



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

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

St Monica's Church: De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe CO7 9AU

**Second Sunday of Advent (B) 10th Dec 2023**



Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness, Painting by Annibale Carracci

*Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

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/4m6sdk46>  
Parish Twitter [https://twitter.com/bww\\_catholic](https://twitter.com/bww_catholic)  
Parish Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bwwparish>

St Augustine's: This week – Advent III The Wise Men and Christmas. This is the last session before Christmas.

Parish Draw Club Winners for the end of the year drawn at the Parish Lunch  
November V West £100 J Lowe. £50 N Alcock £35

New members always welcome to the Parish Draw Club anyone interested please contact Noreen on 520809 for details.

Parish Bazaar: Thank you to everyone who supported this event, the total raised was £655.80

Second Collection at St Monica: This weekend For National Youth Sunday

Mass for the sick & housebound people Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at St Monica's from 2pm onwards. With the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will follow at 3pm. If anyone needs transport the SVP are able to help. Please contact Chris Cooper on 07739033378.

### 'Retrouvaille'

This is a Catholic programme but is open to married couples of any faith or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wish to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The programme is presented by trained volunteers who themselves have experienced the programme and want to share the benefits they have gained first hand in their own relationships. The presenting team on the weekend also include a priest who has experienced the programme and believes that it has something to offer couples in difficulties. Do explore the 'Retrouvaille' website.

[www.retouvaille](http://www.retouvaille.org.uk).org.uk for further information or contact us for a chat about what we are doing.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth [dbooth@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dbooth@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](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**A Christmas message from the staff and trustees of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:** We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

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/>

There are a range of vacancies for staff in our parish schools across the diocese. Please find further information by following this link.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

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@brcdt.org](mailto:giftaid-brightlingsea@brcdt.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

Please Pray for: Andrew, Riley B, Barbara Br, Nicholas Cl, Pauline H, Margaret Macl, Leanne M, Joan M, Elizabeth P, Chrissy R, Mel S, Linda S, Hugh T, Amanda C T, Chris W, Claire Vic. If you would like to be on the prayer list, please send an email to Fr Mark's email address ([brightlingsea@brcdt.org](mailto:brightlingsea@brcdt.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.

### Dates for your Diary

Forty Hours-devotion at the beginning of Advent

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Advent Day of Mercy at 9:30am to 9pm at St James the Less

### First Sunday of Advent (B)

#### **Sun 10-12**

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| 8am     | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession available |
| 9:00am  | St Sabina Sunday Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>            |
| 10:20am | St Augustine's this week: The Wise Men and Christmas         |
| 10:30am | St Monica Sunday Mass <i>David Darlington RIP (Fiends)</i>   |

#### **Mon 11-12**

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| 9:30am | St Sabina | Mass | Natasha Boyden RIP (CW) |
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#### **Tues 12-12**

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| 9:30am | St Monica | Mass | <i>Paul Norton RIP (J&amp;CB)</i> |
|        | St Lucy   |      |                                   |

#### **Wed 13-12**

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| 7am | St Sabina | Mass. | Peace in the World |
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#### **Thurs 14-12** St John of the Cross, Pr,D

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| 9:30am | St Sabina | Mass | <i>Bishop Alan</i> |
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#### **Fri 15-12**

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| 9:30am | St Monica | Mass | <i>Holy Souls RIP</i> |
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#### **Sat 16-12**

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| 2:00pm | St Monica | Tea & Coffee; Confession available     |
| 3:00pm | St Monica | Mass <i>Keneth Eastwood RIP (M.E.)</i> |

### Third Sunday of Advent (B) (‘Gaudete’ Sunday)

#### **Sun 17-12**

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| 9:00am  | St Sabina | Mass | <i>Pope Francis</i>         |
| 10:30am | St Monica | Mass | <i>People of the Parish</i> |