

Our Lady of Compassion

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Times of Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th September 2024

6.00pm: Antonino Barba RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 8th September 2024

Education Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Kay Cole RIP (Anniv)

Monday Feria

10.00am

Tuesday Feria

10.00am Jimmy McNulty RIP (Anniv)

Wednesday Feria

10.00am

Thursday Feria

10.00am

Friday: St John Chrysostom

10.00am

Saturday 14th September 2024

6.00pm: Mike Alltree RIP

Sunday 15th September 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

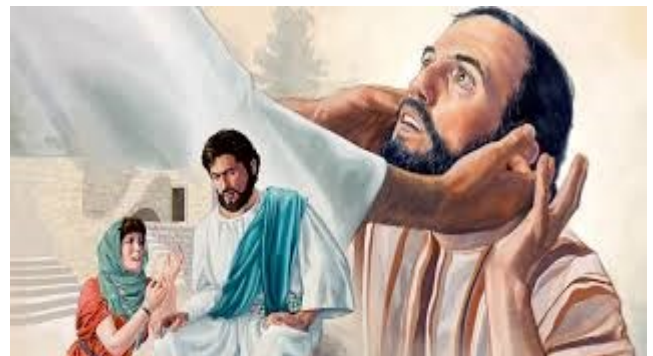
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All weekend Masses are live-streamed, via the OLC Facebook page and YouTube channel. To join the Facebook Group, please contact Ken Lowe at: olcsaffronwalden@gmail.com
Tel: 01799 528441.

Prayers

Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell, including **Baby Ted Tarrant, Dee Harbridge, Sarah Fitzgibbons, Heather Finch, John Quinn, John Latham** (father of Eileen Miles), **Judith Pender** (sister of Dave Powell), **Rosalind Kenn, Lucy Major, Peggy Ludlow, Moira Robertson, Rachel Draper** (niece of Patrick), **Tom Green, Gemma Gaskin-Roberts, Jean Perkins, Barbara Hughes, Hubert Baber, Tony, and Michael Moylan, Barry Gilder, Sue Gilder, Frances Tabone (née Jones), Anna** (mother of Slawek Gawlik), **Sue Bouton, Sarah Hooper, Paul Johnson, Aileen Rourke, Bobby Hughes, Tom Faux, Rosemary O'Rourke** (mother of Sinead Dorn), **Carmel Beimann, Paul McCarthy, Jude Mack, Olivia Sturgess, Oliver Hutchings, Michael Waterworth** (colleague of Michael O'Sullivan), **Inoo Faux, Nicholas Ripper, Pauline Gudgeon** (Aunt of Kate Griffin), **Harold Cudden-Large**, and for all in the parish who are housebound.



Please consider using a standing order to send your weekly offering, as this is the quickest way for the funds to come to the parish.

Standing order details can be obtained from Ken Lowe at:

olcsaffronwalden@gmail.com Alternatively, donations can be made at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations

There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for Education Sunday.

Jesu Caritas

September is 'Care for Creation' month, and Jesu Caritas Brentwood suggests that one of the things we might like to do is make a Novena of to St Francis of Assisi.

Day 1: giving thanks for the sun

Day 2: for the night sky

Day 3: for the wind and the air

Day 4: for water

Day 5: for fire

Day 6: for earth

Day 7: praying for those who suffer

Day 8: praying for peace

Day 9: praying for creation

In the spirit of St Francis, we pray for the well-being of the earth and all created things throughout September.

Celebrating the Jubilee

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12th October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Easy access from A12 Gallows Corner, and from M25. There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

Parish Council AGM

On Thursday 19th September at 8.00pm. If work has started on the parish hall, the alternative venue will be announced. All are welcome.

Education Sunday

From Bishop Marcus Stock, Chair of the Catholic Education Service.

This year, on 8 September, marks the 176th celebration of Education Sunday for the Church in England and Wales. As we commence the beginning of a new academic year, let us entrust to Almighty God all who are involved in the provision of Catholic education in our schools, colleges and universities. We pray that Christ the Teacher will strengthen their faith and fill their hearts with courage and hope.

The Gospel reading for Education Sunday is taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37): "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Our Lord Jesus Christ came among us and brought fulfilment to those who were searching for peace, healing and joy. Revealing the love of God the Father to mankind, Christ is the one and only way, truth, and life. Led by the light of the Holy Spirit, the words of the Holy Gospels guide us in His way, draw our minds into His truth, and invite our hearts to be filled with His life.

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As "the way, the truth, and the life" Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the Gospel of Christ in the minds and lives of students, providing a holistic formation that promotes human flourishing, inspiring a lifelong love of learning, and fostering the virtues that will assist children and young people to discover in themselves and in others the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God. On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead,

teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

Placing all our trust in God's grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands, supporting parents in the religious formation of their children, integrating faith with culture and being of service to our society.