



Catholic Church of CHRIST THE KING

*A Parish in the Diocese of Brentwood in the Pastoral
Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



1st and 2nd SUNDAYS OF ADVENT - YEAR A **30th November and 7th December 2025**

Speaking of his second coming and of the signs of the last day, Christ tells his disciples: “...when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:28)

The season of Advent aims to fill us with expectation, calling us to raise our heads and ready ourselves for our Lord’s second coming as the Universal Judge. This preparation takes place as we revisit his first coming as the child of Mary, born in Bethlehem. Thus, in order to prepare us for Christ’s second coming, Advent calls us to journey with renewed energy and devotion alongside the patriarchs and prophets as they looked forward to the coming of the Saviour; with John the Baptist as he speaks to us about the imminence of Christ’s arrival; and with Mary and Joseph, we witnessed the birth of Emmanuel — God with us.

The essence of Advent as a season that holds together Christ’s first and second coming is captured beautifully by the Divine Worship Collect for the First Sunday of Advent, ***‘ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen’*** Brothers and sister, I commend this prayer to you, and encourage you to offer each day of this blessed season as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound, especially:

Agnes, Veronica M, Cenora D, Hugo A, Wendy & Eddie G, Fiona F, Katie E, Ann C, Jim C, Brian O’D, Mary L, Pierette, Clarita J, Cathy J, Esther M, Patrick F, Maria T, Tina B, Jeanita S, Vic & Esther, Rickardo O, Michael M, Victoria C, Ken R, Alfie L, Raul R.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries are at this time: Kathleen Biggs, Pauline Lyons, Hilary Ranch, Mary Walker, Mrs Morris, Peter Prank, Albert Jusiak, Patrick Layburn, Ann Winstanley, Cyril Martin, Marianne Pittaway, Tom McCall, Thomas Jusiak, Albert Hunt, John Walsh, Catherine McAnulty, Simon Jones, Claud Dale, Harry Runacres, William Sinclair, M Daly, Margaret Munn, Rose McKeown, Margaret Boyd, Mary Gallagher, Wm J Sullivan, Annie Anteccliffe, Mrs Scally, Doris Steel, Dolores Hurry, Jose Tito Camora.

The Right Reverend Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, died peacefully at his home in Stock, Essex, at 10am on Monday, 24 November 2025. May he rest in peace.

The funeral of Mercy Obika will take place at 10am on 18th December at Christ the King. Mercy used to sing in the church choir.

Christmas Celebration

Sunday 14th December 1pm
Boxes are in the porch to receive raffle prizes and soft drinks. Please bring any alcoholic drinks on the day. Donations towards the cost of a hot meal can be made through the envelopes provided or the card machine in the porch. Tea and Coffee will also be available to raise money for the sisters' orphanage in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Advent Vigil

Sunday 30th November 6pm
Readings, Advent hymns and Adoration.

Youth Visit to National Gallery

Saturday 6th December for those aged 14-25. Let Fr Timothy know if you would like to join the group.

Mass Intentions

To offer a Mass please fill in an envelope from the porch and post with your offering in parish post box on the wall. Mass cards can be purchased at the Repository/

Mass Times at Christmas

Christmas Eve

5:30pm Christmas Story
6pm Mass with preparation of Crib
11:30pm Carols and Readings
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Mass

New Year's Day

12 Noon Mass

Alarm System

We have a new alarm system for the Church and Office. Thank you to all who donated towards this

Food Hub in Highams Park

There is a basket in the porch for non-perishable items.

Choir Practice

The choir rehearses at 6pm on Fridays for the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses. If you would like to join, please talk to us after Mass.

Repository

Various religious items are on sale in the porch including *Walk with Me* booklets for Advent. You can pay by cash or by using the card machine. Hand-made Christmas Cards are also for sale which will raise money for flowers in the church at Christmas.

Awake London

Saturday 20th December, 1:30-5pm. All are welcome.

CAFOD Advent prayer cards

Please take a prayer card from the porch.

Advent Suggestions from Caritas

- Attend an Advent Mass.
- Make your Confession in preparation for Christmas.
- Give someone you know a compliment.
- Donate to a local foodbank.
- Set a daily reminder on your phone to pause and pray.
- Visit or call someone lonely or elderly.
- Pick up litter in your neighbourhood or park.
- Pray for refugees, the poor, and those in conflict zones.
- Play a board game with someone you love.
- Reduce waste and shop sustainably this Advent.
- Send a handwritten Christmas card to someone who might not receive many.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Write down three things that bring you joy.
- Help a neighbour or friend with a small task.
- Pray the Rosary for those in need.
- Say thank you to someone who often goes unnoticed.
- Spend time in nature, thanking Jesus for creation.
- Collect clothes for a homeless charity.
- Forgive someone you've been holding resentment toward.
- Send a kind text to a friend or family member.
- Raise money for a local charity.

- Pray for peace in the world.
- Donate toys or books to a children's hospital or charity drive.

The Pope's prayer intentions for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Christmas Carols at Our Lady of Assumption, Warwick Street

Monday, 22nd December, at 7pm.

Lourdes With Brentwood Diocese:

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

The Catholic Medical Association

Those who work in healthcare are invited to consider joining the Catholic Medical Association. More information can be found on the website

catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/

NJPN and Pax Christi

On Monday 1st December at 7.30pm
ONLINE with NJPN and Pax Christi

Christ Among the Ruins: Finding Light in Gaza's Darkness

A live webinar and conversation of faith, witness, and action.

A sign-up form can be found here:

www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/

Mass Times and Intentions

Sun 29th Nov	6pm (vigil)	John Barrett RIP
Sun 30th Nov <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9am 11am	Bishop Thomas McMahon RIP Pope Leo's Apostolic visit to Turkey and Lebanon
Mon 1st Dec	9:30am	NO MASS
Tues 2nd Dec	7:30pm	
Wed 3rd Dec <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9:30am	At Convent
Thu 4th Dec <i>St John Damascene</i>	11:30am	Birthday blessings Grace Fatima & future blessings
Sat 6th Dec	6pm (vigil)	Jacinta's thanksgiving - Imm. Heart of Mary Bernie Griffiths RIP
Sun 7th Dec <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9am 11am	Ruth Creed RIP People of the Parish
Mon 8th Dec <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9:30am	John & Bridie Lynch RIP
Tues 9th Dec	7:30pm	<i>Bishop Daivid Wallar and Ord</i>
Wed 10th Dec	9:30am	At Convent
Thu 11th Dec	11:30am	<i>Candidates of First Holy Communion</i>
Sat 13th Dec	6pm (vigil)	Osita Okapu's Family Ints.
Sun 14th Dec <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9am 11am	Raymond Dempsey RIP Bernard Christmas RIP/Pl. Sgt Noel Lane RIP People of the Parish

Adoration Sunday 8:20-8:45, 10:20-10:45, Thursday after Mass.

Confessions Tuesday 7:00-7:25pm & Thursday 11:00-11:25am or by appointment with Fr Timothy.

Rosary Thursday 11am.

Livestream Link [Christ the King Chingford](#) - YouTube. The 11am Sunday Mass is livestreamed every week.

Mass Readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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