

# ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

LINKED WITH

## ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



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

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St Cuthbert Chapel Road, Burnham on Crouch, Essex CM0 8JA.

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All masses at Maldon are livestreamed through <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon">https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon</a>					
21	Sat	5pm	Mass	People of the Parish	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN OT
22	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	
23	Mon	7pm	Holy Hour	~	
	Tue	No Mass	~	~	
25	Wed	9:30am	Communion Service	~	
	Thu	No Mass	~	~	
	Fri	No Mass	~	~	
28	Sat	5pm	Mass	Ian Wybrow RIP	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT
29	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
22	Sun	11:30am	Mass	Alison Hart RIP	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN OT
	Thu	No Mass	~	~	
29	Sun	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT

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Fr James is currently away in India until February 21<sup>st</sup>. This weekend we welcome Fr John Egan from the Pallottine community on Saturday & Fr David Prior for the masses on Sunday. In Maldon, there will be Holy Hour on Mondays & a Communion Service on Wednesdays at 9:30am with Deacon Quentin. In Burnham, although the church will be closed on 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January it will be open for Rosary & prayer on the subsequent Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am. In an emergency please contact Fr Matthias Baidoo, parish priest at Danbury (01245) 324138/226724



**Welcome & Congratulations** to Odin, Clara & all the family on your recent baptism at Assumption of Our Lady!

*May you feel all God's blessings, safety, and love throughout your life*

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**Please pray for our sick:** Barry Lloyd, Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Becci Hull, Lottie Tustain, Ann Johnson, Linda Jordon-Thomas, Catherine Hart, Tommy Cooper, Anne Kennelly, Alan Colquhoun, Oliver Cliff, Bernadette Bacon, Martin Doherty (Digit), Mary Dover, Mary McSweeney-Oliveira, Sharon Tappin **Please pray for the repose of the soul** of Delia Chalk & Francis Noon who died recently. May their souls rest in peace. We remember the families in their sorrow.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS	MALDON	BURNHAM	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	£317	£199.56	thank you
15 <sup>th</sup> January	£327	£173.84	
Second Collection Pax Christi	£tbc	£160.37	

**Second Collection at Maldon for Pax Christi** will take place THIS Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, apologies for any inconvenience.

**The Crib** will remain in the Lady chapel until Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> with donations going to BCCS

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**Children's Liturgy** at mass this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**The Franciscan meeting** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2pm with Franciscan prayer in church followed by refreshments in Hall. All are welcome, enquiries to Rosemarie Thomson 07873787565

**Cuppa and Chat** on alternate Mondays 2:30- 4pm, next session 30<sup>th</sup> January

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

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 after 9am mass "Bacon Butty Sunday"** organised by Mary & Gordon

Book your Traditional Bacon Butties by 1st February Text 07850 811314 or Email Gordon

[gordon\\_aubrey\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:gordon_aubrey_jones@hotmail.com) or fill in form at the back of the Church. All Sandwiches £1

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**Leaded windows Maldon Works** have begun to re-lead and re-glaze the opening lights of some of the windows & will take 5-6 weeks to complete.

**The Diocesan Laudato Si' Network** will be gathering again on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6-7:30pm, via Zoom. We would love to have a representative from each Parish within the Diocese attending these meetings and having the opportunity to update what is happening where they are, be sustained by others and share good practise and fresh ideas. The conversation includes work with the poor, the environment, Caritas updates and progress towards the Cafod LiveSimply Award. Ideally, there would be one representative from each parish and that is the person we can then update with new ideas and resources between meetings (which take place just four times a year). Please note, we are hoping for a volunteer to represent St Cuthbert parish., alongside John & Anne Gould from Maldon parish. For more information contact [sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Brentwood Cathedral Lunchtime Music Recital** Wednesday 25th January at 1pm Jonathan Venner pianist accompanying William Waine countertenor.

**The Trustees of the Charity of The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre** ([www.canonesses.co.uk](http://www.canonesses.co.uk)) are looking for a part-time Wellbeing Coordinator with some housekeeping who will work 3 or 4 half days a week. The post will be based at Howe Close in Colchester and the role will be to offer support to a community of 9 older Religious Sisters.

For more information and to request an application form email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Shortlisting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb and interviews on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering?**

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided.

See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please telephone

Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [https://www.tangney-](https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes)

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**Caritas** If you are affected by the Cost of Living crisis, or if you are part of a group that is offering help and support locally, please look at <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/cost-of-living/>. You can add to this webpage by contacting the Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, Siân Thomas-Cullinan on [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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.

**Repository** A wide selection of cards, gifts & religious items for all occasions all found at the back of the Maldon church. St Patrick's Day cards now in stock.

**Maldon Food Pantry Donations** at Assumption of Our Lady, please find a grey collection box in the church porch for your donations.

