



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

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**Third Sunday of Advent (C) 15/16 December 2018**



Psalm response : *Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel*

Carols on the Quay in Wivenhoe will take place by the Nottage on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm. It's one of the highlights of the year; do join us!

In Brightlingsea there will be Carol Singing outside The Swan in the High Street on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Please come and join us.

Further to the publication of the Vision Document by the diocese, a video recording by Bishop Alan will be shown after the Mass at St Monica this weekend and at St Sabina next weekend. This will also be an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions about the latest developments. There are hard copies of the Vision Document in the two churches and it can also be found on-line under <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/>.

Confirmation - Bishop Alan is going to visit to our parish next year on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

CHRISM fund - Some years ago there was a fundraising effort which collected monies for the extension or rebuilding of St Monica's Church.

At the moment the money that was collected is held in the "CHRISM" fund in the parish accounts as "reserved funds".

I have spoken to a number of people in the parish, including the Finance Committee, about the feasibility of extending or rebuilding the Church. I and others I have spoken to feel that it is unlikely we will extend the Church or rebuild it in the near future.

I would like to propose that the money in the Chrism fund be applied to general improvements to the building, required maintenance and health and safety work. If people have any questions or comments on this please do speak to me or otherwise get in touch. – Fr Mark

Reconciliation Services with individual Confession – at St Monica on Tuesday at 7:30pm and at St Sabina on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

The Parish Bazaar raised £922. Thank you to all who helped and contributed in any way.

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.

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.

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.

SVP Advent Project: A big thank you to all parishioners who donated gifts and funds, allowing us to put together gifts for the homeless and some residents in the homes we visit. Last Sunday over 60 presents were wrapped up, each with its own, handwritten Christmas card. We had the help some 9 wonderful young parishioners and are particularly grateful to them for their generous help. Of course the SVP was there making it all happen and providing refreshments for all the helpers.

Nine Lessons and Carol Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

St Augustine's the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15 Dec – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent C

5:30pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament    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: Advent 1 & 11

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

Mon 17 Dec-

9am	St Sabina	Cynthia & Peter Coyne RIP
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Tue 18 Dec -

9am	St Monica	Holy Souls RIP
7:30pm	St Monica	Reconciliation Service - individual Confession

Wed 19 Dec -

9am	St Sabina	John & Jane Sammon RIP
7:30pm	St Sabina	Reconciliation Service - individual Confession

Thurs 20 Dec-

9am	St Sabina	Bishop Alan
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Fri 21 Dec-

9am	St Monica	Holy Souls RIP
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Sat 22 Dec

9am	St Monica	Pope Francis
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Sat 22 Dec Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)    5:30-5:50pm Confession

6pm	St Sabina	Mrs Sheila Dias RIP
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Sun 23 Dec – Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) (Expectant Mothers)

10am	St Monica	John Alcock RIP (N)
12:10pm	University	People of the Parish