

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

LINKED WITH

ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



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All masses at Maldon are livestreamed through https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon					
2	Sat	9am	Mass	Mara & Reeves family RIP	
	Sat	11am	Baptism		
	Sat	4pm	Confession		
	Sat	5pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT (YEAR B)
3	Sun	9am	Mass	Ian Wybrow RIP	
4	Mon	7pm	Holy Hour		
5	Tue	9:30am	Mass	Mara & Reeves Family deceased	
6	Wed	9:30am	Mass	Michael & Alice Russell RIP	
		10am	Rosary		
7	Thu	No Mass			
8	Fri	11am	Holy Hour		IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
		12noon	Mass	Rev John Gordon RIP	
9	Sat	9am	Mass	Michael & Alice Russell RIP	
	Sat	4pm	Confession		
	Sat	5pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	2nd SUNDAY ADVENT (YEAR B)
10	Sun	9am	Mass	Jackie Faiga Special Ints	

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
3	Sun	11am	Confession		
	Sun	11:30am	Mass	Dawn Whelan-Smith RIP	FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT (B)
7	Thurs	NO MASS			
10	Sun	11am	Confession		
	Sun	11:30am	Mass	Shuker Family Ints	2nd SUNDAY ADVENT (YEAR B)



Please pray for Sharon Pirozzolo who will be received into the church at St Cuthbert's during 11:30 Sunday mass. Our prayers are with Sharon as she begins the adventure of life as a faithful Catholic. All are welcome to the parish hall after mass for refreshments. **Please pray for the First Holy communion children** who will make their First Confession next Saturday 9th December at 10am.

Walk with me Advent Booklets are available now at the back of the church priced £1
St Cuthberts Christmas Bazaar raised a fabulous £1700, congratulations to all involved!

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Please pray for our sick: Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Lottie Tustain, Catherine Hart, Tommy Cooper, Anne Kennelly, Oliver Cliff, Bernadette Bacon, Martin Doherty (Digit), Mary Dover, Sharon

Tappin, Margie O'Connell. **Please pray for the repose of the soul** of Michael Hartley RIP remembering also his family & friends in our prayers.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS	MALDON	BURNHAM	
26 th November	£376	£197.71	<i>thank you</i>
Second Collection BCYS	£284	£tbc	

Second Collection THIS weekend will be for the Christmas Flowers



Children's Liturgy takes place at Sunday mass 3rd December

Children's Liturgy Christmas Nativity Rehearsal after 10am mass today

First Sunday Coffee morning after masses THIS Sunday at Burnham & Maldon.

Everyone is welcome to the hall after Sunday mass for a hot drink & a friendly chat. At St Cuthbert's this will also mark a celebration of welcome for Sharon's reception into the Church.

Cuppa and Chat (alternate Mondays) 2:30-4pm in the hall Monday 11th December

Widows & widowers Group 10am Tuesdays in Maldon parish hall. Widows group will be closing for Christmas on 19th December & reopening 2nd January 2024

Confirmation next session Tuesday 5th December at 7pm

Wednesday Coffee Break All are welcome, each Wednesday morning at 10.30 am, following the Rosary after morning mass.

First Holy Communion Saturday 9th December 10am

Burnham Alpha continues Mondays until December 11th

IMPORTANT Several parishioners have received emails purporting to be from Fr James this week. Please be aware that if you receive communication from any address other than maldon@brcdt.org it is unlikely to be genuine. If you have concerns about the validity of any email, please contact the parish office by phone before acting on any requests, especially if they are requesting money or vouchers.

BCYS Youth Mass - Thursday 7th December 2023, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, and an Advent Reconciliation service in the Cathedral before Mass. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book.

Repository the display in the church porch has recently been refreshed with a range of Christmas items, please come & browse.

Maldon Food Pantry Grey donation boxes in the porch: Long life milk, Pasta sauce, Tinned Fruit & Vegetables, Tuna, Meals in a tin, Biscuits, Sugar, Biscuits, Baby nappies size 5 and 6, Jam, personal toiletries (Soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, deodorants)

Parish Office Hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10-2pm. Phone: 01621 852259 Email: maldon@brcdt.org

Please be aware the parish email address has recently changed

Parish Register: If you are new to the Parish or simply haven't got round to registering yet, registration forms can be found in the church porch- ask a welcomer to direct you. You can also download a form from our website or email the parish office for a copy.

