



**Parish of St Sabina, Brightlingsea
and St Monica, Wivenhoe**

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St Sabina's Church: Richard Avenue, Brightlingsea CO7 0LP

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent(A) 19th Mar 2023
(‘Laetare Sunday’)**



Healing of the Man Born Blind, painted by El Greco in 1567

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Online parish calendar <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/parish-calendar/>
BwW YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/brightlingseawithwivenhoeaparish>
Forthcoming parish live streams <https://tinyurl.com/3w7zfm8f>
Parish Twitter https://twitter.com/bww_catholic
Parish Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bwwparish>

St Augustine's session this week will be The Holy Family & Easter Eggs

Parish Council: At the 28th February meeting, the Parish Council was informed that parish finances have become a matter of concern as expenses currently exceed the income. There will be an appeal at Sunday Masses on 26th March to parishioners, presenting the current situation and outlining the need to increase regular giving.

With the Stewards of the Gospels initiative resuming, the parish will be vulnerable to church closures, especially if there are financial difficulties and if attendance at Masses remains low.

Plans need to be made to redress the situation. At the same time, much is owed to many members of the parish who continuously give their time to help (maintenance and upkeep, rotas, supersales and events).

Dates for your diary:

26th March - Information about Parish Finances at Sunday Masses

23rd April - Masses of thanks giving at St Sabina's and St Monica's for all those who help in the parish, followed by special cakes/teas/coffees

21st May 2:30pm - Afternoon tea at Brightlingsea presbytery garden, to raise funds for the sisters in the DRC

27th May - Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop Alan

23rd July - Parish barbecue starting at 1:30pm in the Presbytery garden. Children free, adults £5.

25th August 7pm - Quiz night at St Monica's to raise funds for the parish.

18th November 9am-12pm - St Sabina's bazaar

3rd December 1pm – Advent Lunch at St Monica's

Offertory Donations

The parish relies exclusively on the money we give or raise in fundraising. Here is the webpage where you can make offertory donations online or download a standing order form in order to make a regular donation to the parish.

<https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/giving/>

Parish Draw Club Reminder.

Could members please note subscriptions are now due for the New Year. New members are always welcome, our membership has decreased over the last few years, so this of course is reflected in the amount we can pay out in prize money, and the amount we can give to the Church. Anyone interested in joining please contact Noreen Alcock at St Monica's or phone 01206 520809 for details. Thank you for your support.

St Sabina's Guild Supersale

On March 11th we raised £344.40 at the Supersale. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Minibus Drivers- It would be useful to know if there are people in the Parish who can drive a 17 seater minibus occasionally. Please speak to Fr Mark.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Mon 24th July to Sat 29th July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or bk online: <https://www.tangey-tours.com/pilgrimages/Lourdes/brentwood-lourdes>

Gift Aid- If you are a UK taxpayer and donate either by standing order, cash or envelope please take and complete a Gift Aid form. Please contact Mel: giftaid-brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org

You can download a gift-aid form at: <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/giving/>

Hospital Visiting If you know of anyone who is in hospital and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy please let Fr Mark know on 07843 758961 and telephone the Hospital Chaplaincy at Priory Street - 01206 866317.

Please Pray for: Andrew, Riley B, Barbara Br, Nicholas Cl, Pauline H, Margaret Macl, Leanne M, Joan M, John O'H, Elizabeth P, Chrissy R, Mel S, Linda S, Hugh T, Amanda C T, Chris W, Claire Vic. Eugene K.

If you would like to be on the prayer list, please send an email to Fr Mark's email address (brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Please indicate if you would like your full name to be put down or an anonymised version of your name. Please note that if a person is sick we would require their consent to put them on the prayer list. Please also let us know if you are no longer in need of prayer.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) (‘Laetare Sunday’)

Sun 19-03

9:00am St Sabina Sunday Mass
Catherine Mary Nicholson RIP (LS)

10:25am St Augustine’s: *The Holy Family & Easter Eggs*

10:30am St Monica Sunday Mass *People of the Parish*

Mon 20-03

St Joseph, Husband of the BVM

8:30am St Sabina Eucharistic Adoration (Confession available)

9:30am St Sabina Mass *Mrs Sheila & Mrs Phyllis Dias RIP (JD)*

10am St Sabina Stations of the Cross

Tues 21-03

8:30am St Monica Eucharistic Adoration (Confession available)

9:30am St Monica Mass *Cannon Francis Gilbert RIP(LS)*

Wed 22-03

8:30am St Sabina

9:30am St Sabina No Mass Today

Thurs 23-03

8:30am St Sabina

9:30am St Sabina No Mass Today

Fri 24-03

8:30am St Monica Eucharistic Adoration (Confession available)

9:30am St Monica Mass *Eileen Corking RIP(B)*

Sat 25-03

The Annunciation of the Lord

10am St Monica Mass *World Peace (DMC)*

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Sun 26-03

9:00am St Sabina Mass *People of the Parish*

10:30am St Monica Mass *Nora & Donald Lilley RIP(ML)*