

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 30th August/ Sunday 31st August 2025

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

In the coming Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus notices how people choose the best seats at a banquet, and he tells them a parable about taking the lowest place. At first it sounds like good advice for avoiding embarrassment, but it is really much deeper. Jesus is teaching us about humility before God. In our world, we are often encouraged to promote ourselves, to seek recognition, or to make sure we are noticed. Yet in the kingdom of God, the true measure of greatness is not pride but humility, not pushing ourselves forward but allowing God to raise us up in his time.

Then Jesus goes further. He says, “When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” In other words, don’t only welcome those who can repay you or make you look good. God’s love is generous, overflowing, and given freely, and that is the pattern he sets before us. Real hospitality means making space for those who are overlooked.

These two lessons, humility and hospitality, really belong together. Both show us the heart of Jesus himself. He took the lowest place, humbling himself even to the cross. He welcomes us not because we can repay him, but simply because he loves us. We must remember that every time we come to the Eucharist, we are guests at his table, receiving a gift that we could never earn.

Dcn Jamie

SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Sharon Jenner, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Ursula Kirk, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Dermot Maher, Keith Flynn, Peter Leech, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Clare Smith, Sue Kelly, Toni and Steve Brady and family.

ANNIVERSARIES: Molly Ryan, Les Yeulett, Mr Fradgely, Mary Kelly, Mario Falarano, Gerard Doyle, Margaret Turner and Christina Bradford
May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament normally take place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR 2026: Application forms are now available on the Parish Facebook page (Our Lady Queen of Peace Braintree) and at the back of the church.

The programme will consist of monthly sessions on a Saturday 4-5pm for the children and 3 evening meetings for the parents. Sessions will commence in October and run through to June 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised then please enrol them in the programme by submitting the application form to the parish office by the **5th of October at the latest**. We're sorry but we will not be in a position to accept late applications. Workbooks will be provided for your child at a cost of £20. The initial introductory meeting for parents will be on the 21st October at 7.30 pm in the Church.

We look forward to meeting you all then. The FHC team.

CONFIRMATION FOR 2026: There will be a meeting in The Jubilee Hall on the 25th of September at 7.30pm for anyone who wishes to make their confirmation next year, (school years 10 and above). Any queries, please contact Jacqui Leech on 07594 499051. (email: jacquileech65@gmail.com).

YOUTH CLUB: Cobweb Youth Club will restart on September 5th at 7.30pm in The Jubilee Hall. School years 4-7. Contact Jacqui Leech as above for details.

PARISH BBQ—14th September

Preparations have begun for our Parish BBQ on the 14th of September in the Presbytery garden at midday after the 11am Mass. The event will be free for all to attend but we ask that people bring and share salads and deserts. More details to come but please keep the date free if you can. We will need help on the day moving tables and chairs into the presbytery garden and help preparing and serving the food. If you might be in a position to help on the day please let Deacon Jamie or the parish office know, thanks to those that have already volunteered.

FOODBANK: We can now accept Foodbank donations again. Please give generously. Thank you.



Our current shopping list 2025

Food items

- Tinned fruit
- Instant Snacks (Pot Noodles etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned fish
- Microwave rice
- UHT milk
- Cereal (small boxes)



Non food items

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes



We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.



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LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) Saturday 30th August Sunday 31st August	6.00pm	Janet Cash RIP (Norma)
	9.00am	Michael Patrick Mahon RIP (B'day) (McNulty)
	11.00am	Renewal of Marriage Vows John and Deanne Czarnecki of Winnipeg, Canada
Monday 1st September	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd September	9.30am	Kate McCaffrey RIP (A) (Bill)
Wednesday 3rd September St Gregory the Great (Feast)	9.30am	Janet Cash RIP (Iris, Mary, Hannah & Bernie)
Thursday 4th September	9.30am	John Angus Yule & Dorothy Yule RIP
Friday 5th September	9.30am	Rose and Joe Deed RIP (A) (Burford)
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Education Sunday) Saturday 6th September Sunday 7th September	6.00pm	Anita Paul RIP (Bill)
	9.00am	Intentions of Toni Brady and Family
	11.00am	Intentions of Suzanne & Luke (Tully Family)