

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					
3	Sat	9am	Mass	Sr Regina Byrne RIP	St Francis Xavier
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Vigil Mass	Adele & Sheena Brinson RIP	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4	Sun	9am	Mass	Lily da Costa RIP	
5	Mon	7pm	Holy Hour	~	
6	Tue	9:30am	Mass	John Burton RIP	
7	Wed	9:30am	NO MASS	THIS WEEK	St Ambrose
8	Thu	No Mass	~	~	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9	Fri	11am	Holy Hour	~	
		12pm	Mass	Peter Maloney RIP	
10	Sat	9am	Mass	Holy Souls	
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Vigil Mass	Ray Deasy RIP	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	GAUDETE SUNDAY

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
4	Sun	11am	Confession	~	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish	
8	Thu	11:30am	NO MASS	THIS WEEK	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
11	Sun	11am	Confession	~	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11:30am	Mass	Mike & Sheila Shuker Ints.	GAUDETE SUNDAY

 **Welcome & Congratulations** to Joseph, Cian & all the family on their recent baptism at Assumption of Our Lady! *May you feel all God's blessings, safety, and love throughout your life.*

Maldon Christmas Nativity rehearsals 10am 4th Dec & the 18th Dec, no rehearsal on the 11th Dec. Nativity Performance to take place at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve 24th Dec, prior to The First Mass of Christmas at 5pm. For further information, speak with Rachel (Children's Liturgy)

Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2023 now available in church priced as on cover.

Big Thank You to everyone involved in St Cuthberts Christmas Fayre last weekend raising a magnificent £1844 for Marys Meals & Dengie Food Pantry. Well done!

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 Terence Ralf who died recently. May his soul rest in peace. We remember his family in their sorrow.

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS	MALDON	BURNHAM	
27 th November	£296	£163.80	thank you
Second Collection Christmas Flowers	£252	£72.30	

Second Collection THIS weekend 4th Dec is for the St Vincent de Paul society (SVP)

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1st 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.
It's a lovely opportunity for new parishioners to be welcomed into our parish community and for others to catch up with old friends
Children's Liturgy this Sunday 4th December at morning masses followed by Nativity rehearsal after mass at Maldon.

Cuppa and Chat on alternate Mondays 2:30- 4pm, next session Monday 5th Dec
Widows & widowers Group Coffee morning Tuesdays at 10am in Maldon. The last get together for this year will be Tuesday 13th of December. We will recommence on Tuesday 10th of January.

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

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Maldon Town Carol Service United Reformed Church, Market Hill, Maldon
Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm. All welcome.



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.

Maldon Food Pantry Donations at Assumption of Our Lady, please find a blue 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 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

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

Children's Liturgy Helpers & Leaders Children's Liturgy is run by parents / adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. We are always looking for people to help as either a session leader or helper. Training and guidance are available for newcomers who join the rota of helpers. For more information and to find out what is involved please contact Rachel for Maldon at hackingrachel@yahoo.co.uk or for St Cuthbert's contact Louise Tyrell [07802418512](tel:07802418512)

CHRISTMAS 2022



MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER

MALDON 7pm Advent Reconciliation Service

Beginning with Eucharistic Adoration followed by confessions from 7:30pm

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

MALDON 4.30pm Nativity with Carols followed by the First Mass of Christmas at 5pm

BURNHAM 7.30pm First Mass of Christmas

MALDON 10.30pm 'Midnight' Mass

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MALDON 9.00 am Christmas Day Mass

BURNHAM 11.30am Christmas Day Mass

Louisetyrell@mac.com We look forward to hearing from you!

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. Contact the parish office who can direct your enquiries.

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. 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.

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are raising funds towards the cost of replacing the sanctuary floodlighting in Westminster Cathedral. The present floodlighting is very old and replacement parts are not available, also it uses a great deal of power generating a huge output of heat. A new system would be easily maintained and save electricity. There is a unique opportunity to do this through The Big Give where donations made online until 12:00 noon, Tuesday 6 December 2022 are matched by generous matched funders. A donation of £100 would contribute £200 or £225 for taxpayers agreeing to gift aid their donation. Please use the link below to give online.

<https://tinyurl.com/FriendsBG22>

BCYS News

- **Advent Retreat at Walsingham House Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th December, Walsingham House** A weekend of journeying through Advent with the Walsingham House team, **open to anyone in school years 10 to 13**. Join us for retreat sessions that bring alive the true meaning of Christmas in new and exciting ways, as well as

times for peaceful prayer and reflection. The cost of the weekend is just £40, which will include accommodation, activities and all meals!

- **Reverse Advent Calendar** Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting you to collect items throughout Advent, by following our Reverse Advent Calendar. **All the items you collect can be placed into a box or container, wrap or decorate for Christmas, and then donate to your local foodbank** just in time for Christmas. For more information on where you can donate these items, as well as ideas on how we can be more charitable and sustainable this Advent, visit the Caritas Brentwood website at www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent/



BCCS Christmas newsletter can be viewed online <https://www.bccs.org.uk/our-news/>
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

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will take place from Monday 24 - Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

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

Calais Light is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais. Age 18+. Dec 9-11 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. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

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- **Reverse Advent Calendar:** Collect and donate to local charities (poster, explanation and link to foodbanks) <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/advent-resources/>
- **Alternative Christmas Gifts:** Links to 15 charities (Ways to support during the season of Advent - go to the bottom of the page for the links) <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/advent/>

Marys Meals We have some incredible news, until 31 January 2023, every donation made to our Double The Love appeal will be matched, up to £1.5 million.

Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your kindness will go even further at this critical time. In a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, bringing new hope to desperately hungry children with our life-changing school meals has never been more important. Your generosity is giving children hope for a brighter future. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

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

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

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

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 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/>

The Trustees of the Charity of The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre (www.canonesses.co.uk) are looking for a part-time Nurse who will work either for a full day every Tuesday or on Tuesday mornings only. The post will be based at Howe Close in Colchester and their role will be to offer health advice and support to a Community of 11 older Religious Sisters. For more information and to request an application form email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk closing date 20th December 2022. Shortlisting will be on the 9th January and interviews on the 11th January 2023.

Location: St Peter's Catholic Primary, Billericay

Receptionist / Administration Assistant Permanent contract 36.5 hours per week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30am until 4.30pm

Friday 8.30am until 3.30pm

Term time only plus 5 INSET Training days, as required by the Academy

Salary - Scale 4 (CCT Essex Academies Pay Scale) - Salary Range - Point 6-7 (£20,043 - £20,444 Full Time Equivalent), plus Outer Fringe Allowance (£637). Pay Award pending. Salary to be pro-rata. The starting salary will be dependent on experience.

Start date: 5th January 2023

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=82349>

Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall Manager – St Mary & St Helen and Holy Cross

The successful applicant will ideally have administration experience and be able to demonstrate good numeracy skills. Excellent communication skills is also a requirement and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience.

Hours: 3 hours per week.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications is 16 December 2022.

Job description: Cathedral Parish Halls Manager – Brentwood JD (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

General Assistant – East London

The role is to support the day to day running of a charity. The successful applicant will require administration experience and be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills. Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel are also a requirement. Hours: Full time – 35 hours per week – 3year contract. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to HR@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Closing date for applications is 29 December 2022.

Job description: General Assistant – East London (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).