



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

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First Sunday of Lent (C) 9th March 2025



‘The Tax-collector's Office’, Painted by Pieter Bruegel the Younger (1564-1637)

Psalm: Be with me, Lord, in my distress.

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>

I would like to apologise for the mistake in the newsletter last week, over the Ash Wednesday Mass at St Sabina. Fr. Mark

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.

Friends: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th March at St Monica's. Starting with Morning Prayer at 10:15am followed by tea, coffee and cake, with an opportunity to chat with other parishioners. Everyone welcome , especially newcomers.

Supersale: The next Supersale at St Sabina's will be on 29th March at 9:30am. Donations will greatly appreciated, such as clothing, bric-a brac, books etc, and especially cakes to be delivered on Friday 28th March after Mass. Please let Rhoda know about what cakes are being made. Phone 01255 823435.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from on 28th 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 18th April at 10:30am from the Cross and a Good Friday Service taking place at 11am at St Monica's. All are 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.

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.

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

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Sun 09-03

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession
9:00am	St Sabina Sunday <i>Mass People of the Parish</i>
10:20am	St Augustine's: The Mystery of Easter
10:30am	St Monica Sunday Mass <i>Ann Halstead (SH)</i>

Mon 10-03

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass <i>In Thanksgiving in favour rec'd (JD)</i>
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Tues 11-03

8:00am	St Monica	Mass <i>Ints of Oliver King (NP)</i>
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Wed 12-03

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass
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Thurs 13-02

9:30am	St Sabina	Mass <i>John Scanlon RIP (R)</i>
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Fri 14-03

9:30am	St Monica	Mass <i>Ints Heneghan Family (R)</i>
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Sat 15-03

10:00am	St Monica	Mass <i>Pope Paul</i>
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Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Sun 16-03

8am	Adoration before Mass with Confession	
9:00am	St Sabina	Mass <i>Crescentia Corera RIP</i>
10:30am	St Monica	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>