

# ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

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# ST CUTHBERT'S, BURNHAM ON CROUCH

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### Masses and Services at Assumption of Our Lady, Maldon

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Confessions		
		5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Peter Maloney RIP	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Morning Prayer		
		9.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Mara & Reeves Family RIP	
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Holy Hour with Evening Prayer and Night Prayer		
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Rosary		
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Morning Prayer		
		9.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Miriam Macaraya RIP	<i>St Lucy</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Reconciliation Service</b>		
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Hour with Rosary		<i>St John of the Cross</i>
		12noon	<b>Mass</b>	Ints of Institut Krista Velknaza	
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Bridie O'Neill RIP	
		4.00pm	Confessions		<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
		5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Peter Cook RIP	
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parish	

### Masses and Services at Saint Cuthbert's, Burnham on Crouch

Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Confessions		
		11.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Special Intention	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Morning Prayer		
		9.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Michael & Alice Russell RIP	
		10.00am	Holy Hour with Rosary		
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Confessions		<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
		11.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Jean Hayes Ints	

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### Pope Francis' General Audience from Wednesday

After concluding his reflections on the Ten Commandments at last week's General Audience, Pope Francis on Wednesday launched a new series of catechesis, which will focus on the "Our Father." "The Gospels have given us a very vivid portrait of Jesus as a man of prayer," the Pope said in the introductory catechetical instruction. Despite the importance of His mission, and the demands placed on Him by the people, Jesus often felt the need "to withdraw into solitude and pray." This was evident from the very beginning of His mission, after the initial success of his ministry in Galilee. "In some places in the Scriptures," Pope Francis continued, "it seems that it is Jesus' prayer above all, His intimacy with the Father, that governs everything." This is particularly evident during the agony in the garden, before the Crucifixion. The Holy Father said that, although Jesus prayed like other people do, there was also a profound mystery about His prayer to His Father. That is why His disciples asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus does not want to keep His intimacy with His Father to Himself, but "came precisely in order to introduce us into this relationship with the Father." We too must make our own the prayer of the disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray." "Even if we have been praying for many years," Pope Francis said, "we always have something to learn." Recalling the parable of the publican and the Pharisee, the Holy Father said the first step in prayer is to humble ourselves before God.

Pope Francis concluded his first reflection on the prayer of Jesus with the advice to repeat often, during Advent, the prayer of the disciples: "Master, teach us to pray." If we do this, he said, then God will certainly not let our prayer go unanswered.

**Advent Charity Appeal, starting this Weekend.** This year we will be supporting the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We encourage you to give £1 at each Mass on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent to help children in need in our Diocese.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** will take place on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm in Maldon. This is a graced opportunity to experience the mercy and healing that only God can give us. There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions.

**Flame 2019** Saturday 2nd March 2019. This is a Youth event open to young people in Year 8 and above. Please speak to Fr Mark or email [maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Deanery Health & Safety** There will be a training session on Tuesday 11 December at 19.30, run by Precision, for all those in the Deanery who have volunteered as Fire Wardens. The evening will take place at The Holy Family & All Saints, Witham parish hall. Everyone welcome.

**Nativity Tableau** Would your child like to be part of the Church Nativity at the 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve? If so, please contact Veronica on 0789 499 8075 so that we can arrange rehearsal times and allocate parts. Responses needed ASAP. Thank you.

**Maldon- Missio Red Boxes** - Please return your boxes over the next few weeks, either leave at the back of the church or hand to Patrick Parsons, please make sure to write your name on the label on the bottom of the box, so they can be returned for refilling!!

**Burnham** 100 Club December draw:

1st Prize Stephen      2nd Prize Eithne Brinson      3rd Prize Gillian Booth

**Burnham.** Many thanks to all those involved in the Christmas Bazaar, a total of £1660 was made.

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Please pray for our sick: Barry Lloyd, Carol Fenton, Sheila Pratt, Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Becci Hull, Angela Smith, Lottie Tustain, Ann Johnson, Linda Jordon-Thomas, Celia McStay and Catherine Hart.

Offertory Collection	Maldon:	£681.39	Many thanks
	Burnham:	£435.13	Many thanks
Flower Collection	Maldon:	£262.92	Many thanks
	Burnham:	£59.36	Many thanks

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**St John Payne Advent Carol Service** You are warmly invited to attend our Advent Carol Service, which will take place on Thursday 20th December at 6.00pm in Aquinas Hall. This always festive and creative service will be followed by refreshments and a time to socialise. If you have any queries, please contact Hannah Kelly, School Chaplain on 01245 256030, otherwise please just turn up and join in.

**St John Payne Catholic School** - Governing Body Vacancies - Please see the noticeboard regarding vacancies or visit our website [www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/governors/](http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/governors/).

**Vision Document: Shaping Our Future.** This month marks a key milestone in the Steward of the Gospel process as the Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is published. Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to all parishioners that can be viewed on the Diocese's website by clicking on the News button. Please take time to watch and listen to this message in the coming days. In the News section you will also find a link to the Vision Document: Shaping Our Future. The Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is designed as an online resource in line with our early commitment to making better use of technology and it has links through to other websites and documents. Viewing the document on line enables it be read in large print and some people have access to read aloud functions. Wherever possible we would urge you to read the document online but in the parish we have hard copies of the booklets for those who cannot access the online version.

**London at Christmas and the New Year** Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Join us for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

**BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019.** If you are in school year 10 or above, applications will be open from the evening of Sunday 21st Oct. and will remain open until 31st Jan. 2019. These can be made at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) where you will also find more information about the trip.