



St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church Newsletter

Sunday 11th January 2026

Sat 10th	Rosary Vigil Mass of The Baptism of the Lord Marie Papa (Wakeling) RIP (Anniversary)	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 11th	Mass - Baptism of the Lord Alan Botts RIP (2nd Anniversary)	9.30am
Mon 12th	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am
Tues 13th	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am
Wed 14th	No Mass	No Mass
Thur 15th	Funeral - David Kandalaft (No 9.30am Mass)	11am
Fri 16th	Mass	9.30am
Sat 17th	Rosary Vigil Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Concetta & Michele Marchione RIP (Anniversary) <i>Second Collection: Pax Christi</i>	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 18th	Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Peace Day Linda Solicari RIP <i>Second Collection: Pax Christi</i>	9.30am

Funeral of David Kandalaft: The funeral of David will take place on Thursday 15th January at 11am. Our condolences and prayers are with David's family at this sad time.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion children will be presented at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. As a Parish, let us support and pray for them during their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in May.

December 100 Club Results: 1st—M.Duffy (65), 2nd—G.Allen (3), 3rd—Deacon Micheal (73)

Fundraising Update - Thanks to all who generously contributed to our fundraising events in November and December (Christmas raffle, candle sales, alternative Christmas card, table top, and Karen's bags) we have raised a huge **£583 for the Parish!** There are more bags available to purchase (made by Karen while recovering from her knee operation) and some blessed paschal candles too so please come and purchase if you would like either of these. Thank you again for your ongoing support, and to Denise and all the team who have worked so hard to make these things happen.

DBS Applications/Renewals: If you are a volunteer awaiting a new certificate, please be informed that the Diocese are experiencing delays in processing these but are working hard to get back on track. If you have any concerns, please speak to our church safeguarding reps, Mary or Bernie.

Ministers of Holy Communion:

10th Jan: A.Palin 17th Jan: D.Allen
11th Jan: M.Duffy 18th Jan: M.Duffy

Upcoming Events

Relics of St Gerard Majella—Later this month our diocese will host the relics of St Gerard Majella at four locations (see foyer poster for details). This is the start of a tour of England and Wales to mark his 300th anniversary. Come along and bring your intentions to this popular Saint.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

INVITE YOU TO A TALK 'Becoming Beacons of Hope in a crazy, confusing world' – Rev Dr Liam Hayes. Join us for a participative exploration of hope in our world today. New Hall School (CM3 3HS), 7.30 pm, Wed 21st Jan. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. All are welcome. For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk

Rachels Vineyard Lent Talk - Wednesday

4th March, 7.30-9pm at St Edmunds in Loughton . Rachel McKenzie is doing missionary work on behalf of all those affected by abortion.

Vacancies

Headteacher - Bishops' C of E & Catholic School, Chelmsford. **Headteacher** - Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet. **Headteacher** - St Francis Primary School, Braintree

Brentwood Education Support

Administrator – 22hrs pw. Term time. Closing: 16th Feb.

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