**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GREAT BARDFIELD** The Brentwood Diocesan Trust  **ENGLISH MARTYRS, THAXTED** Registered Charity No.234092

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**Masses and Mass Intentions.** Please contact Father Celestine if you would like Mass offered for any family or special intention.

**SATURDAY 2nd and SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2024 . Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Saturday 2nd November 2024.**

**5pm Mass in The Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**Sunday 3rd November 2024**

**9.30 am. Mass at Great Bardfield**

**Tuesday 5th November. Mass at 9.30 Chapel downstairs**

**Wednesday 6th November Mass at 9.30 Chapel downstairs**

**Friday 8th November Mass at 9.30**

**Saturday 9th November and Sunday 10th November. Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**BIBLE STUDY DAY for all who wish to renew their faith on SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER from10 am to noon. Study material will be 1) Acts of the Apostles; and 2) Evangelii Nuntiandi. All are welcome.**

**Saturday 9th November 5 pm Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**Sunday 10th. November. 9.30 am Mass at Great Bardfield.**

# Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for our numerous sick parishioners and their families.

# Claire Foley, Oliver Hutchings, Lawrence Reeve, Keith Chapman, Maureen Edwards, Audrey Stabb, Maggs Kissane, Carolyn Munro, Robina Debnam, Alison Parrish, Mandy Day, Mary Edgecombe, Noah Wiseman, Linda Wheater, Camilla Smith, John Latham, Emily Blackburn, Steph Hughes Christy Donlon, Pam Gale, Hazel Latham, Simon Latham, Jerome O’Brien, John Yates, Simon Middelboe, John and Gillian Fahy, Patricia McClenahan, Aimee McClenahan, Linda Rust, Karen Dawson and Mary Doe.

**Please Pray for the repose of the souls of** Yvette Foort, John Debnam, Rosa Wheater, Sarah Walsh, PADDY HUGHES, Mary Walbanke and Edward Gibbons whose anniversaries occur at about this time. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory:** for the year to 5th April 2024. Cash: £ 4,379.08. Standing Orders: £ 14,881. Gift Aid: £ 4,533.00.

**Total Income for financial year to 5th April 2024: £ 35,103. Total Expenditure: £ 45,091. Deficit: £ 9,988.**

**Note that the income was enhanced by a generous £5,000 legacy from David Jarvis.**

**Income for September 2024: £ 3,334; Expenditure £ 5,545. Deficit for September: £ 2,211.**

**Total Income first half of 2024-25: £ 12,389. Total expenditure: £ 20,584. Deficit for first half year £ 8,195.**

**For offertories by standing Order or Online Banking the Church Account is:**

**HSBC sort code: 40-13-22; a/c no. 71025457. Full a/c name “Catholic Church, Great Bardfield Mission.”**

**If you are a UK tax payer, and have not already done so, please complete a GIFT AID FORM so that the Parish can collect an extra 25% on your giving. Forms available from Sheelagh Foort** [**sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com**](mailto:sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com) **or Kate Fox.**

**FOODBANK DONATIONS.** Bring donations to The Holy Spirit, Bardfield when it is open for Mass and leave inside the main entrance door in a carrier bag I will collect and liaise with St Mary’s. Kate Fox.

**If you would like to make a financial donation**, you can send a cheque payable to “Braintree Area

Food Bank Ltd to Braintree Food Bank, Unit 6, Lakes Industrial Estate, Lower Chapel Hill, Braintree, CM7 3RU

**Or by Bank Transfer to: CAF Bank, A/c name: Braintree Area Food Bank Ltd. A/c No: 00029229; Sort Code 40-52-40** Or you can give it to me to forward. Many thanks, Kate Fox.

**In Thaxted** goods can be left at The Baptist Church, Park Street. Cheques can be sent to “Uttlesford Foodbank”, Rebecca Cushway , Treasurer of Uttlesford Food Bank, Stansted House, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ

**Privacy Regulation (GDPR). If you are on a Parish rota or otherwise interested in continuing to receive our Parish Newsletters and updates, please do remember to complete and return the “GDPR General Communications” Consent form to your Parish Council contact as soon as possible.** Phillip Slater

**HOLY COMMUNION and the CURRENT COVID REGIME.**

**If you are feeling unwell, do not come to Church.**

**If you are feeling well but have a cough or sneeze, you may think it courteous to wear a mask.**

**Holy Communion will be offered under both forms. How and what you receive is at your discretion but if you have a cough or sneeze, you may feel that it is not safe to yourself or others to receive the communion cup.**

**If you wish to receive communion on the tongue, please wait to the end of the queue.**

**BRENTWOOD MONTHLY YOUTH MASS EVERY FIRST THURSDAY of the Month in the Cathedral.** . Pizza & refreshments from 6pm in the Hall. Discussions. Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30. Bring instruments to play if you wish. Suggested age is Year 9

**Readers’ Rota for Great Bardfield.** If you would like to read at Mass, please contact Sheelagh Chapman who will include you in any new Rota. Phone 07802 735071 or email [Sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com](mailto:Sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com)

**From the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. Employment opportunities.**

Full time Cook, Tuesdays to Saturdays 12 noon to 19.00 hours.

Required to work in a unique position within a small religious community in Colchester – the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

Further information from Tel: 07394980188 or email: caremanager@canonesses.co.uk

Senior Carer position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester.

For details visit: https:/canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/ or call Care Manager on 079394-980188.

**REPOSITORY at OUR LADY and ST ANNE LINE, DUNMOW. Available before and after 11 am Mass on Sunday.**

Margaret Joyce reminds us that they have a stock of Mother’s Day, St Patrick, Easter and Mass Cards, Get well, Birthday, Sympathy and Candle cards. Also wooden pocket crosses, footprints bookmarks, thumbstones, rosaries and medals. Call Margaret on 01371 872474 for further information.

**Onward and Upward.** At the PPC meeting on 19th October there was concern about possible misinformation regarding the life of the Parish and it was felt that details of future plans would be helpful. For example it has been agreed to proceed with various works to the heating system, redecoration and other remedial work both internal and external. You may already have noticed improvements in the area fronting the Church. Equally important, of course, are liturgical and spiritual matters with plans for courses for Advent and Lent – a Bible Study Day has already been announced for 9th November from 10 am to noon. Our Carol Concert is confirmed for Sunday 22nd December at 3pm when we shall be joined by our friends from St Mary’s and the Community Choir. Our Lourdes pilgrims, Alfie, Michael and Francis are discussing holding a Quiz and later next summer a BBQ. Father intends to plan a Diary of Events. So, lots to look forward to in 2025. Kate Fox. Secretary to the PPC.

**THAXTED CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: Messy Church on 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3.30 to 5.30pm.**

**Church with a difference for families involving fun.**  See: thaxtedmessychurch@outlook.