

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

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Sunday 21st December 2025 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Date	Time	Service *	Intention
Saturday 20th	6:00pm	Vigil Mass; HN	Angeline De Cruz (Anniversary)
Sunday 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Day of prayer for expectant mothers)	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	Iris Mills (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Mr and Mrs L Gascoigne (Anniversary)
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Chizo Mere
	10:45am	Mass; HN	Therese Engel and Patricia Sweeney (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Maurice and Eroma DeSilva (RIP)
	5:30pm	Mass; NH	NO MASS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	7:00pm	Mass; OLI	For All Parishioners
Monday 22nd	10:00am	Requiem Mass; OLI	Patricia Smith (RIP)
	19:30pm	Mass; HN	Michael Quinlan (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd	12:30pm	Mass; OLI	The Goodey Family
	14:30pm	Requiem Mass; OLI	Anthony Kelly (RIP)
Wednesday 24th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9:30am	Mass; OLI	Elizabeth Stokes (RIP)
	5:30pm	Vigil Mass; HN	Mike Hiom (RIP)
	7:00pm	Vigil Mass; OLI	Pam and George Swain (RIP)
	8:30pm	Vigil Mass; SA	Intentions of Mable Anu
Thursday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	12Midnight	Mass; OLI	For All Parishioners
	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	John Smith (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Giovanni and Pasqualina Falzarano (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Ann Sinclair (RIP)
	10:45am	Mass; HN	Sylvia Lyes (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Canon Wilfred Thompson
Friday 26th ST STEPHEN	10:30am	Latin Mass; HN	In Thanksgiving for Altar Servers
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Giovanni and Pasqualina Falzarano (RIP)
Saturday 27th ST JOHN	10:30am	Mass; OLI	Michael Quinlan (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; SA	Michael and Eileen Doube (RIP)
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass; HN	Lilian Joan Taylor (Anniversary)
Sunday 28th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	Celebrant's Intentions
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Mary and Ron Nicholas (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Anu Family
	10:45am	Mass; HN	Roy Sidoli (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Dr Lazar Chandy (Anniversary)
	4:30pm	Polish Mass; OLI	NO MASS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	5:30pm	Mass; NH	For All Parishioners
	7:00pm	Mass; OLI	



CLERGY

Parish Priest
Fr Martin Hardy

Assistant Priests
Fr Michael Barwick
&
Fr Paul Boagey

Deacon

Rev. Kevin Lyons

PARISH OFFICE

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OUR CHURCHES

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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.
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Deadline for items for
inclusion in the parish
newsletter 9am
Thursday

*HN Holy Name Church, OLI Our Lady Immaculate Church, SA St Augustine of Canterbury Church, NH New Hall School Chapel

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

Saturdays:
9:30am to 10:30am at Our Lady Immaculate.
11:30am to 12Noon at St Augustine Church.
5:15pm to 5:45pm at Holy Name.
Mondays:
7:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Name.

SVP Furniture Project:

For furniture project donations or assistance, call the furniture bank directly on 0330 0436474.

Live-streamed Masses

From Our Lady Immaculate Church

<https://tinyurl.com/OLIChelmsford>

From The Holy Name Church

<https://tinyurl.com/theholyname>

Baptism, Marriage and becoming a Catholic enquiries: Please contact the Parish Office.

For Hospital or Sick Visits:

To be added to sick list for prayer, please contact the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are sick or housebound, so a Priest or the Legion of Mary can visit you.

CHRISTMAS PERIOD MASS TIMES:

On Christmas Eve (24th Dec) there will be Carols beginning half an hour before the Vigil Masses in our churches.

5:00pm Carols in Holy Name, 5:30pm Mass
6:30pm Carols in Our Lady Immaculate, 7pm Mass
8:00pm Carols in St Augustine, 8:30pm Mass
11:30pm Carols in Our Lady Immaculate, Midnight Mass.

Please note additional Mass time changes on the 25th and 26th of December, altering from the usual schedule.

CONFESSIONS: There will be additional availability for confessions in Our Lady Immaculate Church on:
Tuesday 23rd December between 11:30AM - 12:15PM
Wednesday 24th December between 8:30AM - 9:15AM

CHILDREN AT HOLY NAME ON CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: Carols from 5pm. Mass at 5:30pm. All children are welcome to dress up in a Nativity costume and take part in our Christmas Eve Mass. All costumes are provided. Please arrive before 5pm and come through the church to the Canon Wilson Hall to collect a costume. If you would like any further information or if you know in advance that your child would like to take part, please email Claire at c.irven@talk21.com with your child's first name and age to help us to get the costumes ready. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN:
There are forms available in the back of the Church and online at <https://www.chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk/sacraments/fhc2026> for this year's First Holy Communion Programme with Fr Michael. The course is for children in Yr 3 and above. Applications close on Friday 9th January.

