



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

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 26th Jan 2025
(Sunday of the Word of God)**



Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue, Painting by James Tissot (c.1886)

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

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>

Secondary School Link Adviser Opportunity The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Secondary School Link Adviser. Please email victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org for an application form and to obtain further details of the post.

Many of you will remember Sr Thérèse who used to attend Mass at St Monica's. She is now based in the Goma region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo where she supports internally displaced people. Most of them are children, the lucky ones with their mothers and they are the innocent victims of indescribable violence. Yesterday, Sr Thérèse sent a message asking for prayers, saying that they are in danger. Please pray for our Congolese friends and those in their care.

Upcoming Retreats There are three upcoming retreats at the Christian Heritage Centre. For more information and to book please visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>

Volunteers for the University Sandwich Rota. We are looking to increase the number of volunteers who supply sandwiches for the students, after the Sunday Chaplaincy Mass at Essex University. If you would like to join the rota, and for more details, please speak to Fr Mark.

Some reminders Please can I mention that we try to keep the car park at Saint Monica for people who have more limited mobility. When parking there please leave plenty of space adjacent to the fire exit.

Please can I ask parents at both churches to supervise children at all times. Please make sure that they don't run into the car park area or around the sides of the buildings. During Mass, where there are little children please keep them with you during the times when people are moving around the church, such as at Communion.

Money counters Helpers are needed who would be able to spend some time to help count money. We would need people to help approximately once a month. The counting takes place after the 10:30 am Mass at St Monica. Please speak to Fr. Mark.

Mass for the Sick & Housebound:

Just a reminder that the next Mass for the Sick & Housebound with anointing of the sick will be at St Sabina on the 1st of February. As usual 2pm social with the opportunity of the Sacrament of Confession). Then 3pm Mass with the anointing of the sick.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March 2025. Tickets are £35 per person and are available to purchase via our link <https://form.jotform.com/24297256822035>. All details can be found on the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

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

First Holy Communion- We are beginning 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.

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.

We're going to review the Prayer List For The Sick

Please let us know if you would still like to be on the list.

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, 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 in Ordinary Time(C)

Sun 26-01

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina Sunday Mass		<i>People of the Parish</i>
10:20am	St Augustine's: Symbols of the Holy Eucharist		
10:30am	St Monica Sunday Mass		<i>Vera Hahn & Barbara Watson</i> <i>RIP (NA)</i>

Mon 27-01

	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin		
9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Marie Playle RIP (DMC)</i>

Tues 28-01

	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor		
9:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>Fr Hugh Thwaites SJ RIP (NP)</i>

Wed 29-01

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Secular Clergy Common Fund</i>
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Thurs 30-01

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Colin Michael RIP (JD)</i>
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Fri 31-01

	Saint John Bosco, Priest		
9:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>For all involved with Youth Work</i>

Sat 01-02

2:00pm	St Sabina	Tea & Coffee: Confessions available	
3:00pm	St Sabina	Mass For the Sick & Housebound the Parish	

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sun 02-02

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>Elizabeth Pace RIP (S&LH)</i>