

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 31st January/ Sunday 1st February 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

(Racial Justice Day)

Message from Bishop Alan to the Parishioners of Braintree

Following the sudden death of Mgr. David Manson, I remain grateful to Mgr. Paul McPartlan, Deacon Jamie Davey and the many parishioners who have stepped forward to ensure that the life of the Parish has continued despite the recent challenges and difficulties.

I am aware that Mgr. Paul has other important commitments and, until a new parish priest is appointed, I have entrusted the pastoral care of the parish to Deacon Jamie, under the oversight of the Dean of Mid-Essex and Chelmsford, for the time being in accordance with canon 517 §2. Deacon Jamie has my gratitude and full support as he takes up this role.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Father David and I assure you of my continued prayers and good wishes for all at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

God bless,
Bishop Alan Williams, sm

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, Rita Cuthbert and Kitty North.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Carter, Michael Gilmartin, Philomena Daly, Vena Edney, Andrew Garrett, Joseph Guinan, Clare Guinan, William O'Leary, Agnes Hedges, Harry Rigdon, Oliver Adrada, Dorothy May Miller (Margaret), Sharron Alliston, Maria Tillett, Martha Hayes, Anastasia Pipe, Nora Connor, Denis Mayne, Mary Barlow, Irene Cleary, Judy Gray, Juliana Toop and Emma Hughes.
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. ***Please check with Clare in the Parish office on a weekly basis to check if Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are taking place.***

100 CLUB: The 100 Club will be drawn for the missed months in due course, as directed by the Diocese.

MISSIO: After almost six years of co-ordinating our MISSIO donations, Pauline Smith has decided to step down. ***We would be grateful if somebody else in the Parish were able to come forward and volunteer for this important role.*** We want to thank Pauline for all her hard work and dedication during the time she was our MISSIO representative.

CRIB COLLECTION FOR BCCS: The Crib collection will be ongoing until 2nd February. Please give generously for The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The box can be found by the statue of Our Lady.
Thank you.

2 BEDROOM FLAT TO RENT: One of our parishioners has a two bedroom flat available to rent at £950.00 per month. Please contact Clare in the office if you are interested.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 23rd May 2026: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact Clare in the Parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for Racial Justice. Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity.

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: ***“Whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes.***

Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms.

In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God.

BCCS AFTERNOON TEA:

The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30).**

Set in the elegant ballroom of this prestigious venue, this fundraising event promises an experience of true luxury.

Tickets are £35 per person - for more information or to book your place search [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) or contact Julie (jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413).

We hope you can join us!

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Racial Justice Day) Saturday 31st January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 1st February</p>	6.00pm	Kathy Mohan RIP (Mohan) & Ints Rosaleen Drugan (Digby) & Michael Gilmartin RIP (A) & Mr John Throck RIP
	9.00am	Fr David RIP (Parishioner's of OLQP)
	11.00am	Thanksgiving for Fr Paul (Parishioner's of OLQP) & Ints Siene, Jude, Marie and Family
Monday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord	No Mass	
Tuesday 3rd February St Anne Line, M	No Mass	
Wednesday 4th February	No Mass	
Thursday 5th February St Agatha, V, M	No Mass	
Friday 6th February SS Paul Miki and Comps, Mm	No Mass	
<u>Weekend</u> Eucharistic Services		Prayer Intentions
<p style="text-align: center;">FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 7th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th February</p>	6.00pm	Mrs Pat Anderrson RIP (Siobhan Anderrson) & Ints Tom Rice
	9.00am	Natasha Joyce Alvis RIP (Diana)
	11.00am	People of the Parish