



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

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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 2nd March 2025
(Day for the Unemployed)**



The Parable of the Mote and the Beam by Domenico Fetti c. 1619

Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O 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

Parish Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/bwwparish>

SVP Lent Foodbank Collect During Lent we are collecting for the Brightlingsea and Wivenhoe Foodbanks. There are boxes at the back of the churches for any donations. All donations welcome but they have specifically requested tinned food, biscuits, deodorants, nappies and cleaning products. They also need shopping trolleys they can lend out to help with carrying food home if anyone if anyone has unused ones that they can donate. They are also looking for local school uniforms that can be donated.

Would you be interested in being part of a small group to help an Afghan family o settle in Wivenhoe? If you might be interested or would like more information, please contact David Huggon by email on huggond@icloud.com Please note, this is the correct email address as last week's newsletter contained an error.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18th to Friday 25th July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or book online: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood>

Of course, you may wish to make your own travel and hotel arrangements for your parish. You are most welcome to do this and still participate fully in the program of the diocesan pilgrimage. If so, please tell me and I shall make sure you are able to join as much of the diocesan program as you would like.

Churches Together There are several Lent events organised by Churches Together, including a Good Friday Walk taking place on Friday 18 April at 10.30am from the Cross and a Good Friday Service taking place on at 11am at St Monica's. All welcome.

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.

Fasting and Abstinence This week we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday being a day of Fasting and Abstinence. For more information on fasting and abstinence please see the PDF document that has been sent along with this newsletter.

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.

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 this 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.

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sun 02-03

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession
9:00am	St Sabina Sunday Mass <i>Scarlet King (NP)</i>
10:20am	St Augustine's: The Holy Family
10:30am	St Monica Sunday Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Mon 03-03 St Anne Line (M)

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Intentions of Eda & Ide (CS)</i>
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Tues 04-03 St Casimir

9:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (R)</i>
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Wed 05-03 Ash Wednesday

9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Secular Clergy Common Fund</i>
6:00pm	University Chaplaincy		
7:30pm	St Monica	Mass	<i>Michael O'Sullivan RIP (NP)</i>

Thurs 06-02

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>Eileen Grannell RIP (R)</i>
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Fri 07-03

9:30am	St Monica	Mass	Mrs Sheila Dias & Mrs Phyllis Dias <i>RIP (JD)</i>
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Sat 08-03	St Monica	Mass	<i>Clara Daelwin-Thoen RIP (NP)</i>
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First Sunday of Lent (C)

Sun 09-03

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession		
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass	<i>Ann Halstead (SH)</i>