

# Our Lady of Compassion

Castle Street, Saffron Walden

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## Times of Services and Mass Intentions

### Saturday 24th August 2024

6.00pm: People of the Parish

### Sunday 25th August 2024

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

8.30am

10.30am

Monday Feria

10.00am

Tuesday St Monica

No Morning Mass

Wednesday St Augustine

10.00am

Thursday The Passion of St John the Baptist

10.00am

Friday: Feria

10.00am

### Saturday 31st August 2024

6.00pm: Ellen Clemens RIP

### Sunday 1st September 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am

Please note that there is no Morning Mass on Tuesday of this week.

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 next weekend (31st/1st) for our Hall Refurbishment Fund. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Walden Community Action for R**

#### **Youth News**

#### **Walsingham House Anniversary Mass and Celebration**

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Saturday 31st August. Whether in Chingford, Canvey Island or Abbotswick, we have been blessed with 40 years of volunteer teams at our vibrant Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre "Walsingham House". Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm, followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick throughout the afternoon. If you can share any photos, or to find out more information, you can email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net), visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or search @brentwoodcys on Instagram and Facebook.

### **Mass and BBQ**

For young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8th September.

If you are 18+, having left school, from 1st September then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

### **Congratulations**

Many blessings and congratulations to our parishioners Andrea Degasperi and Elisa Panada, who were married in this church on Saturday.

### **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.

### **Heirs in Equality**

The first reading this weekend from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, like a good many scriptural texts, must be set in context if we are to understand its *universal meaning* and not just its historical application. St Paul lived in Ephesus for about three years—between 53AD and 55AD. Paul's preaching there led to many conversions, and some of the silversmiths, who made silver statuettes of gods, lost a lot of business. This almost led to a riot and Paul had to leave the city. The letters that Paul wrote from Ephesus to other Christian communities become part of the New Testament. The themes of this letter includes the importance of Christians getting along with each other, maintaining the unity of the Church and living Christ-like lives. The passage we have heard at Masses this weekend talks about husbands and wives treating each other with respect and honour. Now, if St Paul had to *urge* them to do this, they obviously *weren't* doing it - otherwise he wouldn't have had to. If your seven-year-old child is not in the habit of walking in from the garden with muddy boots, you don't have to bother *telling* him not to. It's very often the same case when Paul writes to the other Christian communities he established or helped to establish: he tells them what they're doing wrong, not what they're doing right. So at Ephesus for example, it must have been the case that husband and wives were *not* treating each other with respect and honour, and *not* seeing their love as part of the love of Christ for his Church. So St Paul tells them they should. He is not suggesting that the husband is superior in status to the wife or that she somehow belongs to him; on the contrary, in other letters (Galatians, 1 Corinthians and Colossians for example) he emphasizes the equality, dignity, worth and freedom in Christ of all Christians - male and female, Jew and Greek, slave and master, circumcised or uncircumcised. And this is the *universal meaning* of what he says in the letter, rather than the historical application, which in many cases doesn't really help us in our own time.