



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

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) 22nd Dec 2024
(Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)**



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

Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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! The last Sunday for in-person sales at church will be 22nd Dec. Tickets can also be bought online until 8pm Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December). The draw will take place on Boxing Day after Mass.

Carols on the Quay- Sunday 22nd December

Churches in Wivenhoe organise this annual event for all in Town. With instrumentally supported community carol singing. This will take place at 6pm, Sunday 22nd December, at St Mary's, Wivenhoe.

Parish Draw Club.

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

Parish Bazaar: Thank you to all who attended and helped at the bazaar the final total was £689.40

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, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
(Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)

Sun 22-12

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Sunday Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10:20am	St Augustine's: Begins again in January		
10:30am	St Monica	Sunday Mass	<i>Suzanna de Wilde RIP (NP)</i>
6:00pm	Carols on the Quay, Wivenhoe		

Mon 23-12

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Mrs Sheila Dias RIP (JD)</i>
7:00pm	Our Lady of Light	Reconciliation Service	

Tues 24-12

	Christmas Eve (Vigil Masses of Christmas)		
6:00pm	St Monica	Vigil Mass of Christmas	<i>Pope Francis</i>
8:30pm	St Sabina	Carols and Readings	
9:00pm	St Sabina	Vigil Mass of Christmas	<i>Dr Tony Morris RIP (A,F&N)</i>

Wed 25-12

	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)		
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Ann Woodward (PB)</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>Nikos Montferratos RIP (NP)</i>

Thurs 26-12

	St Stephen, The First Martyr		
10:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Mary Bernadette Hennessy (R)</i>

Fri 27-12

	St John, Apostle, Evangelist		
8:15am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession available		
9:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of Prague</i>

Sat 28-12

	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		
8:15am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession available		
10:00am	St Monica	Mass	<i>World Peace</i>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C)

Sun 29-12

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Maria Luz Diaz & Roderick Pagdanganan</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>People of the Parish Diaz (R)</i>