

# Our Lady of Compassion

Castle Street, Saffron Walden

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## Times of Services and Mass Intentions

### Saturday 31st August 2024

6.00pm: Ellen Clemens RIP

### Sunday 1st September 2024

Care of Creation

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am

Monday Feria

11.15am: Requiem Mass of Sir George Bull

Tuesday St Gregory the Great

10.00am

Wednesday Feria

10.00am

Thursday Feria

10.00am

Friday: Feria

10.00am Mike Alltree RIP

### Saturday 7th September 2024

6.00pm: Antonino Barba RIP (Anniv)

### Sunday 8th September 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

Education Sunday

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Kay Cole RIP (Anniv)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:olcsaffronwalden@gmail.com) Alternatively, donations can be made at: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations)

**There will be a second collection** after all Masses this weekend for our Hall Refurbishment Fund. Thank you very much.

### **Sir George Bull RIP**

The Requiem Mass of the late Sir George Bull will be on Monday 2nd September at 11.15am. There will be no other Mass that day.

### **Prayer List**

Please contact the parish office if you would like to add a name to the weekly prayer list. Please also advise us when circumstances change. Thank you.

### **Parish Secretary – Forest Gate**

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at Forest Gate – St Anthonys.

The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills.

The post will be part-time working 25 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish.

The salary is dependable on skills and experience..

Full job description please see Parish Secretary – Forest Gate at Vacancies - BrentwoodDiocese

(dioceseofbrentwood.net)

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

Closing date: 9th September 2024

### **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.

### **Hypocrisy**

The one thing above all that Jesus could not abide and that he condemned totally is hypocrisy – and he castigated the Pharisees for it: 'Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and every uncleanness.'

People who were weak or sinful but honest about it, Jesus forgave at once and sometimes revealed himself to them in a most unlikely way. In the gospel of John, Jesus sits down at the well of Samaria with a Samaritan woman who has had five husbands and is now living over the brush with someone else; yet to her, Jesus says directly and unambiguously: "I am the Messiah. You are looking at him."

The evangelist must have written this through gritted teeth in order to record the truth. A Samaritan – who were considered the lowest of the low by Jews? And a woman – whose testimony was not acceptable in a court of law because she was considered too unreliable? The woman was certainly no saint, but she wasn't a hypocrite either. And what about the woman caught in the act of adultery? Od the prostitute who washed and anointed his feet? They didn't pretend to be anything other than they were.

A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be better than others. We shouldn't point out other people's faults but hide our own. We shouldn't accuse our brother or sister of something when we are guilty of far worse.

All these things, including hypocrisy, starts within. As Jesus himself says, a good tree will produce good fruit, but a bad tree will produce bad fruit; St Thomas Aquinas, many centuries later, said: 'As a person is, so shall he do.' Most of us, most of the time, are a mixture of the two; we can be good trees who sometimes produce bad fruit, or bad trees who sometimes produce good fruit. That's how life is for us, that's the kind of creatures we are: there isn't any good human being who hasn't at some time or another in his life done a couple of bad things... and there isn't any bad person who hasn't at some time or another in his life done a couple of good things. All we have to do is not to pretend that we are better than who we really are and who other people are.

The antidote to hypocrisy is gratitude. If in the depths of our heart we say 'My Lord, thank you for my life and my being' when we wake up, at midday, and when we go to bed, we will not fall into hypocrisy. Meister Eckhart said: "If the only prayer you ever say is 'thank you' that will be enough."