

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

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ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



Diocese of
Brentwood

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Masses and Services at Assumption of Our Lady, Maldon

Sat 9 th Jan	Mass 9am Fr James Duffy RIP Mass 5pm (Communal Worship) Carlo Scudiero Intentions	
Sun 10 th Jan	Mass 9am (Communal Worship) People of the Parish	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Mon 11 th Jan	Mass 9:30am	
Tues 12 th Jan	Mass 9:30am	
Wed 13 th Jan	Mass 9:30am (Communal Worship) Peter Maloney RIP	
Thu 14 th Jan	Mass 9:30am	
Fri 15 th Jan	Mass 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration 7pm	
Sat 16 th Jan	Mass 9am Mass 5pm (Communal Worship) David Jolly RIP	
Sun 17 th Jan	Mass 9am (Communal Worship) People of the Parish	<i>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i>

* to allow for safe seating arrangements at Maldon Sat/Sun masses kindly confirm attendance with Parish office by phone or email

Masses at Saint Cuthbert, Burnham on Crouch

Sun 10 th Jan	Mass 11:30am (Communal Worship)	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Thu 14 th Jan	Individual prayer 12-1pm	
Sun 17 th Jan	Mass 11:30am (Communal Worship)	<i>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</i>

*for confirming Burnham mass attendance please contact Louise Tyrell 07802418512 email:louisetyrell@mac.com

Sacrament of reconciliation/ confession is available at 4pm Saturday in the sacristy at Maldon.

Communal services resume on Wednesday, Saturday evening & Sunday but with restricted congregation numbers. Kindly confirm with the Parish office by phone or email the Maldon mass you wish to attend or Louise Tyrell for Burnham. All Masses & Adoration from Maldon are livestreamed through our website www.mandbcc.org or <https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon>. Unless stated weekday masses are said privately.

Zoom streaming at St.Cuthbert is suspended until further notice

We can join in spiritually with the celebration of Mass by watching the live-streaming; following its prayers at home & by making an act of spiritual communion

National Lockdown: Church remains open With the announcement of a new lockdown for England to curb the rapid spread of COVID-19, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community." Please book your seats with the office for the weekend communal masses at Maldon or with Louise Tyrell at Burnham. Please do not attend mass if you are unwell or required to self-isolate. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended & livestreaming of all masses is available. Seat booking is necessary as social distancing limits the seating available. Please be reminded face coverings must be worn unless you are exempt or under 11 years of age.

Fr James Joseph would like to thank everyone for the many personal gifts and cards that he has received and the generous Christmas offering which will be shared with the Pallottine Fathers Mission. Bless also all those who have contributed in different ways to our Christmas celebrations & indeed throughout this difficult year - the readers, the stewards & cleaners; the

Hall family for the wonderful Carol Service; those who decorated the church hall & those involved in maintaining the grounds & ensuring building projects proceed smoothly; those who installed the cribs & Christmas tree, the flower arrangers & those involved in caring for vestments & brassware; those involved in finances book keeping, Giftaid, offertory counting; the Health & Safety team especially all aspects of Covid security; the facilitation of livestreaming & website maintenance; the various church committees, prayer groups and the list goes on - sincere thanks to you all.

Zoom streaming at St Cuthbert Until internet connection issues are resolved the mass will not be streamed via Zoom until further notice. Masses at Maldon are available to watch "live" whilst if you scroll down the Churches TV page you will find recordings listed in red to watch anytime at your convenience.

Help during Covid-19: If you feel able to help with stewarding & cleaning then please speak with Fr James or contact the parish office. If you would like to volunteer it is important that you consider your own vulnerability and that of others in your household & be in general good health. PPE is provided for all those taking part.

Contact Tracing: Both churches now have QR codes displayed. If you have a smartphone please scan the QR code when you arrive, using the NHS COVID-19 app. This is to help trace and stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) The stewards will however continue to confirm contact details as you enter church.

Livestreaming: All scheduled Maldon masses and Eucharistic Adoration are available to view through the orange button on our website www.mandbcc.org or alternatively through <https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon> If you have difficulties watching the livestream, we have been informed by Churchservices TV that if you switch to using the Google Chrome browser it should resolve the problem. If you still experience problems try contacting support@churchservices.tv

Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2021 copies are now available to purchase at £2.80 or £4 for ringbound copy. Please contact the office or collect at communal worship.

