

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 16th May/ Sunday 17th May 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
(World Communications Day)



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'Keefe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West and Betty Sheehan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony De Souza, Tony Geary, Kevin McClements, Gina Hiskett, Patricia O'Grady, Adam Kodz, , Peter Fitzsimmons, Rose Donlon, Sheila Alabaster, Alan Ellis, Dympna Patten and Maureen Trott.

May they rest in peace.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Every Sunday we have a team of volunteers who run the coffee mornings after the 11am Mass. But we could always do with some extra help. Each person currently covers one week in 5 but with more volunteers this could reduce. If you are interested please contact Ann-Marie on: 07773 050679.

Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

VOCAL DUO AVAILABLE:

“Velvet Harmony “are a female vocal duo performing a mix of timeless classics, soul, acoustic favourites and modern songs for weddings, private events, corporate functions and special occasions.

For enquires please contact Charlotte /Poppy as follows:

contact@velvetharmonyduo.com

Tel no: 07745 231463

Instagram: '@Velvet_harmony_vocalduo'

CONFESSIONS :

Confessions this coming weekend (16th and 17th May) are on Sunday between Masses (10.00am - 10.45am).

BAPTISM: This weekend, we welcome Arlo Fierzi in to the Family of the Church. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a Second Collection for **World Communications Day**. This is a Catholic Church celebration held annually on the Sunday before Pentecost (May 17, 2026) to reflect on the power of media, journalism, and modern communication. Established in 1967, it highlights the role of media in fostering community, sharing the Gospel, and communicating with "gentleness" and truth.

Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

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.

Chris Dayer



Our current shopping list 2026

Thank you so much for your support

Through our Outreach work we are making a real difference to those in food poverty in the Braintree District, helping people to get back on their feet.

Without this vital work we would continually be experiencing an even higher number of returning visitors, but there are still people who need our help within both rural and town settings.

Don't let pride stop someone not getting the help they need.

Food items

- Jam
- Chocolate
- Tinned fish
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Tinned Macaroni and cheese
- Tinned Ravioli

Non food items

- Toilet Roll
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Shower gel
- Washing up liquid



We have lots of ways that you can help including Fundraising. Hold a tea party, do a sponsored personal fitness challenge or just make a monetary donation it will help someone in food hunger

W: 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).