Baptism please speak with Fr. James or contact the office for an appointment.

Home Visits Please contact the parish office to arrange visits to the sick, communion & house blessings

CHRISTMAS 2023

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

MALDON ✕ 2pm **Carol Service** with St Francis Catholic School pupils. All are welcome

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

MALDON ✕ 7pm **Advent Reconciliation Service**
Beginning with Eucharistic Adoration followed by confessions from 7:30pm

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER

MALDON ✕ 5pm **Sunday Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

MALDON ✕ 9.00am **Sunday Mass**
✕ 4.30pm **Nativity with Carols** followed by the **First Mass of Christmas at 5pm**
✕ 10pm **Carols** followed by **10.30pm 'Midnight' Mass**
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BURNHAM ✕ 11.30am **Sunday Mass**
✕ 7pm **Carols** followed by **7.30pm First Mass of Christmas**

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MALDON ✕ 9.00am **Christmas Day Mass**
BURNHAM ✕ 11.30am **Christmas Day Mass**



Email newsletter If you wish to receive an email each week with a copy of the Parish Newsletter, please contact the parish office maldon@brcdt.org

Broomfield Hospital Chaplain available 24/7 If you need a priest to visit a family member in Broomfield Hospital, please contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on 01245 515244 (24 hr answerphone) Email: mse.broomfieldchaplains@nhs.net If the need for a Chaplain is **urgent** contact the Hospital Switchboard on 01245 362000 and ask for the On Call Chaplain, stating patient's name & ward.

WANTED we are always on the lookout for **Singers and Musicians of all ages** to join our choir and develop our musical participation in the church, contact Janet Crofton 07508539484.


Altar servers, Readers, Welcomers & Ushers those who would like to be involved in these valuable ministries will be most welcome. Please speak with Fr James or contact the parish office.


Want to be involved? Volunteer Church Cleaners, Gardeners are always needed to join our small group of volunteers. Please contact the parish office who can direct your enquiries.


Offertory Donations You are politely encouraged to consider donating through standing order; mandates are available in the church porch or through the office. Contactless options are possible through the parish website or by scanning QR donation codes displayed in church. Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid can be applied to all of your donations, whether regular or occasional, and you can stop, start or vary what you pay whenever you decide. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are eligible to join the Gift Aid Scheme. However, you must tell the parish office if you stop paying enough tax.

CHURCH DONATION OPTIONS

- **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 (not parish office) 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
- **Secure Online Donation** for each parish can be accessed either through the Parish website (using links below) or by scanning the QR codes displayed in church. Select the fund to which you wish to donate & choose from the options: General Offertory, Easter or Other (a small fee is charged to the parish for this service):
Maldon <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/aolm>
Burnham: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/dobsc>
- **Offertory Collection Church** The collection bags are passed around during the services for general offertory. If a second collection is advertised, a labelled basket can also be found in the porch.
- **Post** your donation or giftaid offertory envelope or mass intention donation through the presbytery door at 60A Victoria Road.

 **Livestreaming:** All weekday & weekend Maldon masses are available to view through <https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon> or directly through the orange button on our website at www.mandbcc.org. It is important to note that Sunday & Feast Day services are recorded and can be viewed online for up to 30 days before being deleted. However, exceptions may apply and recordings could last up to 90 days if required by the parish.

 **Newham Deanery Day of Recollection: 'The New Year - Praying for Peace with Our Lady'** led by Fr. Stewart Foster on Saturday 30th December at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Upton Park E13 9BF : Mass at 9.15am, talk in the hall, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction ending at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

 **Sahara Desert Retreat in Morocco, 26 February – 11 March 2024** Including a day visiting Marrakesh and 9 full days in the Desert. With Fr Arnaud and Deacon Vladimir from St Antony's in Forest Gate. Designed for young adults, open to all adults able to hike 4 - 6 hours a day for 9 full days in the desert. £952 (plus flight). www.desert-retreat.com or phone Catherine at 07807 348223.