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Please pray for our sick: Barry Lloyd, Carol Fenton, Sheila Pratt, Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Becci Hull, Lottie Tustain, Ann Johnson, Linda Jordon-Thomas, Catherine Hart, Robert Bloomfield, Tommy Cooper, Mary Rudin, Anne Kennelly

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph James Elmore who died recently. May his soul rest in peace.

Offertory 27th Dec	<u>Maldon</u>	£157
Last Sunday's Offertory	<u>Maldon</u>	£247.60
	<u>Burnham</u>	£124.91
November Standing orders	<u>Burnham</u>	£413

Many thanks

Crib Donations to the BCCS - providing fully trained dedicated professionals to guide, support, help, listen, and nurture children and young people through difficult times

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Supporting your Parish: We are very aware of the financial burdens & constraints that many parishioners may be facing but sadly as a parish we are also experiencing a significant fall in income in these challenging times. Please continue to support the church financially if you are able to do so.

Offertory Envelopes for the current year are available from the Parish Office and can be collected on request. There will be no collection during mass but a retiring collection bucket is available on exiting the mass. You are encouraged to donate through standing order/ parish online donation. Standing order mandates are available in the church porch or through the office.

Parish Register: If you are new to the Parish or haven't got round to registering yet, please ask Fr James or the parish office for a Parish Registration Form as soon as possible

Childrens Liturgy: 12minute YouTube videos illustrating the liturgy of the week using puppets. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyKNFNHoYkd_yOIJIKjy60g/videos

First Communion & Confirmation 2021: The issuing of application forms for the next cohort receiving sacraments in 2021 is delayed until further notice due to Covid 19 restrictions

Mass intentions can be made via email to the parish office maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by telephone with all the necessary details or you can post your requests through the presbytery door. Donations can be made using any of the methods below but ensure it is marked as mass stipend.

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for wellbeing, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

- **Secure Online Donation** for each parish can be accessed through the Diocesan website. Select the fund to which you wish to donate & choose from the options: General Offertory, Easter or Other
Maldon:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=maldon>
Burnham:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=burnham-on-crouch>
- **Standing Order or One-Off Payments** through your bank or alternatively contact the parish office who will send you a mandate to complete & return to your bank. Please use the relevant reference Offertory Donation, mass stipend etc
Account Name: Catholic Church Maldon Assumption of Our Lady
Sort code 40-13-22 Account No:51020684
Account Name: Catholic Church Burnham on Crouch Saint Cuthbert
Sort Code 40-13-22 Account No:11017713
- **Post** your donation or giftaid offertory envelope or mass intention through the presbytery door at 60A Victoria Road.

Parish Office with regard to Government advice the office may not be regularly staffed. Please still phone or use email but expect some delays in responding. Mass intentions are welcome and masses can be livestreamed via the orange button on the parish website. Donations as above.

Subscribe by email If you wish to receive an email each week with a copy of the Parish Newsletter, at least during the Coronavirus restrictions, please confirm by e-mail to the parish office maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org that you agree to give your consent to the Parish holding and processing your personal data for sending you the parish newsletter. You can find out more about how we use your data from our Privacy Notice, which is available on the diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/data-protection/> You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish office. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required or permitted by law. This will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to that point.

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Attending Mass at this time

- You must stay at home if you are unwell or required to self-isolate
- Please consider parking at public carparks as outside space at church may be required for safe queueing
- You will be asked to confirm your name by a steward on entering & if you have a smartphone please scan the QR code to check in with the NHS app
- Please be directed by stewards to use hand sanitiser on entering & leaving the church via a one-way system entering in through the porch & leaving through the sacristy
- Face coverings must be worn unless you are exempt inside places of worship
- Toilet facilities remain closed except for emergencies
- You are asked to respect social distancing rules & follow the stewards seating directions to ensure safety of all present. Please sit with other members of your household

- The Homily will be brief, there will be no singing, bidding prayers or offertory procession.
- Baskets will be available for a retiring collection but you are encouraged to donate online or through standing order where possible
- The Eucharistic rite will be adapted so that we collectively reverence the host & chalice at the priest's communion so that individual communion can be received without the need for any response. Communion will only be of the host directly into the hand and will take place after the final dismissal so that can we exit the church as directed by the stewards immediately after
- Although we all miss our fellowship & community it is important not to congregate or linger after mass

Austen Ivereigh Livestream Event: On Saturday 30th January from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. 'Let us Dream' presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future. How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? To access this livestream event please go to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. The event, which is sponsored by Gidea Park parish in conjunction with Brentwood Interfaith, will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 - Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and our young people intending to travel with the BCYS, will be made in January. Until then, do keep the dates for the pilgrimage in your diaries.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal - DEC appeal CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have chosen the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true faith throughout the whole world. We earnestly beseech You to choose from among us in this parish, Priests and Religious who will gladly spend their entire lives to make You better known and loved.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

St Joseph pray for us.

