

Churches of The Holy Name, Our Lady Immaculate & St Augustine of Canterbury

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CHRISTMAS DAY (C)

25th December 2024

Date	Time	Service *	Intention
Tuesday 24th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	5:30pm 7:00pm 8:30pm	Vigil Mass; HN Vigil Mass; OLI Vigil Mass; SA	Mrs Cathy Wickham (Anniversary) Pam and George Swain Intentions of Rosaleen Spencer
Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	12Midnight 9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 10:45am 12Noon	Mass; OLI Mass; OLI Mass; SA Latin Mass; StP Mass; HN Mass; OLI	Mary and Ron Nicholas (RIP) Canon Wilfred Thompson (RIP) Intentions of Isla Parker John Smith (RIP) Michael Quinlan (RIP) Giovanni and Pasqualina Falzarano (RIP)
Thursday 26th ST STEPHEN	9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 12Noon	Mass; HN Mass; SA Latin Mass; StP Mass; OLI	No Mass No Mass For all Catechists and supporters Elaine Lerner (RIP)
Friday 27th ST JOHN	7:30am 9:30am	Mass; OLI Mass; SA	No Mass Michael and Eileen Doube (RIP)
Saturday 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS	10:30am 12Noon 6:00pm	Mass; OLI Mass; SA Vigil Mass; HN	Anna and Gaetano Falzarano (RIP) Intentions of Fr Sabu John Smith (RIP)
Sunday 29th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	9:00am 9:00am 10:45am 12Noon 5:30pm 7:00pm	Mass; OLI Mass; SA Mass; HN Mass; OLI Mass; HN Mass; OLI	Pauline Clarke (RIP) Intentions of the Anu Family Roy Sidoli (RIP) Intentions of the Caruth Family No Mass School Holidays For All Parishioners

* HN Holy Name, OLI Our Lady Immaculate, SA St Augustine of Canterbury, StP St Philip's Priory, NH New Hall School

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturdays:

9:30am to 10:30am at Our Lady Immaculate. 11:30am to Noon at St Augustine Church. 5:15pm to 5:45pm at Holy Name.

Mondays:

7:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Name.

Baptism, Marriage and becoming a Catholic enquiries:

Please email or telephone the Parish Office.

Live-streamed Masses

From Our Lady Immaculate Church

<https://tinyurl.com/OLIChelmsford>

From The Holy Name Church

<https://tinyurl.com/theholyname>

CLERGY

Parish Priest

Fr Martin Hardy

Assistant Priests

Fr Damien Wade

&

Fr Paul Boagey

Deacon

Rev Kevin Lyons

PARISH OFFICE

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The Holy Name

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OUR SCHOOLS

Our Lady Immaculate

Catholic Primary

School

The Bishops' C of E &

R C Primary School

St John Payne

Catholic School

New Hall School

Catholic Independent

Ages 1-18

Brentwood R.C.

Diocesan Trust Reg.

Charity No : 234092

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND ALL FAMILIES WHO MOURN.

Mavis JENNINGS (RIP) Requiem Mass on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 12Noon in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

Shelia TURNER (RIP) Requiem Mass on Friday 10th January 2025 at 12:30pm in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

Maureen PORTER (RIP) Requiem Mass on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 1:30pm in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES, (AND ALL WHO ARE SICK.)

Jennifer Bowman, Maureen Byrne, Marie Callahan, Valerie Cummins, Doreen Cornish, Madeleine East, Troy Erickson, Marta Fevola, Mary Fletcher, Michael Hoare, Mike Healy, Shelia Hughes, John Grainger, Robert Godfrey, Connor Hickey, Maureen Leatherdale, Stuart Lucas, Margaret Lowrey, Anne Lowden, Maura Magee, Barry Mayo, Sarah & Henry McKeon, Monica McShane, Donny McColl, Grazia Paola, Christine Staines, Rose Turner, John Rees, Patrick Waters, Anja Welsh-Smyth, Gayle Williams & Shirley Willis, Ian Wiseman.



Dear friends,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ, we welcome you with hearts full of joy and gratitude. Christmas reminds us of God's boundless love, revealed in the humble manger of Bethlehem. This sacred season invites us to reflect on the light of Christ, which dispels darkness and fills our lives with hope, peace, and love. Together, let us rejoice in this gift and carry its promise into the coming year.

The Holy Year 2025, a special time in the Catholic Church, calls millions of believers worldwide to spiritual renewal and reflection. Jubilee Years, rich in tradition, are occasions for grace, encouraging reconciliation, faith, and love. The chosen theme of "hope" for 2025 is particularly resonant in a world often troubled by uncertainty, conflict, and despair.

Hope, one of the three theological virtues alongside faith and charity, embodies belief in a brighter future, even amid challenges. In a world facing economic inequality, environmental crises, and personal struggles, the Holy Year invites Catholics to rediscover hope's transformative power in Christ. It calls us to cling to hope during trials and to share it generously with others.

Pope Francis, leading the Church through this Jubilee, has consistently underlined the importance of hope in his teachings. He reminds the faithful that hope is not merely a passive wish, but an active force that drives Christians to pursue justice, peace, and healing in the world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the ultimate source of Christian hope, assures us that hope transcends suffering and extends to all creation.

Key to the Holy Year is the tradition of pilgrimage, especially to Rome's Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, and locally in our diocese of Brentwood—a powerful symbol of drawing closer to God. Pilgrims are invited to walk in faith, trusting in God's grace as a beacon of hope. The Holy Year also fosters global unity, urging believers to transcend differences and work for the common good, embodying Christ's hope for all people.

As we celebrate this season of Christmas, let us carry the light of Christ into the New Year, drawing strength from the message of hope that the Holy Year 2025 will bring. May this season remind us of the enduring love of God, who sent His Son into the world to bring peace and salvation. May we find strength in Christ's promise of peace and redemption and be inspired to bring His light into a world in need of hope.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Christmas filled with the peace and love of Christ.

Frs Martin and Damien

NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL AND MASS AT MIDNIGHT: Join us at Our Lady Immaculate Church for an evening filled with prayer, silent time with Our Lord, ushering in the sacred presence of Jesus into the New Year. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences at 11pm. At Midnight we'll celebrate together the first Mass of 2025.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Many people will be aware that the collections at Christmas and Easter form the greater part of the personal income for the priests of our parish communities. For this Fr Damien, and I are truly grateful, especially in these hard times. If you usually give via standing order, in order that our auditors fully appreciate the intention of donors it would be very useful if parishioners could indicate whether they consider a proportion (2 weeks of the 52 weeks of the year) to go to the Christmas and Easter offering amounts. A simple email or note to the office (office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk) would clarify our accounts. We fully appreciate that some will wish to contribute separately to the priests at this time and this could be a one-off BACS transaction marked 'Christmas' (with gift aid number if applicable), or a marked envelope to the Priests or Parish Office (again with gift aid number if applicable). You may of course wish simply to place offerings in the usual collection at our Christmas Masses for the priests. For all this and your continued generous support of our parishes... Many thanks!