

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 12th September/ Sunday 13th September 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Education Sunday)

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for the warm welcome I received last weekend as I began my time here as Parish Priest. As I said last weekend, know that I am here for you and please do come and see me.

One thing that is so important for us all is kindness and encouragement. Let this always be on the forefront of our hearts and minds as we serve one another.

In the Gospel this weekend we hear about forgiveness and the importance of it.

Jesus asks us for an abundance of forgiveness, "I do say not seven times but seventy times seven". Forgiveness can be challenging but when we hold on to grudges it can detract us from God and those around us. If there is someone or something that we are holding on to, let us bring it into our prayer life and know that God, who is love and mercy, will give us the Grace to be healed and strengthened.

I continue to keep you all in my daily prayers and please do pray for me.

Have a blessed week and may God bless you always.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Michael

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, 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, Betty Sheehan, Sharon Jennings, Jean Carroll, Mary Maher, Nastassja Williamson, Peter Leech, and Peter Milden.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sylvia Braithwaite, Kathleen Dunne, Kieran Formby, Ellen McCarthy, Cecilia Wilson, Tony Swinkels, Margaret Barnes, Arthur Croker, Daniel Mullane, Frederick Batts, Eileen Rathe, Neville Peagram and Edith Kiddle.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: 13th September marks “Education Sunday”, a time when we celebrate and pray for the brilliant work of our Catholic schools. These schools rely heavily on good governance, and on this special day we are asking if you, or anyone you know, may be able to support in a governor role.

The Catholic Church was a pioneer in the provision of education in England and Wales more than 1,000 years ago, with state involvement beginning only in the 19th century. The Church has continued to provide education in partnership with the government of the day ever since.

Our second collection this weekend helps to support this important work.

Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelope.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: The forms to apply to join the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Are now available at the back of Church. Please complete the form and post it through the presbytery door or give to Clare in the office. You can also email it to: **braintree@brcdt.org**

CONFESSIONS: Fr Michael will be taking confessions this Saturday at 5.15pm. Unless otherwise notified in the newsletter, this will be the usual time for confessions.

EVERY FRIDAY: Join us with your intentions every Friday, for Holy Face of Jesus Chaplet at 2.10pm, followed by Mother Mary's Rosary at 2.30pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm.

All are welcome.

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER :

The SVP are holding a fundraising Quiz to support the ongoing works of the SVP.

Teams of up to 8 are invited to join us for what promises to be a very entertaining night with questions set by the 'Dastardly' Quizmaster Martin. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of September and will be available from the Office or a member of the SVP.

Tickets cost £8 per person

COBWEB YOUTH CLUB: The Youth Club is aimed at children school year 4 -7 and is held on a Friday evening, 7.30pm until 9.30pm. It runs fortnightly during the school year and there are a mixture of activities from Dodgeball to Crafts to Air Hockey and Basketball amongst others.

We will restart on Friday 11th at 7.30pm and we look forward to seeing some new faces amongst the regular crowd.

BCYS Rooted 2026 – Years 7-9 / Years 10-13

Rooted – Saturday 24th October for years 7-9/Sunday 25th October for years 10-13: A brand-new day of faith, friendship and adventure for young people with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, at Walsingham House.

With inspiring talks, workshops, outdoor activities, team challenges and prayer, it's a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics and grow in faith. For more information and to apply please visit www.bcys.net/events

Thank you so much for helping us share these opportunities with young people, families, catechists and parish communities. Your support in promoting our events makes such a difference and helps us reach more young people across the Diocese.

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Education Sunday) Saturday 12th September Sunday 13th September	6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Catherine McGovern RIP (Digby) & John Duffy RIP (A) (Brigitte and Anne Marie) Josephine Conway RIP (Gwyther) Ian Ward RIP and Elaine Ward (Wedding Anniversary)
Monday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	No Mass	
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service Rosary at 10.00am	
Wednesday 16th September Ss Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp, M	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Monsignor Gordon Read "50 Year Anniversary" (Doleman)
Thursday 17th September	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints People of the Parish
Friday 18th September	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Mary Maher (Hannah)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 19th September Sunday 20th September	Confessions 5.15pm 6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Derek Cowell RIP (Hannah and Mary) Ints Alison Spooner and Maire Carroll (Gwyther) Ints John Angus Yule and Dorothy Yule RIP