LATEST OLI 200 CLUB WINNERS: If you would like to join the 200 club please contact Ursula via the Parish Office.

5th Oct - M Sheppard No. 51	12th Oct - J Holland No. 14
19th Oct - M Waters No. 30	26th Oct - M Quinn No. 43
2nd Nov - H Adler No. 33	9th Nov - L Bowen-Davies 141
16th Nov - C Cronin No. 10	23rd Nov - P Waters No. 2

MESSAGE FROM FR MARTIN - CHRISTMAS

COLLECTION : The Christmas and Easter collections form a significant part of the personal income of the priests in our parish, and Fr Michael, Paul and I are very grateful for your generosity, especially in these difficult times. As many parishioners now give by standing order, it would be helpful for audit purposes if you could let the parish office know whether you wish two weeks of your annual standing order to be counted as your Christmas and Easter offerings. A brief email or note to the office (office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk) would be sufficient. If you prefer, you may also make a separate one-off contribution by BACS marked "Christmas" (including your Gift Aid number if applicable), use a marked envelope, or give in the collection at the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST AUGUSTINE CHURCH CLEANING: As part of our preparations for Christmas, St Augustine's Church will have an extra clean on Tuesday 23rd from 9.00am to 11.00am. Any help would be very much appreciated, whether for all or part of the time. Please see Cath for more details.

GOODBYE FR MARTIN : Fr Martin will celebrate his final Sunday Mass in the parish at 7pm on Sunday 4th January. All are warmly invited to come along afterwards to the Parish Hall at Our Lady Immaculate for a farewell gathering and light refreshments to thank him for his ministry and wish him well in his new role as Dean of Norwich Cathedral. Envelopes for his leaving collection are available in the back of the churches.

VACANCIES ACROSS DIOCESE: For more information about the following posts please see <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Headteacher – St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 6th January 2026

Headteacher – St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00, Friday 9th January 2026

Headteacher – The Bishops' CofE and Catholic School, Chelmsford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Friday 16th January 2026

Headteacher – Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet

Deadline for applications: 09:00, Wednesday 28th January 2026

For information about the post below please see more details at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

Parish Administrator - Wickford Our Lady of Sorrows, 16 Hours a week, Deadline for applications: 12Noon on 9th January 2026

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who came to the mulled wine and mince pies event at HN last week. We raised £131 and we have bought two gifts from the Cafod catalogue: Winter warmth which will help vulnerable families to keep warm during harsh winter weather and a terrific toilet which is the best way to stop the spread of diseases keeping whole communities healthy and safe. Thank you also for the money raised for our Harvest Appeal in October. We raised £1000.67.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The SVP provides practical help to those in need. If you or someone you know could use support, call us on 07936 579230, or contact the Parish Office.

THE LEGION OF MARY: Support many through their prayer and in person ministry across the Parish. They meet in OLI Hall on Tuesdays at 10am and Holy Name Canon Wilson Hall on Thursdays at 7pm. New members welcome.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

- Luke 2:10

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

Patricia SMITH (RIP) Requiem Mass on Monday 22nd December at 10am in Our Lady Immaculate Church.
Anthony KELLY (RIP) Requiem Mass on Tuesday 23rd December at 2:30pm in Our Lady Immaculate Church.
Sheelagh HILL (RIP) Requiem Mass on Friday 16th January at 11am in Our Lady Immaculate Church.
John MURPHY (RIP) Requiem Mass to be arranged.

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

Susan Ager, Helen Bastian, Annie Blake, Maureen Byrne, Marie Callahan, Valerie Cummins, Doreen Cornish, Antonia Dias, Victoria Docherty, Peter Dodson, Madeleine East, Troy Erickson, Marta Fevola, Mary Fletcher, Teresa Foster, Michael Hoare, Shelia Hughes, John Grainger, Robert Godfrey, Connor Hickey, Cathy Ingram, Gary Iliffe, Maureen Leatherdale, Stuart Lucas, Margaret Lowrey, Anne Lowden, Kevin Lyons, Jim Machin, Maura Magee, Shelia Mayo, Henry McKeon, Monica McShane, Donny McColl, Anne Newland, Ann McDonald, Margaret O'Sullivan, Christine Staines, Maureen Sullivan, Patrick Waters, Anja Welsh-Smyth, Paddy Westrip, Gayle Williams.