**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 13th & SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Fr. Celestine’s reflection: God searches for us with Mercy and Compassion.**

**5. pm. Saturday 13th September. Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**9.30. am. Sunday 14th September . Mass at Great Bardfield.**

**Tuesday 16th September 9.30 am. Mass at Bardfield.**

**Wednesday 17th September 9.30 am. Mass at Bardfield.**

**Friday 19th September 9.30 am. Mass followed by Holy Hour at Bardfield**

**SATURDAY 20th and SUNDAY 21st September 2025. THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

**SATURDAY 20th September. 5 pm. Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**SUNDAY 21st September 9.30 am. Mass at Great Bardfield.**

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

We have recently had the very bad news that **Fiona Walsh** whom you may remember as running a children’s liturgy and preparing children for holy communion and confirmation at Great Bardfield is seriously ill with cancer. She and Damian, now living on Anglesey, have specially asked for your prayers.

# Remember too 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, Mary Doe and Kathleen Mason.

**Please Pray for the repose of the souls** of Robert Walbanke, Angela Latham, Bernard Slade , Gerald Tyson and Anthony Ashford Hodges 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. £ 60.00 Standing Orders. £286.87. Gift Aid (estimate). £75.00. Estimated total: £ 421.87.**

**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.**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 21 -25 October. Cost £ 399 or £199 for a child. Flight from Stansted. Led by Fr. Stephen Boyle of St. Anselm’s, Dartford from whom further details can be obtained: 01322 220075. dartford@rcaos.org.uk**

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

**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

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**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHER 2025.** 10.30 am Saturday 25th to 3.15 Sunday 26th October 2025 at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island. A weekend of faith, fun and friendship with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities. Cost £70. to include transport, meals, cabin accommodation and activities. Suitable for Year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) Further info from Gabriella Skinner: 01277 373959

**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 and above.

**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**

**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.

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