

# ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

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## ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



Parish Priest: Fr. James Joseph, SAC  
Deacon: Rev Quentin Hall


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All masses at Maldon are livestreamed through <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon">https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon</a>					
18	Sat	5pm	Vigil Mass	Ashley Israel RIP	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT
19	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	World Day of the Poor
20	Mon		No Holy Hour		
21	Tue	9:30am	Mass	Holy Souls	The Presentation of the BVM
22	Wed	9:30am	Mass	Holy Souls	St Cecilia
		10am	Rosary		
23	Thu	No Mass			
24	Fri	11am	Holy Hour	Holy Souls	
		12noon	Mass	Lourdes Villada Ints	St Andrew Dung-Lac
25	Sat	9am	Mass	Mara & Reeves family RIP	
	Sat	4pm	Confession		
	Sat	5pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret Kelly RIP & deceased members of the Kelly family	CHRIST THE KING
26	Sun	9am	Mass	Frederick & Lilian Brownlow RIP	Youth Day

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
19	Sun	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT
23	Thurs		Mass	Mr & Mrs Mason RIP	
26	Sun	11am	Confession		
	Sun	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish	CHRIST THE KING

We gratefully extend our wholehearted thanks to Deacon Quentin & all our visiting priests for their support recently, but we are delighted to welcome back Fr. James!

 **Month of the Holy Souls'**, in the month of November we traditionally remember those who have died and gone before us. Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch to include names of your family members or loved ones with a donation, if you wish or add a name tag to our **Memorial Prayer Tree** near the baptismal font in the Church to help us in our month of remembering.

**Walk with me Advent Booklets** are available now at the back of the church priced £1

**Thanks** to all those involved in last weekends successful Quiz night raising £119!

**Children's Liturgy Christmas Nativity** All children are invited to the First meeting NEXT Sunday after mass 26th November where nativity parts will be allocated 10am church hall. Subsequent rehearsals take place on Sunday 3rd December, Sunday 10th December & Sunday 17th December, all at 10am in the church. The Nativity presentation takes place before afternoon mass on Christmas Eve.




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**Please pray for our sick:** Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Lottie Tustain, Linda Jordon-Thomas, 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 Philip Southgate, parishioner at St Cuthbert who died recently. Philip's body is being received into Laindon church 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm, funeral mass is 2:30pm at St Therese of Lisieux, Laindon. The family are organising a minibus from Althorne for parishioners and friends who would like to attend. Please speak with Ann or Ria if you are interested.

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<b>OFFERTORY DONATIONS</b>	<b>MALDON</b>	<b>BURNHAM</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>£417</b>	<b>£210</b>	

**Second Collection** NEXT weekend for National Youth Day will go towards the work of the BCYS

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**First Holy Communion session** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in Maldon

**Children's Liturgy** takes place at Sunday mass

**Cuppa and Chat** (alternate Mondays) 2:30-4pm in the hall. Next session Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Widows & widowers Group** 10am Tuesdays in Maldon parish hall.

**Confirmation** next session Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm Maldon parish hall

**Wednesday Coffee Break** All are welcome, each Wednesday morning at 10.30

am, following the Rosary after morning mass.

**St Cuthbert Christmas Bazaar** NEXT Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12 midday in the church hall For any queries, please contact Louise Tyrell email: [louisetyrell@mac.com](mailto:louisetyrell@mac.com) or mobile 07802418512

**Franciscan Meeting** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November At 2pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

**St Cuthbert's ladies** are having their usual coffee morning on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and it will also mark a celebration for a very special occasion.

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**Silent Weekend Retreat 'Be Still My Soul'. Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> December** Organised by Allegra Mutanda. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on the need to learn the 'art' of being still and at rest in the midst of a busy and noisy society. Guest speaker: Grace Nowakowska, full-time lay missionary member of Sion Community. This silent weekend retreat during Advent offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email [allegra.mutanda@gmail.com](mailto:allegra.mutanda@gmail.com)

**Red Missio boxes** November has arrived, so can you please bring your Missio Red Boxes (no need if you only joined recently) to the church over the next two weeks, to be emptied and returned. If any new or existing members of the community would like a box then please contact Patrick on 01621 851875

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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

**Calais Light** On 24 November 25 ordinary people will be crossing the channel for a Calais Light weekend to support charities working with refugees living in dreadful conditions in France. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> time a volunteer convoy has been organised by Mary Stretch, who founded the charity over seven years ago. "We've asked each volunteer for this milestone trip to ask family, friends and colleagues to sponsor them with donations via GoFundMe on the Calais Light website," she says. "Alongside the convoys, we help, befriend and fund refugees here in the UK and organise mass brand deals for clothing for refugees in bridging hotels. It all takes cash and effort - and we really need people to show their faith in this work." If you would like to donate to the charity, please go to [www.calais.light.com](http://www.calais.light.com)

**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>

**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**NEW** **Caritas Reverse Advent Calendar and Alternative Christmas Gifts:** links to 15 charities with ways to support [www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent](http://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.

**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](http://friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas-concert-2023)

#### BCYS Events News

- **BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email [info@bcys.net](mailto: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](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

- **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**
  - **World Youth Day is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church**, along with the global Church, and is celebrated each year on the feast of Christ the King.

There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, and any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing the BCYS to continue running events, such as the monthly Youth Masses, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. You will also see posters around the church with details on how you can get involved or donate online, and please pray for all our young people and those who work with them.

To find out more about the work of the BCYS, please visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Advent Talk on the Prophet Isaiah** In preparation for the beginning of Advent Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and Scripture scholar, will be giving a talk on the Prophet Isaiah at 7 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is free and is in person, and it will also be live-streamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No booking necessary. A recording of the talk will be made available subsequently on the same website.

**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](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

#### Lunchtime Music Recitals Brentwood Cathedral

- **Wednesday 29 November** Joanna Lam Piano, Winner of the Hall Memorial Trophy Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)

· Facebook page: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.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 a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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](http://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/>

**Parish Secretary- Rayleigh**

To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

Hours: 10 hours per week (to be negotiated)

Start Date: February 2024

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) [rayleigh@brcdt.org](mailto:rayleigh@brcdt.org)

Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**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](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

Closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Learning Support Assistant St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay**

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=94919>

Closing date for applications midday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023