maher.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Louis Dawson, Mieczyslaw Dzierza, Walter Petchy, Mary Boulton, Eleanor Firmen, Irene Fitzsimmons, Janet Williamson, Doris Abrams, Anne Warwick, Jim Ryan, Annie Geraghty, Nicola Berriman, Czeslaw Olechnowicz, Rita Warren, John O'Sullivan, Yadollah Jahanfar, Mary Yeulett, Eileen Buchanan, Isabella Ray, Anne McAuliffe, Marie Goodwin, Joseph Hill, Veronica Lynch, Kathleen Doran, Constance Minett, James Cattigan, Margaret Tozer, Erna Seneker, Stephanie McLaughlin, John Rogers, George Harris, Rosemary Culligan and Giovanni Castellazzi.

**May they rest in peace.**

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** The Diocesan directories are now at the back of Church. Please put the money in the box on the wall behind the directories. Thank you.

**PARISH DIARIES:** Unfortunately, the company who supplied us with the Parish Diaries is no longer trading. These were provided free of charge and we have not been able to find an alternative supplier.

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Woulfe who died recently. Please remember Michael's family and friends at this sad time. **May he rest in peace.**

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lee Revill, son of Pat Dedman who died recently. Remember his family and friends at this difficult time. **May he rest in peace.**

Dear Father and all,  
We want to wish all of you a very happy Christmas.  
We don't forget you all after all our years there.  
Thank you to whoever is responsible for having Mass celebrated there for us.  
I read the Newsletter faithfully so keep updated.  
We are as well as can be expected at our age but nothing major thank God.  
Love and prayers from us all.  
Sr. Anna Mary

**40 YRS OF WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAMS:** 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the new year.

**Assistant Headteacher Vacancy** - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope. For more information see [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)  
**Application Deadline - 14<sup>th</sup> January 12pm.**  
We look forward to hearing from you.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Don't forget to look in the box at the back of Church to see if there are any cards for you.

### **Choral Director – Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme**

The Diocese of Brentwood seeks to appoint an outstanding Choral Director to assist the Director of Music in the establishment and delivery of the Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme, and to continue the development of Sacred Music in the parishes of the Diocese, including the Cathedral. To deliver choral provision primarily in schools.

How to apply:

For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Andrew Wright, Director of Music: [music@brcdt.org](mailto:music@brcdt.org)

To apply for this post, applicants are asked to download and complete the Recruitment-Application-Form-March-2022 from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us> and send a supporting statement of no more than two A4 pages (font size 11 minimum) which outlines:

- Why you are a suitable candidate for the post;
- Which aspects of the job description particularly attract you to the post;

These documents should be returned by email to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

For more information please read: NSSP Choral Director Application Pack (002)

Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**SOME PICTURES FROM THE CHILDREN OF  
ST FRANCIS SCHOOL TO BRIGHTEN UP THE BACK OF  
OUR CHURCH.**



**CRIB OFFERINGS:** Once the crib is in the Church, donations can be placed into the box next to the crib. All offerings will be sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society to support the children and families who need their help. We would ask you to take a moment to pray for those children and families for whom Christmas may be a difficult time.



Merry  
CHRISTMAS

Saturday 23rd December	<b>6.00pm</b>	Jock Eric Kiddle RIP (Kiddle) & Ella & Bill Weston RIP (Weston)
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b> <b>(Expectant Mothers)</b> Sunday 24th December	<b>9.00am</b>	People of The Parish
<i>“Children’s Christmas Service”</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	Harry Rigdon & Kay Stephens RIP (Rigdon)
	<b>2.00pm</b>	
<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>First Mass of Christmas</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mark Digby RIP (Digby Family) & Anita Paul RIP (Bill)
<b>Mass of Christmas Night</b>	<b>10.00pm</b>	Mary Finola Corkery RIP (A) (Davina Dinan)
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Monday 25th December	<b>9.00am</b>	Alan Doleman RIP (Doleman)
<b>Mass of Christmas Morning</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Bridget Balbi, Michael Patrick Mahon and Anne Mahon RIP (McNulty)
<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b>		
Tuesday 26th December <b>ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints. Parish Altar Servers
Wednesday 27th December <b>ST JOHN, Ap, Evangelist</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
Thursday 28th December <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Mm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	

<p>Friday 29th December  <b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BP, M</b>  <b>Patron of the Pastoral Clergy</b>  <b>of England</b></p> <p>Saturday 30th December  <b>Sixth Day within the</b>  <b>Octave of Christmas</b></p> <p><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY</b>  <b>AND JOSEPH</b>  Sunday 31st December</p>	<p><b>TBA</b></p> <p><b>6.00pm</b></p> <p><b>9.00am</b></p> <p><b>11.00am</b></p>	<p>Toussain Villeneuve RIP  (Kiddle)  &amp;  Brenda Sewell RIP  (Bill)</p> <p>Ints. Iris and Chris Gower  (Wedding Anniversary)  (Mary, Hannah and Rita)</p> <p>Brenda Sewell RIP  (Digby)</p>
<p>Monday 1st January  <b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>  <b>(Octave of Christmas)</b></p>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<p>Tuesday 2nd January  <b>SS Basil the Great &amp;</b>  <b>Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dd</b></p>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<p>Wednesday 3rd January</p>	<b>9.30am</b>	Mary Christodoulou RIP (Bill)
<p>Thursday 4th January  <b>Feria of Christmastide</b></p>	<b>9.30am</b>	Thomas Savage RIP (A) (Bill)
<p>Friday 5th January</p>	<b>9.30am</b>	Jeannette Aboujahoudi RIP (Kiddle)
<p>Saturday 6th January</p>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Stephanie McLaughlin RIP (A) (Mc Laughlin) & Gavin Leech RIP (A) (Jacqui)
<p>Sunday 7th January  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>  <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am</b></p> <p><b>11.00am</b></p>	<p>Ints. Sylvie (Alpha)</p> <p>Mary and Vincent Monaghan RIP  (Digby Family)</p>