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First Sunday of Advent

First reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16 - **I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David**

Responsorial Psalm - 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14 - **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 - **May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again**

Gospel Acclamation - Ps84:8 - **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Luke 21:25-28,34-36 - **That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap**

The Lord is coming.

The season of Advent begins the Church's liturgical year and prepares Catholics for both the birth of Jesus and the second coming of Christ. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent is derived from the Latin word *Adventus* or *advenire*, meaning "coming or to come to."

From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not to be distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. The Advent season is also penitential in nature, inviting the faithful to prepare through the practices of prayer, penance and almsgiving.

The Advent wreath is a longstanding symbol and tradition of the Advent season. A continuous evergreen circle, it contains four candles, one for each week. The first, second, and fourth candles are purple or violet, a liturgical colour that signifies prayer, penance and sacrifice. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. This special Sunday is also known as *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" and is a reminder of the joyful Christmas season drawing nearer.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. We prepare for the coming of our Lord. Let this Advent be a moment of transformation for us as individuals and as a community.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry

Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

For Young People in school Y10 and above who regularly attend mass at St Bedes

Please email your intention to
stbedesconfirmation@gmail.com

by 22nd December

Application forms will be available at the back of the Church from

29th December to be completed and returned by 10th January

The first meeting will take place after the 11am mass on 26th January

Donations

23rd & 24th November

Envelopes: £574.00

Loose Plate: £373.88

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

St John Bosco Children's Camp

Can you volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer?

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood.

More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk

Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.



Flowers

Its the end of the year already and it feels like only yesterday we were asking for your generous help with the purchase of flowers, this year we are asking for flowers and decorations, as the decorations are beginning to look weary, we do appreciate that most are stretched to capacity financially, but whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Calling all Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharist Ministers

Thank you for your ministry throughout the year, Fr Henry is grateful for the gracious way you carry out your Ministerial duties, and our Parish community is richer for your participation.

This year Christmas is mid week

Masses are as follows

Christmas Eve Mass

9am, 5:30pm, & 11pm

Christmas Day Mass

9am & 11am

There will be a sheet at the back of the church . Please put your names down if you are able to serve, this will enable me to put together a Rota and ensure we have coverage for all the Masses

Altar Servers Training

Currently we have 2 people ready to be trained, to make a group we will need 5-6, if you would like to be an Altar Server, please complete the application in the basket at the back of the church and leave the completed form in the basket and you will be contacted

Training will be Saturday 7th December

Jumble sale

Thank you to all who contributed to our trial jumble sale at the Parish coffee morning on the 27th October

We collected £309.00 between Community Food Enterprise and The decoration of our Repository

Julia Cleary RIP

Please pray for Julia Cleary of Portland Gardens, who died on 2nd November
We offer our prayerful sympathy to her family and all who mourn her loss.

Thursday 12th December at 5pm

Reception of the body in the church.

Friday 13th December at 11am

Funeral mass

May she rest in peace and rise in glory to eternal life

Brentwood Cathedral

Canon John Harvey, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral, has asked me to inform you of the following liturgical events which will take place in the Cathedral

Sunday 1st December at 4pm

Inauguration of Advent

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm

Nine Lessons & Carols

Everyone is welcome to attend

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford

Headteacher Required from September 2025

The school is magnificent, and they are looking for an inspiring leader with great attention to standards of teaching and learning, wonderful pastoral care for the children, and all wrapped in a strong Catholic ethos which infuses every aspect of school life.

All the details are on the Diocesan website: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-12-09_1200_St-Peters-Primary-School-Romford_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf

Visits are warmly encouraged, and the deadline for applications is 9th December

Mass Intentions

30th November to 8th December

Saturday 30th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Thanksgiving for the gift of human life
Sunday 1st	9.00am	Scholastica (RIP)
	11.00am	Thanksgiving for the gift of human life
Monday 2nd		No Mass - Church Closed All Day
Tuesday 3rd	9.00am	Emmanuel Mobela (RIP)
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	Margaret Fernandes (RIP)
Thursday 5th	9.00am	Sr. Maureen Nakamba (RIP)
Friday 6th	9.00am	Charlene Bartolome Thanksgiving
Saturday 7th	10 - 11am	Adoration and Confessions
	6.00pm	William Ford (RIP) Anniversary
Sunday 8th	9.00am	Kevin O'Brien (RIP)
	11.00am	Victor Tembo (RIP)

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel Antonella Rizzo
Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Rizzo Enzo
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman
Kevin Madden, Annie Childs, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe
Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul, Marcus Elwin, Jocelyn Hilaire



Anniversaries

Kit Hipperson, Harold Bowden, Antoine Irtelli, Beryl Beverly
John Breen, Mrs J Roche, Mary Sheehan, Patrick O'Mullane
Edith Boothe, Michael Davis, Peter Nott, Margaret Lonergon
Jack Brady, Pat O'Malley, Kathleen Phillips, Hugh Carlin, Marjorie La porte, Jesse Taffe
Sheila Martin, Zdzislan Golaszewski, Celia Hanrahan, Rose Weldon, Jean Bell Clark
Ciara O'Connor, James Hobbs, Bridget Agnew, Elizabeth O'Leary, Alice Doyle, Ann Kelly
Jackie Benstock, Bernadette Amoordon, Thore Saether, Martin Delaney, Michael Lillis
Patrick Morgan, Pauline Marshall

May they rest in Peace