St John Vianney pray for us.

Spiritual Communion - Prayer of St Alphonsus

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.**

Domestic Abuse The Domestic Abuse Group of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued guidance on how Catholic parishes can support victims of domestic abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic. The website includes information about how to report domestic abuse or to get help <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/domestic-abuse/>

However, if you are in immediate danger phone 999 and ask for the police.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command CEOP have issued an #OnlineSafetyAtHome pack available for you to download, containing new activities for parents and carers to use at home. The link can be found on the parish website.

BCCS Brentwood Catholic Children's Society -

If you know of a family who is struggling at this time, please do speak to us or ask them to contact our Head of School Services, Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk

The link to our webpage is: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/>

An invitation from the National Justice And Peace Network

- Are you concerned about injustice in our world?
- Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?
- Would you like support and encouragement?

If the answer is yes, then please look at what the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has to offer. The National Justice and Peace Network is a grassroots body with Catholic roots, working with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its aims and values. It is based in England and Wales. More details available from: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

Fraud There are a multitude of frauds in action at the present taking advantage of the Covid19 situation involving emails, NHS track and trace, HMRC & delivery scams to name a few.

Here's where you can get the latest information on coronavirus-related scams and how to protect yourself <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news> or <https://www.essex.police.uk/>



If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101.

Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Maldon Community Coronavirus Response www.maldoncvcs.org.uk/corona

UPDATE 7th January 2021

There have been a number of changes to Government guidance over the past four weeks with the Maldon District moving from Tier 3 into Tier 4 and a third national lockdown which this time affects school closures as well as hospitality and other businesses.

On Monday 4th January Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a return to shielding nationally however the National Shielding Support Service was already active in Essex having been put in place when Maldon District entered Tier 3 and reconfirmed just before Christmas when the "Stay at Home" tier 4 instruction was given. The Essex Wellbeing Service and health organisations contacted all individuals classified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) with information on how and where to get help.

As a result the local helpline line has not seen a huge rise in new requests for support although there is some increase. At the current time the levels of demand are manageable within the core team of MDCVS, the Salvation Army, Maldon District Council and the Moat Foundation and the community hub volunteers.

The Community hub volunteers have also been fantastic in their support to the vaccine roll out taking place at Maldon District Council Offices from mid December. Three local surgeries have worked extremely hard to begin the process of vaccinating the districts most vulnerable residents and by the end of January all GP surgeries, working within their Primary Care Network clusters, will have systems in place to roll out the vaccine

With the continued roll out of the vaccine and the increasing infection rates there may be a time where more resource is needed within the community response and the response team will put the call out for help from the community with details of where the need is.

In the meantime the helpline remains open between 10am-2pm Mon-Fri for anyone to contact for help with food supplies, medicines or accessing services. The response team is able to provide food parcels for people who cannot get out to shop whether this be due to shielding or as a result of a positive test or a requirement to self isolate. Up to 2 weeks food can be provided as required.

For the time being the safe space has been paused and we hope this can reopen once infection rates begin to fall in the district. Buddy walkers for people who would like support or company one to one to get out of the home are still available and online coffee mornings are being held every week.

The next Community Forum meeting will take place on the 13th January anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. This forum will be an opportunity to share experiences and give feedback on issues within the local community.

Maldon District Council <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/coronavirus> has a wealth of local information including a Covid 19 community pack with key support contact information

Vacancies

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

Please use this link address to view current vacancies.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

£500 grants available to those who need to self-isolate



If you've tested positive or been asked to self-isolate it is really important that you stay home to stop the spread of Covid 19. Essex County Council has secured an extra £3m from Government covid funds to provide financial support to residents who need to self-isolate.

The funds have been given to borough, city and district councils to provide one off £500 support payments to people unable to work and who do not qualify for the Government's Test and Trace support payments. To apply for either the Government or discretionary grant see

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>