**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 16th and SUNDAY 17th March 2024. FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT.**

**5pm Saturday 16th March Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of THAXTED Parish Church.**

**9.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th March at Great Bardfield. [ St Patrick’s Day.]**

**Tuesday 19th March. Mass at 9.30 am. St Joseph Chapel downstairs.**

**Wednesday 20th March. Mass at 9.30 am Chapel Downstairs**

**Thursday 21st March. Mass at 9.30 am. Chapel Downstairs.**

**Friday 22nd March Mass at 9.30. Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour**

 **PALM SUNDAY.**

**Saturday 23rd March 2024. 5pm Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church**

**Sunday 24th March 2024 9.30am Mass in. Great Bardfield.**

**Holy Week Services.**  At Great Bardfield.

Tuesday 26th March. 7.30pm. Penitential Service. (Not Monday as inaccurately published last week.)

Thursday 28th March. 6pm. Maundy Thursday.

Friday 29th March. 3pm. Good Friday

Saturday 30th March. 6pm. Easter Vigil.

Volunteers to have feet washed on Maundy Thursday are required. Please contact Sheelagh Foort.

Sheelagh would also like to hear from readers for all services in Holy Week.

**EASTER FLOWERS. There will be a retiring collection for Easter flowers on Sundays 17th and 24th March.**

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

# Claire Foley, Mike Altree, 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 and Karen Dawson

**Please Pray for the repose of the souls of** Mary Boyle, Fr Donal Donergan, Susan Markham, Ron Drake and Mary Hart whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Requiescant in pacem. May they rest in peace.

**Offertory:** for the year to 5th April 2023. Cash: £ 3,111.48. Standing Orders: £ 15,601. Gift Aid: £ 4,539.70

**Total Income for financial year to 5th April 2023: £ 27,836.91. Total Expenditure: £ 63,584.71. Deficit: £ 35,747.80.!**

**Total income for 11 months to 6 March 2024: £29,381.55. Total expenditure: £38,641.57 Deficit over 11 months: £9,260.02.**

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

**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.**

 **Tuesday 23rd April 2024. Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society. Anniversary Afternoon tea.**

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, BCCS is holding an afternoon tea party at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Thorpe Bay, Southend. Bishop Alan will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets are £34 per person available until 8th April. I shall send further information before then. Tickets are available on: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE JULY 2024.** Three of our young parishioners, Alfie Madigan, Michael Pettet and Francis Pettet will be making this Pilgrimage with the Diocesan Youth Service, helping to care for the sick and disabled. They have to pay £710 each.

Josie Pettet will be crocheting Easter Cards and bookmarks to raise funds (by donation) to support them. **Please support our young people in this undertaking**

**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.

**MUCH MORE THAN MONEY. Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March at 7.30pm in Great Sampford Village Hall.**

**Quintus Benziger’s new Musical Play examines the dichotomy of money and charity through the parables of The Prodigal Son, the Unjust Steward and The Good Samaritan set to the music of Gershwin.**

**Tickets are £10 (£5 for children.)**

**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.**

Littlebury Energy Project Open Day in Littlebury Village Hall 11am to 3pm on Saturday March 16th. Advice on energy saving, solar panels and space heaters including grants.

**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

 **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.

For next week: Saffron Walden Community Energy. Sessions in Littlebury on 16 March and in Thaxted on 6th April

**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. No need to book.

Further info: [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**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.