



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

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**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025**



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, Painted by Jacopo Bassano (1510-1592)

*Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

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](https://twitter.com/bww_catholic)  
Parish Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bwwparish>

The second Collection this week is for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

Marriage Week: 7th-14th February is National Marriage Week. Please pray for couples living the vocation to marriage, for those preparing for married life, for those who are widowed, and those who are struggling with difficult situations in their family life. The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21st June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know. In a message for this week the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, writes 'the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us'. Read the whole message on the Bishops' Conference website [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood)

Would you be interested in being part of a small group to help an Afghan family settle in Wivenhoe? We are looking for volunteers to join a group of about 6 people to find accommodation in the Wivenhoe area and then help the family settle in. The project will last for two years, during which time we will be on hand to help the Afghan family integrate into our community eg we would help liaising with schools for the children, providing English support for the parents, opening bank accounts etc. The project is run by Citizens UK and is funded by the government. If you might be interested or would like more information, please contact David Huggon by email on [huggond@icloud.com](mailto:huggond@icloud.com)

Sr Thérèse Please continue to remember Sr Thérèse, our Congolese friends and those in their care in your prayers.

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 need people to help once a month. The counting takes place after the 10:30 am Mass at St Monica. Please speak to Fr. Mark.

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.

Confirmation- Bishop Alan is going to make a Pastoral Visit to our parish next year, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

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](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.

### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

#### Sun 09-02

|         |                                       |  |                                         |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------|
| 8am     | Adoration before Mass with Confession |  |                                         |
| 9:00am  | St Sabina Sunday Mass                 |  | <i>Rosemary Miles &amp; Family (MC)</i> |
| 10:20am | St Augustine's: Children's Choice     |  |                                         |
| 10:30am | St Monica Sunday Mass                 |  | <i>John Alcock RIP (NA)</i>             |

#### Mon 10-02

|                           |           |      |                                     |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Saint Scholastica, Virgin |           |      |                                     |
| 9:30am                    | St Sabina | Mass | <i>Intentions of Joanna Warwick</i> |

#### Tues 11-02

|                     |           |      |                                                 |
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| Our Lady of Lourdes |           |      |                                                 |
| 9:30am              | St Monica | Mass | <i>Daughters of the Resurrection – DRC (AC)</i> |

#### Wed 12-02

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| 9:30am | St Sabina | Mass |  |
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#### Thurs 13-02

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| 9:30am | St Sabina | No Mass Today |  |
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#### Fri 14-02

|                                           |           |      |                              |
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| Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop |           |      |                              |
| 9:30am                                    | St Monica | Mass | <i>Malcolm Ford RIP (NP)</i> |

#### Sat 15-02

|         |           |      |                                |
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| 10:00am | St Monica | Mass | <i>Eileen Grannell RIP [R]</i> |
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### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

#### Sun 16-02

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|---------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 8am     | Adoration before Mass with Confession |      |                             |
| 9:00am  | St Sabina                             | Mass | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| 10:30am | St Monica                             | Mass | <i>Yvonne Byrne (J)</i>     |