

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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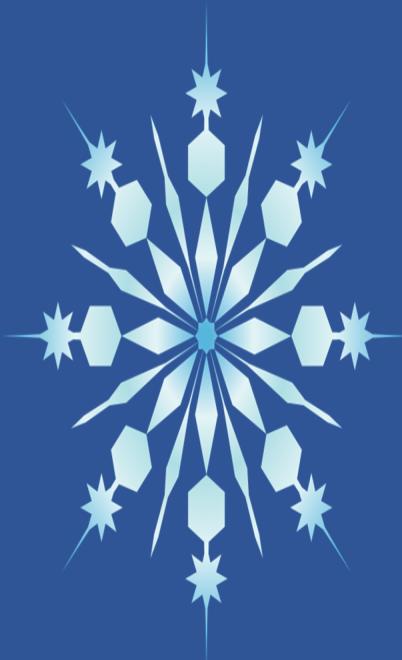
### Saturday 3rd January/ Sunday 4th January 2026

#### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

May the Lord  
*bless you and keep you.*

May the Lord make his face  
to shine upon you and  
*be gracious to you.*

May the Lord lift up his  
countenance upon you and  
*give you peace.*



**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, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell and Rita Cuthbert.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Goodwin, Joseph Hill, Veronica Lynch, Kathleen Doran, Constance Minett, James Cattigan, Margaret Tozer, Erna Seneker, Stephanie McLaughlin, John Rogers, George Harris, Rosemary Culligan, Giovanni Castellazzi, Irene Crush, Daniel Honan, Richard Roarty, Stanislawa Sosler, Philip Hayes, Angela Elliot, Maureen Stevens, Gavin Leech, Patricia Huggins, Peter Mansell, Florence Maisie Lee, Wilfred di Palma, Wally Bojko, Martin Patten and Christina Lang.

**May they rest in peace.**

**CONFESIONS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament normally take place on Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am. There will be Confessions and Exposition this weekend (3rd and 4th January).

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** The new Diocesan Directories are now available at the back of Church. Please put the money in the Repository box on the wall, to the right hand side of the double doors. **Thank you.**

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The Funeral arrangements for Fr David will be announced in due course. **May he rest in peace.**

**BOOK OF CONDOLENCE:** There is a Book of Condolence at the back of Church, please feel free to write your thoughts and memories of Fr David in there.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** At the moment, we can't take any formal Mass Intentions (with Mass Stipend). If you wish for someone to be remembered at Mass, just let Clare know and when Deacon Jamie takes Eucharistic Services, your Intentions can be mentioned.

## **COLLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:**

Thank you for your generosity over Christmas. Brentwood Diocese have stated that they will advise us in the New Year as to exactly what will happen with your Christmas offerings.

## **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:**

Bishop Alan has graciously given our Parish permission for the Holyday of Obligation that falls on Tuesday 6th January to be celebrated at both Saturday and Sunday Masses (3rd and 4th January).



**Braintree Area Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

### Our current shopping list 2026

**Food items**

- UHT/Long Life Milk
- Teabags 40's/80's
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned/packet custard
- Sugar 500g
- Tinned tomatoes



**Donate money**

We are having to buy food to fill our food boxes. A monetary donation will help us to do this. Search for us on JustGiving



**W: [braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/collection-points/](https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/collection-points/)**

**T: 01376 330694**

*We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home.*

*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).*

