

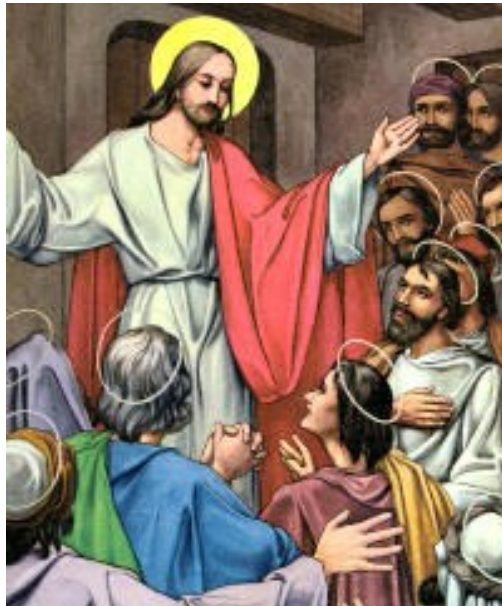
# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

## Parish News

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**Saturday 2nd May/ Sunday 3rd May 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**



### **PRAYER LIST:**

**We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:**

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, 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, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith and Kerry Norton.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Bellew, John Gormley, Carol Ann Dewing, Tony Ferguson, Marcial Lata, Dympna Palmer, Peter Bardell, Peter Readman, Emma Symonds, Graham Rainbird, Stephen Locke, Winifred Barton, Kitty Byrne, Antoni Murkowski, David Reynolds, Fran Wetton, Annie Wigfall, Philomena Smith, Rita Tarpey, Evelyn Matthewman, Michael Lane and Elizabeth Jarvis.

**May they rest in peace.**

### **CONFESSIONS :**

Please keep an eye on the "**Our Lady Queen of Peace Facebook page**" for Confession updates.

### **PRAYERS:**

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of the late **Gertrude "Pat" Howell**. She lived in Braintree from approximately 1953 to 2023. She worshipped at the church for most of her life with her husband, William "Bill" Howell, who passed in 2009; until Dementia restricted her.

In her latter years she worked and worshipped at the Convent Chapel, Bocking. She has been in Blackthorns Care Home, Halstead for the last 3 years. She passed away peacefully there on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

**May she rest in peace.**

### **MISSIO RED BOX ANNUAL COLLECTION 2025:**

The total raised in our Parish through Red Box collections and direct donations came to £863.52. Thank you so much to all who contributed to this sum.

Our missionary community here at Our Lady Queen of Peace is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance.

**God Bless**

## **FISH & CHIPS LUNCH FRIDAY 15 MAY AT 1PM:**

Join us for a Fish and Chips lunch on Friday 15th May at 1pm in The Jubilee Hall (organised by the Faith Group).

Cost is £10 per person (cod and chips) and £1/donation for tea/coffee and biscuits. As meals need to be ordered in advance, tickets must be purchased before the event. Tickets will be available after Sunday Masses, or ask at the Church office. We will also be holding a raffle to boost funds and any donations for the raffle or donations of cakes etc. would be very welcome.

All monies raised will be donated to the “**St John Bosco Children's Camp**”.

**Many thanks from The Faith Group.**

**PASCHAL CANDLE:** Brothers and sisters, you may never have wondered, and I know that I hadn't, of what happens to retired Paschal candles when they are replaced at Easter. These candles are the focus of our liturgical life throughout the easter season and beyond when they are lit at baptisms and funerals throughout the year. They are sacred objects so should be disposed of in a dignified way. I have given some thought as to what to do with the Paschal candle from 2025 and I've done a bit of research on acceptable means of disposal. One of the proscribed, dignified, ways is to break up the candle and bury the pieces in the precincts of the church. I think that this year this would be very appropriate. It was the last Paschal candle Fr. David blessed and lit (of many) and has accompanied us as a community through a significant period in our parish life. I plan to do this after the 11 o' clock Mass, at approximately 12:15 on Sunday the 10th of May in the garden at the front of the church. All parishioners are very welcome to join me, and we will say a prayer for Fr. David and the parish. **Deacon Jamie.**

**GIFT AID:** Once again I would like to thank all those Parishioners who are in our Gift Aid Scheme. We recently received the latest tax refund of £7,000, this meant in the last tax year our refunds amounted to £23,000 at no additional cost to you. These tax refunds are essential for our Parish as the offertory donations are not sufficient to cover the increasing running costs of the Parish. If you are a tax payer who is not yet part of our Gift Aid Scheme, would you please consider joining so we can recover the tax that you have already paid on your donations. I will be available after all Masses this weekend to provide you with any further information that you require or better still; to sign you up.

**Chris Dayer**