**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.

**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

**Parish Office Hours** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10-2pm. Phone: 01621 852259 Email:

[maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Email newsletter** If you wish to receive an email each week with a copy of the Parish Newsletter, please contact the parish office [maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

**WANTED 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.

**Offertory Donations** You are 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 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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#### **BCYS News**

##### **NEW** • *BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23rd July - 30th July*

Travel alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, as well as joining them for social time, retreat, reconciliation, the baths, a trip to the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to all those in school year 10 and above. For all information and to apply, visit our website [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23) - Applications open until the end of January!

- **BCYS Youth Mass with Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, Thursday 2nd February**  
Join us in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a chance to hear from guest speakers from Caritas and the SVP, helping us to think about charitable giving as we begin to prepare for the season of Lent.  
Youth Mass is in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, and will be celebrated by Fr Dan Kelly. Everyone is welcome! See [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for more information.

- **CYMFed Flame, Saturday 4th March at OVO Arena, Wembley**

With incredible speakers Cardinal Tagle, Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne, Tim Costelloe, SDB, Robert Billot, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film Dark Waters; Jenny Garzón Saavedra a young advocate from the Amazon rainforest and David Wells, musicians including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – a Finalist on The Voice, as well as Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices introducing Adoration, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols this promises to be an incredible and inspiring day for young people! Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31st January, and the BCYS has a limited number left so please email

[gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) to reserve yours! All information at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**NEW** **SPUC Annual Youth Conference 2023.** Date: 24 to 26 February

Venue: Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre. Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL

See more details, please click on the link below

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/2023youthconference>

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Youth/Youth-Conference>

### **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 commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 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)

### **Vocations Weekend for Women Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life Dates: 3-5 Feb**

**Location: London** The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website

[www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### **Bishop Alan** has written to parishes asking for their support of the **Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal**

Funds can be remitted to: Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

Account Number: 20927317 Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ.

**Study Day on the Apostle Paul** The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on Saturday 21st January 2023 from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to

[www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website

**Knock Pilgrimages** Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum.

Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email

[knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023** Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd - 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the



week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

**Calais Light** is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais. Age 18+. Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com). Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

**Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act** Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read & encourage groups & individuals to engage with it. Download from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**Caritas Diocese of Brentwood** is here in solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

We have a regularly updated webpage dedicated to ways that people can help - through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies and clothing and all the information is at: [www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine)

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.**

**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**.

**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/>

### Part-time Wellbeing Coordinator

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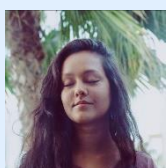
**SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2023**

**Mass in Farm Street Church at 12 noon**

**Main Celebrant Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

**All welcome**

There is a special exhibition of historic treasures in the Archives for an hour before and an hour after Mass. (The archives are by the sacristy door of the church.)



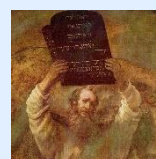
## Guided Prayer

An online hour of prayer - series begins on 19th of January at 7pm

Participants will be guided through the prayer, with space for silence to enter more deeply into it, and a chance to share and reflect upon each other's experience.

For link sign up below

**Online Guided Prayer**



## Bible Basics

An introduction to the Old Testament

With Brian Purfield

Beginning February 4th

*Also Available Online - see website*

In Person



## Book Club - Dante

LJC Book Club Study Day led by **Dr Alessandro Scafi**, Senior Lecturer in Medieval and Renaissance Cultural History at the Warburg Institute, University of London. A look at aspects of the Divine Comedy by Dante.

*Saturday 28th January 10.30am - 4.30pm*

### Order the Book

In Person



## The End of Nightwork

**Booklaunch with the Author, Aidan Cottrell-Boyce.**

Discuss *The End of Nightwork*, a novel which explores themes of ecological collapse, generational conflict and apocalypse.

January 20th 7pm @ LJC

### Online In Person

### Order the Book



## Race and Theology

A course exploring the relationship between Christian theology, racial ideology and anti-racism from the medieval period to the present day.

With Dr Aidan Cottrell-Boyce  
Beginning 24th January

### Online In Person



## Saturday Retreat

**Art and Soul – Renewing hope at the start of a new year**

*A creative quiet day with poetry, images, music and the opportunity to play with collage.*

With Clair Bick and Sheila Jones  
On 21st January 10.30-4.30pm

In Person

## Other Courses or Events that begin in January

1. Embody: Breath+Body+Intention=Transformation January 16 FULL
2. Exploring Ignatian Spirituality beginning January 17 In Person Only
3. New Testament Greek (Intermediate) Beginning January 17 Online or In Person

4. Ignatian Mysticism: with Ladislav Šulik SJ, begins January 17 Online - In Person
5. On the Mystery and Reality of the Church January 19 Online In Person
6. An Introduction to the Theology of Hildegard of Bingen Online In Person
7. Greek Philosophy before Socrates Fr John Moffatt SJ Online In Person



### **Jesuits in Europe: Invitation to a Virtual Pilgrimage**

**Join us on a virtual pilgrimage** with Saint Ignatius through the free **Android** and **iOS** Jesuit Pilgrimage app. The pilgrimage may be virtual...but the spiritual experience can be real...and can change you!

**Download today at [jesuitpilgrimage.app](https://jesuitpilgrimage.app) (or relevant app stores)!**