



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

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Second Sunday of Advent 8/9 December C (Bible Sunday) 2018



Psalm response : What marvels the Lord worked for us ! Indeed we were glad.

Confession at St Monica's tomorrow – Fr Stewart Foster, who has come to hear Confessions at the University Chaplaincy this weekend will be available for Confession before and during the Mass at St Monica's this Sunday.

Forty Hours' Devotion – The Forty Hours has gone very well in the parish over the last week. Thank you to everyone who came and prayed. The Forty Hours concludes with the Sunday Vigil Mass at St Sabina's.

Confirmation - Bishop Alan is going to visit to our parish next year on Sunday 7th April. He will celebrate the 10am Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. If there are young people in our parish who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please collect an application form from Fr Mark

First Holy Communion - Children in our parish usually make their First Communion in school year 3. Please collect an application form from Fr Mark if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion next summer.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas presents: Thank you for all donations so far. We still need men's socks (small and medium) and men's deodorant, small tubes of toothpaste & flannels. On 9th Dec. there will be a gift wrapping session at St Monica's after Sunday Mass, to which we would like to invite especially our young parishioners (with their families) to help. Refreshments will be provided.

Parish booklet - I would like to include information about parish groups in a future parish booklet and on the website. Please could each group send some simple information, maybe 20/30 words, including how you would like to be contacted. Contact could be: Please speak to Fr Mark **or** see notice board for more info **or** name and phone number/email of a member of your group.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL NEWS: Last weekend, the *Vision Document: Shaping Our Future* was published, setting out the restructuring and renewal process for the diocese. In particular, parishes have been grouped into so-called Parish Partnerships. There are hard copies of the document in the two churches and it can also be found on-line under <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/>.

The funeral of Richard Clough will take place on 13th December at 1pm at St Monica's, please pray for the repose of Richard's soul and remember Anne and the family in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. There will be a retiring collection throughout Advent towards the cost of decorating our Churches for Christmas. Please be as generous as you can.

A reminder that Christmas cards are available in the repositories at St Monica's and St Sabina's. They are sold in aid of Brentwood Children's Society.

Nine Lessons and Carol Service on Sunday 23th December at 4pm in the Cathedral. Main celebrant Bishop Alan Williams. A service of readings, carols and beautiful choral music from the Cathedral Choir. All welcome

The Parish Draw took place at the Parish Lunch

1st £100 Prize Adele Angel 2nd prize £70 Sheila Frost

3rd prize £40 Eva Black 4th prize £30 Diana Cody 5th prize £16 Charles Bartle

A figure in the region of £620 will go into the Parish Funds for this year. New members are always welcome, please see Noreen Alcock at Wivenhoe or Carol Bartle at Brightlingsea for details.

St Augustine's on the 16th December they will continue with the Shepherds and the Three Wise Men. These are beautiful lessons to help children to understand the importance of Advent, as well as the Joy of Christmas. All children welcome

Mission Red Box

For all those who hold a Mission Red Box, I would be very grateful if you would empty your boxes and put the contents in a Mission envelope with your name on and bring to church, leaving with one of our church stewards. It does not matter how little is in your box, I will collect them from the church.

Thank you so much. Sheila Scammell- Mission Secretary

If you know of anyone who is in hospital and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy please let Fr Mark know. Because of Data Protection we are not made aware of Catholic patients as in the past.

Please Pray for: Andrew, Elizabeth Akp, Riley B, Barbara Br, Andree B, Nancy B, Nicholas Cl, Brian Co, Arthur Co, Paula C, Maggi D, Sheila F, Yvonne H, Pauline H, Margaret Macl, Maria M, Leanne M, Joan M, John O'H, Elizabeth P, Chrissy R, Mel S, Linda S, Maura S, Hugh T, Amanda C T, Alison W, Chris W, Stephanie W

Times of Holy Mass and Confessions
 At St Sabina, Brightlingsea & St Monica, Wivenhoe
 There is Morning Prayer before Mass on weekdays

Sat 8 Dec – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent C

5:30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-5:50pm Confession

6pm	St Sabina	Clarice O'Neill RIP (NB)
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Sun 9 Dec- Second Sunday of Advent C (Bible Sunday)

10am	St Monica	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP (Anv)
12:10pm	University	People of the Parish

Mon 10 Dec-

9am	St Sabina	Joan Lovell RIP
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Tue 11 Dec -St Damasus I, P

9am	St Monica	Patrick O'Neill RIP
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Wed 12 Dec – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8am	St Sabina	Humphrey Burton
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Thurs 13 Dec – St Lucy, V, M

1pm	St Monica	Funeral of Richard Clough
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Fri 14 Dec- St John of the Cross ,Pr, D

9am	St Monica	Jill Swires RIP (Colette)
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Sat 15 Dec-

9am	St Monica	Sheila Burns RIP (Colette)
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Sat 15 Dec Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent (C) 5:30-5:50pm Confession

6pm	St Sabina	Gertrude R Burton
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Sun 16 Dec – Third Sunday of Advent (C) ('Gaudete Sunday')

9:45-10:30 Children's session in St Augustine's

10am	St Monica	Richard Clough RIP (NA)
12:10pm	University	People of the Parish