



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

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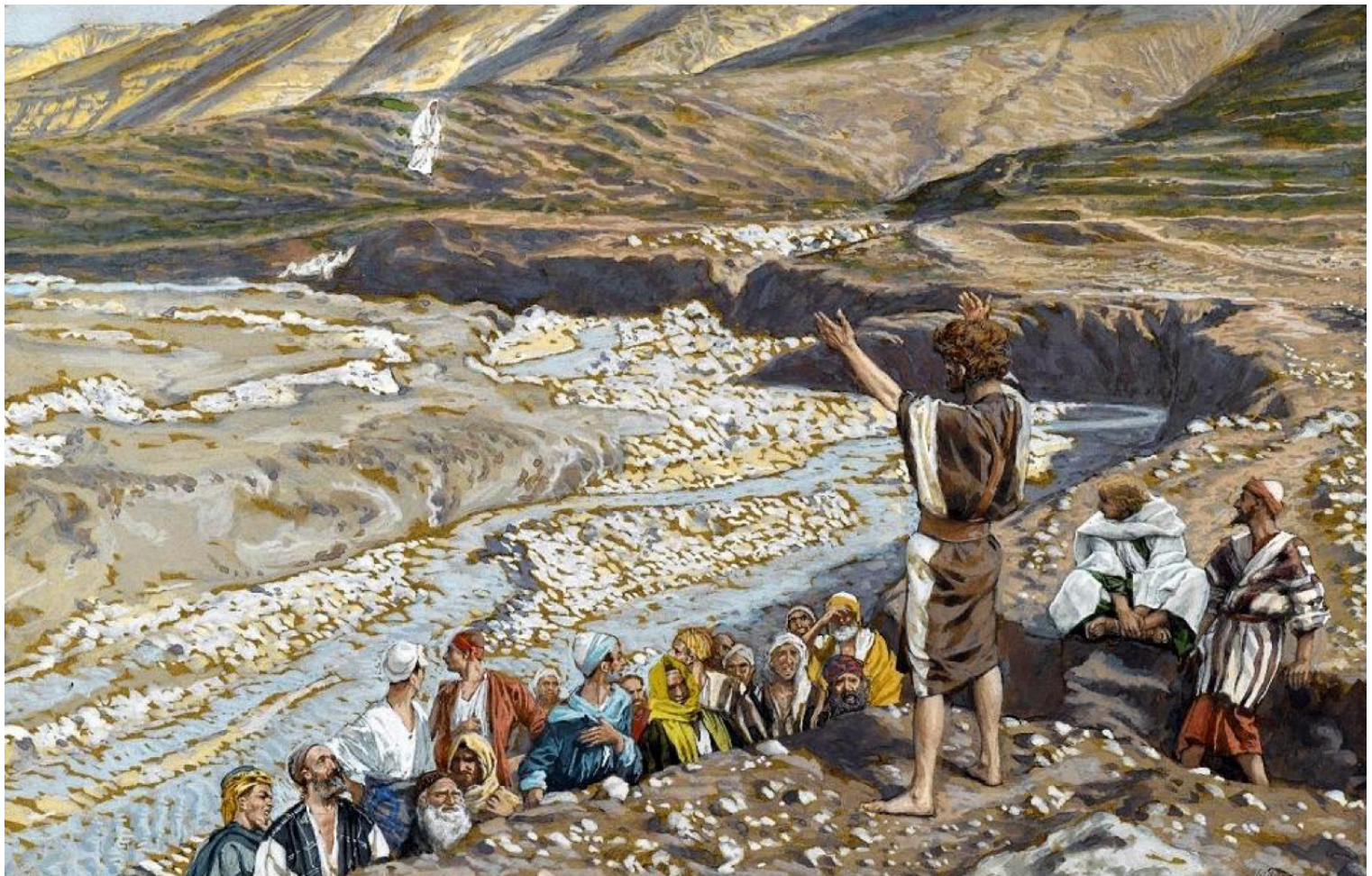
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St Sabina's Church: Richard Avenue, Brightlingsea CO7 0L

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

**Third Sunday of Advent (C) 15th Dec 2024
(‘Gaudete’ Sunday)**



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

Psalm Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

Thank you to those parishioners who wrote to their Member of Parliament in relation to the assisted suicide bill. Both Members of Parliament whose constituencies are within our Parish, Sir Bernard Jenkin and Nigel Farage, voted against the bill. The Bishops have issued a statement expressing concern about very dangerous aspects of the bill. We need to continue writing to our Members of Parliament to ensure the right of conscientious objection for doctors, and that nursing homes and hospices are not forced into cooperating with assisted suicide against their will. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-suicide-bill-second-reading/>

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve- Tues 24th December

6:00pm	St Monica	Mass
8:30pm	St Sabina	Carols and Readings
9:00pm	St Sabina	Mass

Christmas Day- Wed 25th December

9:00am	St Sabina	Mass
10:30am	St Monica	Mass

Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets are now available for purchase online at <https://b-a-wparish.org.uk/christmas-raffle-tickets/Tickets> will be available to buy after Mass from this week. Thank you for your support!

Parish Draw Club.

New members welcome, please contact Noreen at St Monica's if you are interested.

Beacon House -SVP Advent Project

SVP is collecting items for Christmas presents (new items only). Please put donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. All contributions gratefully received. On Sunday 15th December we will be making up bags after Mass at St Monica's. we would welcome individuals & families who would like to assist with this.

First Communion- We are making preparations for this year's First Communion Programme. Please speak to Fr Mark if you would like your child to make his or her First Communion.

Confirmation- Bishop Alan is going to make a Pastoral Visit to our parish next year, on Sunday 15th June. (Please note that we have managed change the date of the Visitation as the previously suggested date was adjacent to one of the school holidays when people said they would like to go away). He will celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please can young people (or adults who have not been Confirmed) speak to Fr Mark.

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/>

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

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, Cathy B, Rosaleen. If you would like to be on the prayer list, please send an email to Fr Mark's email address (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 (C)
(‘Gaudete’ Sunday)

Sun 15-12

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Sunday Mass	<i>Intentions of Michael Endean (NP)</i>
10:20am	St Augustine’s: Advent 111 The Wise Men & Christmas		
10:30am	St Monica	Sunday Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Mon 16-12

9:30am	St Sabina	No Mass Today
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Tues 17-12

9:30am	St Monica	No Mass Today
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Wed 18-12

9:30am	St Sabina	No Mass Today
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Thurs 19-12

9:30am	St Sabina	No Mass Today
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Fri 20-12

9:30am	St Monica	No Mass Today
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Sat 21-12

10:00am	St Monica	No Mass Today
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Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
(Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)

Sun 22-12

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>Suzanna de Wilde RIP (NP)</i>