**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 3rd May and SUNDAY 4th May 2025. THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.**

**5 pm. Saturday 3rd May. Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**9.30. am. Sunday 4th May Mass at Great Bardfield.**

Celebrated for the repose of the Soul of David Jarvis.

**Fr. Celestine’s Reflection. Obeying God makes life fruitful.**

**There are no mid-week Masses this week as Father Celestine is on a retreat.**

**The Bishops Conference has set up an online Book of Condolence for Pope Francis:** [**https://popefrancistributes.com/**](https://popefrancistributes.com/)

**Saturday 10th May and Sunday 11th May 2025. Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

**5pm. Saturday 10th May. Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**9.30. am Sunday 17th May. Mass at Great Bardfield.**

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

# Claire Foley, Oliver Hutchings, 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, John Yates, Simon Middelboe, John and Gillian Fahy, Patricia McClenahan, Aimee McClenahan, Linda Rust, Karen Dawson, Paddy March and Mary Doe.

**Please Pray for the repose of the souls** of Oliver Barnard, Joan Totman, Maurice Walsh, Elizabeth Mendham, Christine Chapman, Elizabeth Slade and Jane Gibbons whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

**Offertory:**

**Total Income for financial year to 5th April 2025: £ 31,806. Total Expenditure: £ 54,832. Deficit: £ 23,026.**

**Last week.: Income: Cash: £51.00 Standing Orders £286.87. Gift Aid (estimated). £65.00. Estimated total: £402.87.**

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

**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.**

**More Ministers of the Eucharist are needed in the Parish.** If you are willing to help, please let Fr Celestine know.

**On Saturday 17th May** the Church of the Holy Spirit will be opening its doors to serve refreshments during the annual Bardfield Garage Sale event. Our aim is to raise our profile and offer a warm welcome to everyone who crosses the threshold. We need cakes and volunteers to help on the day for a couple of hours. If you can help, please contact Siobhan Evers at: [siobhan.evers@btinternet.com](mailto:siobhan.evers@btinternet.com)

**Parish Open Day on Saturday 24th May at the Holy Spirit, Bardfield.**

Would you like to know more about our Catholic Faith? Are you considering becoming a Catholic? If yes, please come to our Open Day from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 24th May.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at The Holy Spirit, Bardfield on Sunday 8th June – Pentecost.**

If you wish to be confirmed, please contact Father Celestine before the end of March. Tel: 07440 394171.

**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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 18th to 25th July 2025.** Led by Bishop Alan. Support is available for those with medical needs. For information contact Tangney Tours: 01732 886 666 or Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage-Tangney Tours.

**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)

**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.

**THAXTED CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**BIG BREKKIE. Saturday 17th May 10 am to 12.30 pm outside Thaxted Parish Church.**

**Come and enjoy Breakfast or Brunch in good company in support of Christian Aid.**

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: Messy Church on 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4 to 5 pm.**

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

**Note.** No weekday Masses on 6th, 7th or 9th May.