

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON

LINKED WITH

ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



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Deacon: Rev Quentin Hall

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All masses at Maldon are livestreamed through https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon					
25	Sat	9am	Mass	Mara & Reeves Family RIP	
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Mass	Amelia Hughes RIP	
26	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	5th SUNDAY IN LENT
27	Mon	7pm	Reconciliation Service with Adoration	(Confessions from 7:30pm)	
28	Tue	9:30am	Mass	Carol Healy Ints	
29	Wed	9:30am	Mass	Anna Crozier Ints	
30	Thu	No Mass	~	~	
31	Fri	11am	Holy Hour	~	
		12pm	Mass	Joyce & Jim Murray RIP	
		7pm	Stations	~	
1	Sat	9am	Mass	Pauline Hughes RIP	
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Vigil Mass		PALM SUNDAY
2	Sun	9am	Mass		

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
26	Sun	11am	Confession	~	
	Sun	11:30am	Mass	Hugh Bourn & Monica Parsons RIP	5th SUNDAY IN LENT
30	Thu	9:30am	Mass	Michael & Alice Russell RIP	
2	Sun	11am	Confession	~	
		11:30am	Mass		PALM SUNDAY


The Season of Lent is a time for turning again to the practice of our faith - in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving).
Lenten Reconciliation Service 7pm this Monday 27th March beginning with Adoration and confessions from 7:30pm.
Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday throughout Lent at 7pm
Last Lenten Lunch after Friday midday mass in the hall. No need to book, just turn up. Soup, bread, cheese, fruit, tea or coffee, all guests are requested to make a donation.
Walk with Me Lenten booklets are available at the back of the church priced at £1, providing prayer & scripture for your journey through the Lenten season

Please pray for our sick: Barry Lloyd, Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Becci Hull, Lottie Tustain, 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, John

Goold Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Johnson & Claude Greer who died recently. May their souls rest in peace. We remember their families & loved ones in their sorrow. Claude's funeral takes place in Chelmsford this Thursday at 11:30am. Angela's body will be received into St Cuthbert church at 4pm Wednesday 12th April with funeral mass at 10:30am on Thursday 13th April.
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OFFERTORY DONATIONS	MALDON	BURNHAM	
19 th March	£424	£152.51	
Standing orders Feb	£1862.50	£1228	

New Offertory Envelope boxes are available to collect at the back of the church for those in the Parish giftaid scheme labelled with your surname and NEW envelope number for use from April
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 **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday 26th March at the morning masses
Franciscan meeting this Sunday 26th March starting at 2pm, Franciscan prayer in church followed by refreshments in the Hall. Contact Rosemarie Thomson for further information on 07873 787565.

Cuppa and Chat on alternate Mondays 2:30-4pm, next session Monday 27th March

Widows & widowers Group Maldon church hall Tuesdays 10am.

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

Last Lenten Lunch in the Parish Hall at Maldon after Friday midday Mass. Proceeds to "Mary's Meals"

First Sunday Refreshments Everyone is welcome after 9am & 11:30am Sunday masses next weekend for a hot drink & a friendly chat in the hall.
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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/> .

SJOG Homes for Ukraine Webinar for Sponsors A webinar for UK residents interested in hosting a Ukrainian guest or family under the Homes for Ukraine scheme on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 pm. You can find more details about the event here:

<https://fb.me/e/N9EtGqhe>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 27th May 2023: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey for Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Repository The Team has been working hard to provide new Cards & Gifts for Spring Easter 2023 - take a look!

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.

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



HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY

Sat **5.00pm** Vigil Mass **Maldon**
 Sun **9.00am** Mass **Maldon**
 Sun **11.30am** Mass **Burnham**

WEDNESDAY

11.00am Chrism Mass
Brentwood Cathedral

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm Mass of The Last Supper **Maldon**

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30am Service before "Walk of Witness" starts at 10am from Assumption of Our Lady **Maldon**
10.00am Stations of the Cross **Burnham**
12noon Children's Stations of the Cross **Maldon**
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord **Maldon**

HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am Office of Readings **Maldon**
12.30pm Traditional Blessing of food for the Polish community **Maldon**
8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass **Maldon**

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Mass **Maldon**
11.30am Mass **Burnham**



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

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

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 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. 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.

 **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office 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 Catherine Munns cmunns@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 Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

Jenny Baker to Speak at Adore Retreat Morning Jenny Baker, well-known in many parishes around the country for her friendly CaFe faith development videos, will be the guest speaker at this month's "ADoRE" mini-retreat morning for spiritual renewal. This is the latest part of the Zoom course to inspire Parish Evangelisation: "Proclaim the Good News - we are called to be Missionary Disciples" which is running until November, usually on the fourth Saturday of each month.

