

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 13th September/ Sunday 14th September 2025

THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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, 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: Sylvia Braithwaite, Kathleen Dunne, Kieran Formby, Ellen McCarthy. Tony Swinkels, Margaret Barnes. Arthur Croker, Daniel Mullane, Fredrick Batts **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.

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).

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection 20th/21st September for Evangelii Gaudium Day (The Joy of the Gospel)

PARISH BBQ: Please don't forget our Parish social this weekend after the 11am Mass on Sunday (14th). All welcome, as are donations of salads and deserts to share.

BAPTISMS: Henry Martyna will be received into the Church on Sunday.
Please keep him, and his family, in your prayers.

ST. JOHN PAYNE: Our local Catholic Secondary School in Chelmsford would like to invite families of prospective students for year 7 next year to an open evening between 5.30 - 8.00 p.m. on 25th September. Tours of the school are available throughout September & October.

Please contact the school office to arrange on 01245 256030, more details of the school are available at their web site www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

REQUEST FOR HELP: We have had a request from the family of a lady based in Shalford who would greatly appreciate a lift to Mass at one of the Sunday services. If you are in a position to offer assistance please let the parish office know. Thank you.

CELEBRATING VATICAN II STUDY DAY: As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes'.

The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20th September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Further details on the website.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA—CHELMSFORD: Are holding two events in the coming weeks which may be of interest. The first is their annual lecture given this year by Ben Hitchin. Since he was in sixth form Ben has been joining the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) for their Easter Pilgrimage. He will be talking about this work in the KSC Annual Lecture at St. Augustine's on Wednesday, 1 October, at 20.00. Everyone welcome, bring friends and family. For more information, contact thompsoncj01@blueyonder.co.uk.

KSC will also be holding their annual Walking Quiz on Sunday, 28 September. It will be round Coggeshall and is about observing the interesting features of a route through the village. Come alone or with a small team, but let us know at thompsoncj01@blueyonder.co.uk so that we can have enough sets of questions for everyone. We meet at the Stoneham Street car park at 13.45 to start at 14.00. Entry is free and there will be small prize.

FOODBANK: We can now accept Foodbank donations again. Please give generously. Shopping lists are available on the notice board. **Thank you.**

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

<p>THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Feast)</p> <p>Saturday 13th September</p> <p>Sunday 14th September</p>	<p>6.00pm</p> <p>9.00am</p> <p>11.00am</p>	<p>Sean Gilbert RIP (A) (Digby Family) & Ints of Irene Turner (B'Day) (Norma) & Ints of Sharon, Norma and Family</p> <p>Intentions of Santosh</p> <p>Ints Malcolom and Theresa Bryan & Family & Ints Father Bill Nix (T Crush)</p>
Monday 15th September	No Mass	
Tuesday 16th September	9.30am	Ints Judith Tabor (Gwen Rushton) Amos Alexis Allou RIP Hugh Paul RIP (Bill)
Wednesday 17th September	9.30am	Ints Fr David & Family
Thursday 18th September	9.30am	For the Souls of Carol & Amy (Ovinda) Ints Eddie, Nicola & Alice (Gwen Rushton)
Friday 19th September	9.30am	Ints Deacon Jamie & Family Ints Maria Kershaw
Saturday 20th September	6.00pm	Don Batts RIP (A)(Maureen) Teresa Bezdel RIP (A)(Adam) Edith Ellen Kiddle RIP (A) (Siene)
Sunday 21t September	9.00am	Patricia Lynch RIP (A) Dinan Family
	11.00am	Dora Hacault RIP(A) (M Burford)