**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 7th and SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024 . Twenty-third Sunday. Education Sunday.**

 **There will be Retiring Collections at each Mass for the Catholic Education service..**

**Saturday 7th September 2024. 5pm Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**Sunday 8th September 9.30 am. Mass at Great Bardfield**

**Tuesday 10th September. Mass at 9.30 Chapel downstairs**

**Wednesday 11th September Mass at 9.30 Chapel downstairs**

**Friday 13th September Mass and Holy Hour at 9.30 Chapel downstairs.**

**Saturday 14th September and Sunday 15th September. Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Saturday 14th September. 5 pm Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.**

**Sunday 15th September. 9.15 am. Anointing of the sick.**

 **9.30 am Mass at Great Bardfield.**

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# 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 and Karen Dawson.

**Please Pray for the repose of the souls of** Eric Rafferty, Robert Walbanke and Angela Latham 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 has been enhanced by a generous £5,000 legacy from David Jarvis.**

**Total Income Q.1 2024. April – July. £5,341.74. Total expenditure: £21,514. Deficit for the Quarter: £ 16,173.**

**Income for June 2024: £1,623.24; expenditure £6,410.11. Deficit for June: £4,787.87.**

**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** **or Kate Fox.**

**Annointing the sick at 9.15 Sundays 15th and 22nd September**. This sacrament is for all those who feel the need for extra strength and healing of mind body and soul. It may be received several times – whenever we feel the need of God’s grace. You are encouraged to attend. If you are housebound, please contact Fr Celestine. See:St Mark ch6 Vv7-13 and Epistle of St James ch5 Vv13-15.

**BBQ and Mass for young Adults Sunday 8th September at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford.**

BBQ is from 3pm with Mass at 8pm. 18+. No need to book.

**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.**

**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

**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.** Sheelagh Chapman is compiling a Rota for June to December. If you would like to read and are not yet on the Rota, please volunteer to Sheelagh. Phone 07802 735071 or email Sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com

**YOUTH GATHER, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea. 26 – 27 October 2024.**

For everyone in Year 9 and above. A weekend of speakers, workshops and prayer alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, Archery and climbing. Essex Outdoors at East Mersea. Applications to [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024)

**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 Wednesday of each month from 3.30 to 5.30pm.**

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