



## Sunday 4th January 2026 (Year A)

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Date	Time	Service *	Intention
Saturday 3rd	6:00pm	Vigil Mass; HN	Intentions of Kathleen Morgan
<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	Intentions of Alexander McIntosh
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Alice Edith Stone
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Robin Chester (RIP)
	10:45am	Mass; HN	For All Parishioners
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Moira Moriarty
	5:30pm	Mass; NH	Celebrants's Intentions
	7:00pm	Mass; OLI	Intentions of Fr Martin Hardy
Monday 5th	7:30pm	Mass; HN	Mike Healy (RIP)
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Giorgio and Grazia Paola
	10:30am	Mass; SA	Intentions of John Furze
	12:30am	Mass; HN	Intentions of Mr Ted Johnson
	7:30pm	Latin Mass; HN	Celebrant's Intentions
	7:30pm	Mass; OLI	Margaret Radley (Anniversary)
Wednesday 7th	9:30am	Mass; OLI	Alexander Snowdon (RIP)
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	9:30am	Mass; HN	Mary McEntee
	11:00am	Mass; SA	Intentions of Rosaleen Spencer
<b>Friday 9th</b>	7:30am	Mass; OLI	Farrell Family
	9:30am	Mass; SA	Ian Wiseman (RIP)
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	10:30am	Mass; OLI	Kathryn Madden (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; SA	Mrs Ann Scotson (RIP)
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass; HN	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady
<b>SUNDAY 11TH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	Celebrant's Intentions
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	John J Martin (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Jo Kirwan
	10:45am	Mass; HN	For All Parishioners
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	John Pickett (Anniversary)
	2:30pm	Romanian Mass; OLI	Celebrant's Intentions
	5:30pm	Mass; NH	Celebrant's Intentions
	7:00pm	Mass; OLI	John Tierney (RIP)

\*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/theholynname>

**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.

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

#### **OUR CHURCHES**

**The Holy Name**  
163 Lucas Avenue  
CM2 9JR

**Our Lady  
Immaculate**  
122 New London Rd  
CM2 0RG

**St Augustine of  
Canterbury**  
Beardsley Drive  
CM1 6GQ

#### **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

**FR MARTIN WRITES:** As I prepare to leave Chelmsford after more than three years among you, I find myself reflecting on what it means to be entrusted with a parish, not as a possession, but as a responsibility held for a season.

In my years of ordained ministry, I have come to see that the Gospel is most fully revealed not in grand words, but in quiet, faithful living. In your kindness during bereavements, your gentleness when I faltered, your patience with one another in times of struggle and care, and your faithful presence week after week, I have witnessed faith made tangible. You have shown me what it means to be Church, not perfect, but present; not without struggle, but never giving up on one another.

I leave you in the care of Fr Barto, confident that you will welcome him with the same warmth and generosity you have shown me. In him, you will find a shepherd attentive to your needs and a companion in faith.

It has been a privilege and a joy to serve among you. You have left a lasting mark upon me, and I will carry you in my prayers always. May you continue to dwell in God's mercy and hope, living the promise of the psalmist's words: "The Lord is good to all; his mercy is over all that he has made" (Psalm 145:9), allowing that mercy to shape your lives and sustain one another.

Prayerful best wishes,

Fr Martin



**GOODBYE FR MARTIN :** Fr Martin will celebrate his final Sunday Mass today 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.

**CARITAS EVENT:** You are invited to join Caritas Brentwood at our upcoming 'Responding to Homelessness' event on Saturday, January 24th 2026 (10am-12:30pm). The event will be hosted by St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish in Stratford. It will offer practical support, shared insights and meaningful discussions with local organisations, including Your Place Anchor House, Rainham Foodbank and the Basildon Night Shelter, who are all working on the frontline of homelessness.

For more information and to register for free, go to: [www.caritasbrentwood.org/events](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/events)

**BCYS YOUTH MASS:** On Thursday 8th January 2026 the regular monthly Youth Mass will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral, all young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join. See [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) for more information.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Please note the Mass Time changes on Tuesday for Epiphany which is a Holy Day of obligation.

**THANK YOU:** Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations and Masses so beautiful and prayerful. From music and flowers to welcoming, serving, cleaning, organising, and all the unseen work in between, your generosity of time and care helped make Christmas truly joyful for our parish community. We are deeply grateful to you all.

**PARISH SYNODAL GROUP:** A small group of parishioners from across the Chelmsford Catholic community meets for prayer, reflection, and Conversations in the Spirit. All are welcome to join our next meeting on Monday 12th January at 4.00 pm, in the Parish Office near St Augustine Church. We look forward to welcoming new voices as we continue discerning how a synodal approach can enrich the life and mission of our parishes.

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

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP** – an amazing volunteer opportunity for this summer. If you are in school year 12 or student age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during Camp. The Camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. Volunteer for 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

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

*Parish Administrator - Wickford Our Lady of Sorrows, 16 Hours a week, Deadline for applications: 12Noon on 9th January 2026. For information about the post please see details at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>*

**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 always welcome.

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

Sheelagh HILL (RIP) Requiem Mass on Friday 16th January at 11am in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

John MURPHY (RIP) Requiem Mass on Friday 23rd January at 11am in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

Hazel PARRY (RIP) Requiem Mass on Thursday 29th January at 11:15am in Our Lady Immaculate Church.

Ben WILLIAMS (RIP) Requiem Mass to be arranged in St Augustine Church.

## **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, Moreen Healy, 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.