



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

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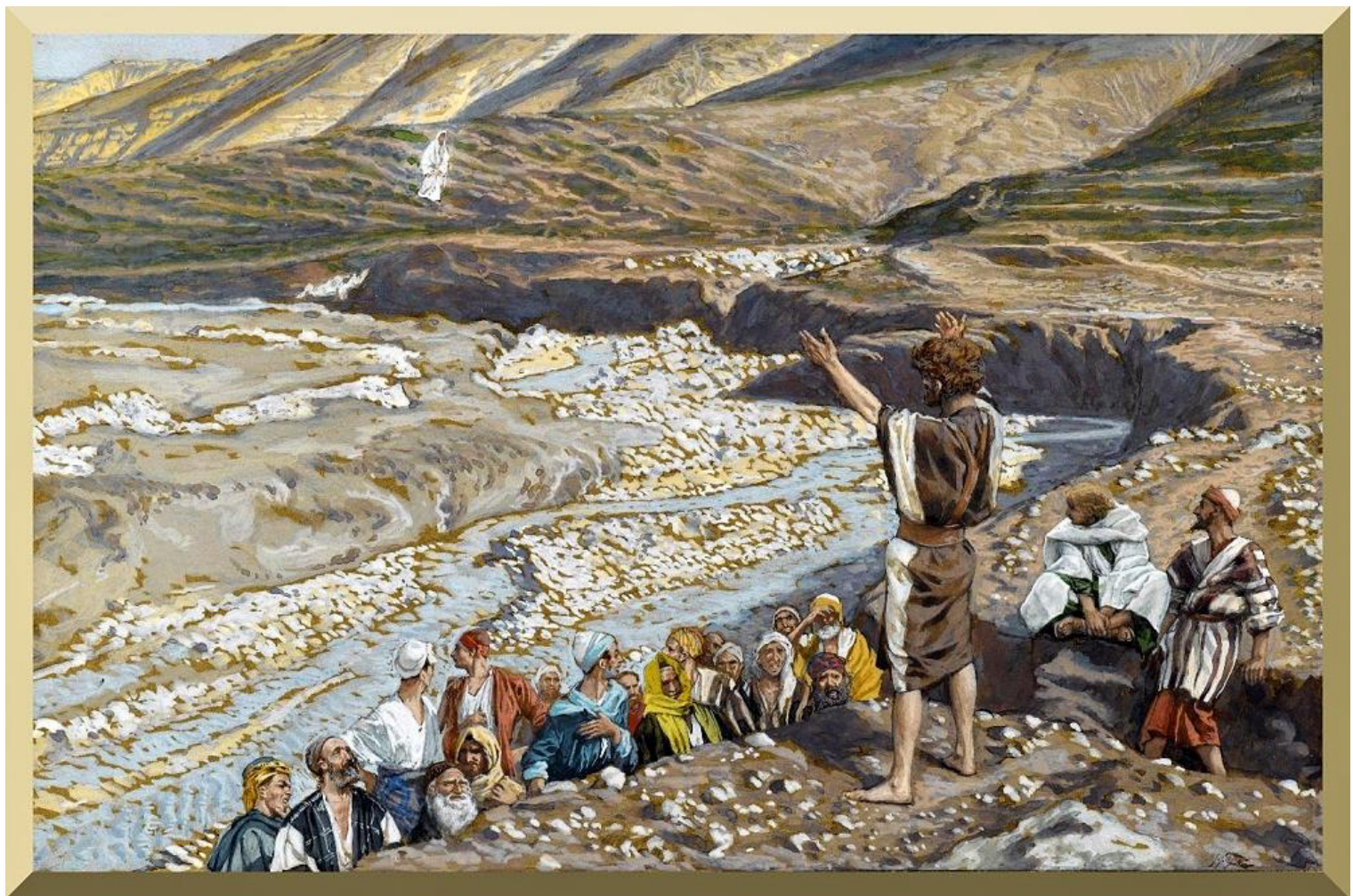
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St Sabina's Church: Richard Avenue, Brightlingsea CO7 0L

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

**Third Sunday of Advent (B) 17th Dec 2023**  
**('Gaudete' Sunday)**



John the Baptist sees Jesus From Afar, Painting by James Tissot

*Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.*

Online parish calendar <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/parish-calendar/>  
BwW YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/brightlingseawithwivenhoeaparish>  
Forthcoming parish live streams <http://tinyurl.com/4hdyxt2a>  
Parish Twitter [https://twitter.com/bww\\_catholic](https://twitter.com/bww_catholic)  
Parish Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bwwparish>

St Augustine's: Starts in the New Year Again

Parish Draw Club: £560 has been given to Fr Mark for Parish funds being the amount raised by the Draw Club for the last year.

New members always welcome to the Parish Draw Club anyone interested please contact Noreen on 01206 520809 for details or at St Monica's. Thank you for your support.

“Watch The Surprise” a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm online [www.ewth.co.uk](http://www.ewth.co.uk) or on Sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers see; [www.CatholicGKChesteronSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChesteronSociety.co.uk)

Carol Services: **Brightlingsea**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm Carols in the High Street at the Swan

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6:00pm Carols on the Hard outside Colne Yacht Club

Carol Service: **Wivenhoe**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm Carols on the Quay outside the Nottage.

‘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.org.uk](http://www.retouvaille.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, Gloria 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.

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

**Sun 17-12**

8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession available  
9:00am St Sabina Sunday Mass *Pope Francis*  
10:20am St Augustine’s: Starts again in the New Year  
10:30am St Monica Sunday Mass *People of Parish*

**Mon 18-12**

9:30am St Sabina Mass *Bishop Alan*

**Tues 19-12**

9:30am St Monica Mass *Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life*

**Wed 20-12**

9:30am St Sabina No Mass Today

**Thurs 21-12**

9:30am St Sabina Mass *Pope Francis*

**Fri 22-12**

9:30am St Monica Mass *Ellen Forest (Anon)*

**Sat 23-12**

10:00am St Monica

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**  
**(Expectant Mothers)**

**Sun 24-12**

**Christmas Eve**

9:00am St Sabina Mass *People of the Parish*  
10:30am St Monica Mass

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Vigil 6:00pm St Monica Mass *World Peace*  
Vigil 9:00pm St Sabina Mass *Tony Morris RIP (Family)*

**Christmas Day**

9:00am St Sabina Mass  
10:30am St Monica Mass *People of the Parish*