

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GREAT BARDFIELD
ENGLISH MARTYRS, THAXTED**

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Masses and Mass Intentions. Please contact Fr. Michael if you would like Mass offered for a special intention.

SATURDAY 25th and SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026. SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

SATURDAY 25th JULY 2026.

5.00 pm Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.

SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026.

9.30 am. Mass at Great Bardfield.

Mass each morning from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st July at 9 am. at Dunmow.

SATURDAY 1st and SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2026.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST 5.00 pm. Vigil Mass in the Lady Chapel of Thaxted Parish Church.

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 9.30 am. Mass at Great Bardfield. (Sorry, no refreshments after this Mass)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Classes will begin in September. If you wish to enrol your child please speak to Fr. Michael or pick up a form at the back of the Church in Dunmow.

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 Wheeler, Camilla Smith, John Latham, Emily Blackburn, Steph Hughes Christy Donlon, Pam Gale, John Yates, Simon Middelboe, John and Gillian Fahy, Patricia McClenahan, Aimee McClenahan, Karen Dawson, Linda Rust, Paddy March, Mary Doe and Kathleen Mason.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Fiona Walsh who died peacefully in her sleep on Friday 10th July surrounded by Damian and family members. Fiona was a lovely lady who organised the Children's Liturgy at Great Bardfield for many years. During that time she was herself received into the Church at an Easter Vigil Service. She helped with First Communion Classes. She died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The family had moved to Anglesey. The Funeral and Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 on Wed. 5th August at Our Lady and St James Church, Holyhead Road, Bangor LL57 2EE.

The funeral of John Latham, brother of Simon, will be at 11.30 am on Tuesday 28th July at St Philip Howard R.C. Church, 33, Walpole Road, Cherry Hinton, CB3 3TD. Parking at St Bede's School, Birdwood Rd..

Please also pray for the souls of Pauline Claridy, Katie Gibbons, Bridget Hopkins and Mary Gibbons whose anniversaries occur at about this time. May they rest in peace.

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

For the year to 5th April 2026. Total Income £27,502. Total Expenditure: £58,788. **Deficit: £30,286 .**

For this year from 5th April to 5th July 2026 - Income, £3,060.. Expenditure, £. 6,166. **Deficit: £ 3,106.**

For last week: Offertory: £ 77.00. Standing Orders: £ 228.00. Gift Aid (estimated) £70.00. Estimated total £ 375.00.

To avoid cash handling when giving to the Church please donate by Standing Order or Online Banking. The 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 U.K. taxpayer 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 are available from Sheelagh Foort: sheelaghfoort@hotmail.com or from Kate Fox.

Church Flowers and Cleaning. Following some departures from the area we need some more volunteers to help with flowers and cleaning our Church at Great Bardfield. This normally involves 3 or 4 times each year plus team efforts at Easter and Christmas. Please contact Siobhan Evers at Church or on: siobhan.evers@btinternet.com

FOODBANK DONATIONS. Foodbanks are feeling strong demand and lower donations at the moment. Can we renew our efforts? 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 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 January to June. 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

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.