

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 7th February/ Sunday 8th February 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Dear brothers and sisters,

In these days following the passing of dear Fr. David, things can feel a little uncertain. As a parish community, we are taking our first tentative steps forward, trusting that the Lord continues to walk with us as we wait for the appointment of a new parish priest.

As deacon, charged with the pastoral care of the parish, my role in this time is to help hold us all together in prayer and in hope. My intention is to ensure that we gather as often as possible around the Word of God and, whenever a priest is available, around the celebration of the Eucharist. I am deeply grateful to the visiting priests who are supporting us during this period, and whenever it is possible, Mass will be celebrated. At times when a priest is not available, I will lead a Service of the Word with Holy Communion, so that our shared prayer and sacramental life can continue in a meaningful and reverent way. While the parish newsletter must reflect what can be confirmed at the time of printing, please be assured that if a priest becomes available at short notice, we will gladly celebrate Mass whenever we can.

In the coming weeks, weekday services will be held every **Wednesday and Friday morning**, and we will continue with our usual **weekend schedule**, adapting as needed depending on priest availability. Note that this coming Wednesday the service will be held at St. Francis school. I am grateful to Mrs Jackson and the school for welcoming parishioners to this service.

We may also need to remain flexible regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When Confessions can be offered, this will be clearly advertised, though it may not be possible to establish a regular time just yet.

Thank you for your patience, your kindness, and your prayers during this time of transition. Even in change and uncertainty, the Lord remains faithful. As a parish family, let us continue to support one another, confident that God is at work among us and will guide us into the next chapter of our community life together.

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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: Mary Barlow, Irene Cleary, Judy Gray, Juliana Toop, Emma Hughes, Eileen Ryan, Fred Benfield, Kenneth Pannell, David Dyson, Mandy Daly, Francis Mobbs, Barry Cross, Mary Channer, Bridget Israel, Katarzyna Duzniak, Baldwin Botelho, Frank Geraghty, Edith McCormack, Hugh Geraghty, Elizabeth Pugh, Peter Hanlon, Kieran Hemmings and Isabella Leng.

May they rest in peace.

CONFESIONS: Fr. Michael Barwick has kindly offered to hear confessions from 5.00pm on Saturday 14th February.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Would you like to join our Bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? The dates are Friday 17th - Friday 24th July. Please visit <https://tangney-tours.com/brentwood> for further information and to book, or contact Deirdre Pembroke, lourdes@brcdt.org if you have any questions.



CRIB COLLECTION: The total collected for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is £243.56. Thank you for your generosity.

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. We will then find out the nearest Parish who have availability on their coach as we don't have enough people who wish to go to run our own coach.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund. This collection makes it possible for people to go on pilgrimage who would be unable to spend this time in Lourdes without support from our team of doctors, nurses and helpers, or without financial assistance. Your support is much appreciated. Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: Please pray for all those living out the vocation to marriage and couples preparing to marry. Support is available for those who need it, and your parish priest can point you in the right direction. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let your parish know so that you can be invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Saturday 11th July.



FAITH GROUP:

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.

To: Pray, discuss our Faith and study Scripture and the Saints.

We meet in an informal, sociable gathering over a tea/coffee.

All are welcome.

This month's meeting is next Thursday (12th February).

ROSARY: The Rosary is being held in the Church each Tuesday at 10.00am, followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 7th February Sunday 8th February	6.00pm Eucharistic Service 9.00am Eucharistic Service 11.00am Eucharistic Service	Mrs Pat Andersson RIP (Siobhan Andersson) & Ints Tom Rice Natasha Joyce Alvis RIP (Diana) People of the Parish
Monday 9th February	No Mass	
Tuesday 10th February St Scholastica, V	No Mass	
Wednesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese	9.30am Eucharistic Service at St Francis School	Prayers for Staff and Children of St Francis School
Thursday 12th February	No Mass	
Friday 13th February	9.10am Morning Prayers, followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service	Prayers for People of the Parish
Saturday 14th February	6.00pm Mass	Ints Mary O'Keeffe & Christopher Burgess RIP (A) (Anne & Mark)
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (World Day for the Sick) Sunday 15th February	9.00am Eucharistic Service 11.00am Eucharistic Service	Ints Mr O'Mann & Neighbours In honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Ovinda)