NEW **Stop the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed**
The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. Please visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/14days](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/14days) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

NEW **Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024.** £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

NEW **The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London** is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection 2023 at the Church of Mary Mother of God, 192 Nags Head Road, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 7AR on Saturday 16 December 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

Christmas Present Appeal Maldon Salvation Army Please support our Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, UNWRAPPED toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. You can drop off your donations at 12 Wantz Road on Tuesdays between 9:30 & 11:30 or Wednesdays between 11am & 1pm or at our collection points at Tescos or Morrisons in Maldon, or the Co op in Burnham-on-crouch Just Giving donations and Amazon gift lift options available at <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/maldon>

Caritas Reverse Advent Calendar and Alternative Christmas Gifts: links to 15 charities with ways to support www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent Numerous charitable organisations persist in their efforts to aid the most vulnerable in our communities, and they rely on our collective support. Please encourage your parishioners to visit the Caritas website to access links to the many charities in need of generosity and volunteers this Advent.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers

Friends of the Holy Land Christmas concert at Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington on Thursday 14th December. This concert features the well-known London Welsh Male Voice Choir with renowned soloists Margaret Keys and Anthony Stuart Lloyd and compere Mal Pope.

Palestinian-themed buffet from 6pm (£50) or concert-only ticket to start at 7:30pm (£30)

Buy your tickets through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com): Search 'FHL Christmas Concert' or for more details:

friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023

BCYS Events News

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Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email info@bcys.net

- **BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)**
 - **Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.**

The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese.

The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 - 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

Walsingham House volunteer team: applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a gap year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer team work with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Lunchtime Music Recitals Brentwood Cathedral

- Saturday 30 December Trajecti Voces, Holland - Choral Concert at 12 noon

On **Saturday 2nd December** at 4pm **Brentwood Cathedral Music** presents seasonal music and carols for all sung by founder members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. Hilary Punnett/ Organ, Joanna Smith/ Piano - directed by Roderick Elms.

Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union (St Angela's Ursuline School, Forest Gate & Ursuline School, Ilford): To mark the centenary (1923-2023) of the establishment of the English Province of the Ursuline Sisters (Roman Union) a new book *ROOTS AND SHOOTS* has been published: 172 pages with colour illustrations. To order a copy please send a donation of £12.50 (includes p&p) to Natasha Zammit, Ursuline Convent, 38 Grosvenor Road, Forest Gate, London E7 8JA (cheque payable to Ursuline Sisters) or email ursulinebook.ursuline@gmail.com to use BACS: Ursuline Provincialate a/c no.23135852 sort code 16-00-15.

London Jesuit Centre Deepen your faith through our events, courses, retreats and training. <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/whats-on/our-calendar?type=Course>

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released a new publication, entitled 'Love the Stranger'. This new publication is a call to action and a response to Pope Francis' calling on the whole Church to be welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating all people. It can be downloaded from <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

A statement on the Illegal Migration Bill was also released, calling on the Catholic community to write to their MP to oppose this "cruel and unworkable Bill". <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statement-on-the-illegal-migration-bill/> .

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and heart to consider welcoming a stranger, then we'd love to hear from you. For more information on the project

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> • E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- Facebook page: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

Marriage and Family Life: For the revamped Diocesan Marriage and Family Life pages please go to: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/>

Includes information from organisations such as **Retrouvaille**, **Marriage Care** and **Smart Loving**.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme The next virtual Retrouvaille programme begins with a virtual weekend from 8-11 February 2024. The first phase is a weekend on Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday. The second phase will be virtual on Wednesday evenings for 12 weeks. We would really value your help in bringing this programme to the attention of the people of your parish. For those who would prefer a face to face weekend, we will be having a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City from 14-16 June 2024 with 12 virtual post sessions on Wednesdays.

call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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/>



**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.**

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/>

Office Clerk- Cathedral House

To provide effective and efficient support in relation to administration requirements at Cathedral House.

Hours: 21 hours per week 09.00 until 17.00 (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays).

Start Date: December /January 2024

Salary- £13 per hour

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) hr@brcdt.org

Closing date for applications is 5th December 2023

Interim Co-ordinator for the Parish Centre Romford

The role of Interim Parish Centre Co-ordinator is essential to help the smooth beginning and running of the new facilities, for the first year of operation.

Hours: 7 hours per week. (Including some unsociable hours)

(Note: There is potential for the number of hours to grow during the year).

Start Date: January 2024

Salary- £11.95 per hour

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdominic@brcdt.org

Closing date for applications is noon on 8th December 2023