This month's "ADoRE" session is on 25 March 10.00-1.00 and has the theme "I am the vine, you are the branches," focussing on how we can go deeper in our relationship with Jesus, in order to be involved with his mission. Participants should register in advance for the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111>

Thresholds of Hope Lent Lecture 2023: "The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" given by the Baroness Caroline Cox is now available to watch on the Thresholds of Hope YouTube page <https://youtu.be/Ohb5G1aYdtc> Please subscribe.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25 March 2023 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. 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

'The Priests' Charity Concert: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on Friday 30th June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Lent Mass Readings All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal - CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give> .

Caritas have a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations. All information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

Could you be a volunteer for the refugee charity Calais Light? We're recruiting NEW volunteers to support refugees in two N.Essex bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK. Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: johnbradley9255@gmail.com

If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website www.calaislight.com

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-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes>

Embark on a Luxury, All-Inclusive Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 5th – 12th September 2023, with All Saints Travel Ltd and Fr John Moloney. Be face to face with the world of Jesus and His Gospel, lived out before your eyes. The beautiful, tried and tested 8-day itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable and life-changing experience. This pilgrimage will include a non-stop return flight from the UK to Tel Aviv with Israel's national airline, EL AL (in-flight meals

included), all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner every day), an executive touring coach, a professional local Christian guide, all entrance fees, all tips and gratuities (paid directly to the guide, driver and hotel staff), as well as luxurious 5* en-suite accommodation. You will stay at a 5-star hotel in Jerusalem for 4 nights and in a 5-star hotel set on the Sea of Galilee with stunning views and private beach access for 3 nights. Full details are online

<https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0756/>

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's **Sponsored Sleepout** in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

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

Caritas also have a webpage dedicated **Turkey/Syria Earthquake** for ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

Marriage Care Counsellor Role and Training: Marriage Care are delighted to announce the launch of our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) training for 2023. This is an opportunity for those with the right skills to train and volunteer with us as relationship counsellors even if they do not have any previous counselling experience or qualifications. The CRC course will train and equip selected volunteers to safely and effectively counsel couples. They will then be able to join one of our local centres and support our mission to provide donation-based counselling services to those in need - volunteering just two sessions a week that will make a huge difference to couples and families. National selection events will take place in February and the course will begin on the 31st March. Full information about the CRC can be found on our webpage: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 21st-23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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

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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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



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/>

Health and Safety Officer

A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Officer to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese.

Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH.

Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Full job description: Health and Safety Officer JD

Closing date for applications: 7 April 2023

Class Teacher

St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Elm Park

Required from 1st September 2023. Salary: Main pay Scale. Full time hours per week.

St Alban's Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced or recently qualified teacher to join our school who is ambitious, dedicated, motivated to join our friendly and dedicated staff team. We are focused on the children being confident and curious learners and equipped to compete in an ever changing world.

Deadline for applications: **12:00 pm (noon) on Friday 31st April 2023**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please contact the school office on contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk to arrange. Further information is available from the school website:

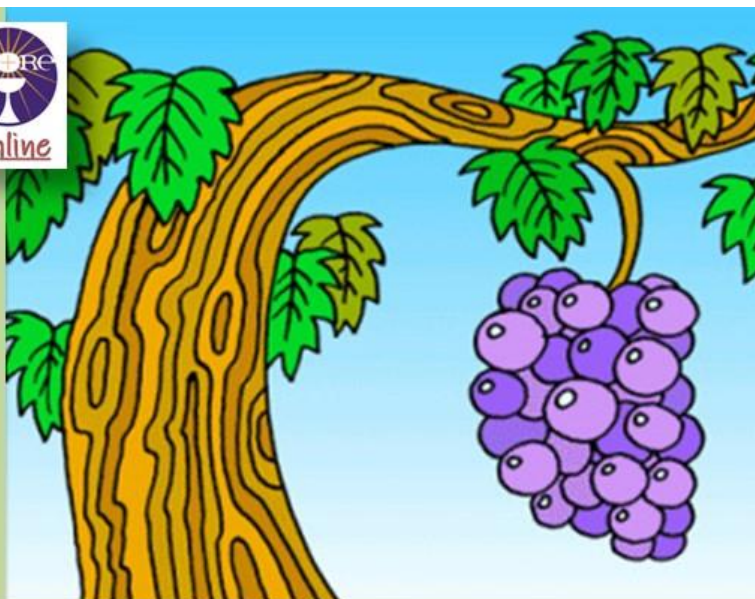
<https://www.stalbansschool.net/>

2023 THEME:
PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!



I am the Vine
you are the branches

Going deeper with Jesus



Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal 25th March 10.00-13.00
Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise; Prayer; Talk by Jenny Baker



Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2023 More information from www.altonrenewal.com

WHAT ARE OUR CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAYING ABOUT THIS?



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