

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 29th November/ Sunday 30th November 2025



In this weekend's Gospel reading Advent begins with a bit of a jolt. We associate Advent with gentle nativity scenes and nostalgic imagery, but as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming, Jesus invites us to consider Noah, sudden changes, and the need to "stay awake" for his second. This can feel unsettling, but maybe that's the point, Advent wakes us up to God's place at the centre of our lives.

Jesus' words remind us that the challenge is not to predict God's timing, "*of that day and hour no one knows*", but to live in such a way that His presence never catches us off guard. In Noah's day, people were simply absorbed in the ordinary things of life, eating, drinking, working. None of those things were wrong in themselves, but they had left no space for God. The danger is not dramatic sin, but a spiritual sleepiness.

Advent invites us to greet each day as a gift and to recognise Christ already at work in the often-unnoticed corners of our lives; through kindness offered, forgiveness given, patience shown, burdens shared. We prepare for His coming at the end of time by welcoming Him in the present moment.

So this week, perhaps the simplest Advent resolution is to pay attention. Notice the person who needs encouragement. Make room for prayer, even briefly. Let generosity interrupt your plans. Christ comes quietly to our lives, but He always comes. May this Advent reawaken in us a watchful heart, ready to meet the Lord who never stops being near to us.

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, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Keith Flynn, Peter Leech, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni, Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Marie Smith and Rita Cuthbert.

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Peagram, Gwen Lindeman, Dennis Geary, Vera Faircloths, Sr Agatha McEvoy, Sr Teresa Geoghegan, Frances McGuile, Barbara Brabon, Albert Edwards, John Swift, Pam Drane, Olivia Muscat, Jennifer Goodwin, Kathleen Di -Palma, Jim McAuliffe, Frank Finneral, James Brennan, Rose Farrant, James Meehan, Willie Rafferty, Holy Allen, Kenneth Hayden, Margaret Naughton, Don Swift, Tracy O'Keeffe, Connell Sweeney, Martin Street, Danny Britton, Stanley Poulter and Nosrat Ghasemi. **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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS QUIZ: We are holding our Christmas Quiz on December 13th in the Jubilee Hall again this year to raise funds for our parish and to have a chance to have a fun evening together. As in previous years the quiz will be compered by our very own Martin and Ruth Barlow so we're sure to have a good time and plenty of head scratching! As an added enticement we will also be drawing the tickets for our Christmas Grand Draw on the evening. We are looking for teams, up to a maximum of eight, to take up a table and the price will be £8 per person. If people can't make up a full table they can buy a single ticket and we'll help add them to existing tables / make up a new one. It would be helpful to register teams for the evening in advance so please register your interest with Deacon Jamie or Clare in the office.

GRAND DRAW PRIZES: Can any Grand Draw prize donations please be dropped off at The Presbytery or given to the helpers after Mass. Thank you.

**SPONSORED TODDLE IN AID OF HCPT GROUP 124'S TRIP TO LOURDES
NEXT EASTER:**

Thank you very much to all who supported Nathaniel and Theo on their sponsored toddle. They have raised £1000 through the generosity of their sponsors.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 26/27: Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org
Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE & CO MAYO: Led by Bishop Alan Williams. Monday 15th June 2026. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

STAMPS: We will no longer be collecting stamps on behalf of the RNIB. Thank you for all your donations to date.



PRAYERS - BISHOP THOMAS McMahon: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, who died peacefully at his home in Stock at 10am on Monday 24th November. The body will be received into the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, 28 Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT on Monday 15 December where Vespers will be sung at 5 p.m. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16 December in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. The burial will take place in the Cathedral cemetery. **May he rest in peace.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Saturday 29th November Sunday 30th November	6.00pm	Chris Green RIP (A) (Josie) & Judith Tabor RIP (Norma)
	9.00am	Gwen Lindeman RIP (Milden)
	11.00am	Ints Philamander Lopez (Anthony Joseph and Family) & Lee Revill RIP (A) (Dedman)
Monday 1st December	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd December	9.30am	Jacqui Leech and Gavin Leech RIP (30th Wedding Anniversary) (Clare) & Ints Fr David (B'day) and Andrew Manson RIP (Teresa and Brian)
Wednesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Pr Funeral Mass	11.00am	Dermot Maher RIP
Thursday 4th December	No Mass	
Friday 5th December	9.30am	Michael Patrick Callaghan RIP (McNulty) & Michael John O'Shea and Steven Papworth RIP (A) (Linda North) & Mary McDermott RIP (A) (Mark and Ann)
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Saturday 6th December Sunday 7th December	6.00pm	William Paul RIP (Bill) & Wadyslav Czepiel RIP (A) 20 years (His Family)
	9.00am	People of The Parish
	11.00am	Ints Margaret Lopez (Anthony Joseph and Family) & Mary Willsmer RIP and Lily Gifford RIP (A) (Burford) & Ints Siene, Jude, Marie and Family & Oliver McGuire RIP (His Family)