



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

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

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) 24th Dec 2023  
(Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers)**



The Annunciation, Painted by Philippe de Champaigne (1602–1674)

*Psalm: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.*

Online parish calendar <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/parish-calendar/>  
BwW YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/brightlingseawithwivenhoeeparish>  
Forthcoming parish live streams <http://tinyurl.com/2s42fynh>  
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

### Confession

The Sacrament of Confession is available before Sunday Mass at St Sabina and also on Sunday afternoon, Christmas Eve:

3-3:45pm            St Sabina – Confession

4:15-5pm            St Monica – Confession

### Christmas collection

Those who would like to contribute to the Christmas offertory collection online can do so through the parish website. Visit <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/giving/> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

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.

### '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 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.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) and Christmas Masses

<b>Sun 24-12</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
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: Starts again in the New Year
10:30am	St Monica    Sunday Mass <i>Holy Souls RIP</i>
3-3:45pm	St Sabina – Confession
4:15-5pm	St Monica – Confession

### The Nativity of the Lord

<b>Sun 24-12</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> (Vigil Masses of Christmas)
5:15pm	St Monica: Children can dress as Nativity characters
5:30pm	St Monica: Carols
6:00pm	St Monica – Vigil Mass of Christmas - World Peace
8:30pm	St Sabina: Carols
9:00pm	St Sabina – Vigil Mass of Christmas <i>Tony Morris RIP</i>
<b>Mon 25-12</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
9:30am	St Sabina    Mass <i>Holy Souls &amp; Thanksgiving (G family)</i>
10:30am	St Monica    Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Tues 26-12</b>	St Stephen, The First Martyr
10am	St Monica    Mass <i>Pope Francis</i>
<b>Wed 27-12</b>	St John, Ap, Ev
9:30am	St Sabina    No Mass today
<b>Thurs 28-12</b>	Holy Innocents, Mm
9:30am	St Sabina    Mass <i>Bishop Alan</i>
<b>Fri 29-12</b>	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp, M
9:30am	St Monica    Mass <i>Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Rel. Life</i>
<b>Sat 30-12</b>	
10:00am	St Monica    Mass

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (B)

<b>Sun 31-12</b>	
9:00am	St Sabina    Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
10:30am	St Monica    Mass <i>For work of Rachel's Vineyard</i>