



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*



3rd and 4th SUNDAYS OF ADVENT - YEAR A
14th and 21st December 2025



14th December is the third Sunday of Advent and is called Gaudete Sunday, marking the midway point of our Holy Advent Season. The word ‘Gaudete’ means to ‘Rejoice’, and we look forward in anticipation, rejoicing that we get closer to witness afresh the mystery of our Saviour’s nativity with Mary and Joseph.

We give thanks for our Christmas Celebration on Gaudete Sunday at 1pm in the hall and for all those who have contributed in some way whether financially, spiritually by praying for us, donating raffle prizes, bringing food or giving their time to help. Especially Paula & her team for shopping and preparing hot food and catering for a sizeable number of people! **Tea and coffee is served in aid of Orphanage Congo** – please donate cash and Gift Aid it in an envelope or use the contactless device in the hall. You will be able to make other donations too.

Thank you to our guest preacher Deacon Richard Carson (*Ord*) for speaking to us on Gaudete Sunday!

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, Pierrette, 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 whose anniversaries are current:

Mary Martin, Alfred Bone, Catharine O'Neil, Esther Franklin, Constanta Demuth, Colin Prior, Phyllis Lee, Dorothy Hull, Dorothy McGivern, Bernadette Moffatt, Mica Persaud, Annie Quinn, Mary Weddell, Annie Bradley, James O'Hagan, David Atkinson, Mrs Hayes, Harold Jarvis, Peggy Watts, Bernard Atkinson, Maud Casford, Ron Hagger, Mary McCall, Catharine Harte, William Jennings, John Kennedy, Joyce Chapman.

Requiem Mass for Bishop Thomas

will be taken by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster & Metropolitan, on Tuesday, 16th December at 11.30am at Brentwood Cathedral. The interment will take place in the Parish Cemetery immediately following the Mass. If you would like to attend the Mass, we have four tickets available on a first come first served basis, please contact Fr Timothy or the Parish Office. The Mass will be live streamed:
<https://www.shealolin.co.uk/bishop-thomas>

The Orphanage in Congo

Fr Timothy has received a thank you note from Sr Darlene and Sr Zawadi, on behalf of the Province of Congo for the generous support parishioners have shown towards their Orphanage. A copy of this letter is on the noticeboard in the porch. The next coffee morning for the Orphanage is **on Sunday 11th January after the 9 and 11am Mass in the hall.**

Christmas stamps – please bring in your used stamps - small box in porch.

Blessing of Bambinos

Please bring the baby Jesus from your cribs at home to Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent 20th/21st December for a blessing from Fr Timothy.

Food Hub in Highams Park

Please continue to bring in nonperishable food for those in need, especially at this time of year. Basket is in the porch. Thank you!

Second Collection on 18th January for Pax Christi.

Repository

Various religious items are on sale in the porch. You can pay by cash or by using the card machine in the porch.

Awake London

Saturday 20th December, 12:45-4:45pm. See flier on noticeboard. Next one 17th January 2026.

National Gallery Visits

Recently Fr Timothy took two groups to the National Gallery in London, for spiritual preparation of Advent and Christmas through selected art. Read Helena's account of her visit "It felt like a gentle pilgrimage as Father led us to each painting introducing us to its theological themes and read appropriate biblical verses." Visit www.chingfordctk.co.uk for the full account and more pictures.



The Nativity Crib

A tradition that runs deep within the heart of the Catholic Church is the humble yet profound practice of erecting a Nativity Crib both in church and within the home. More than a seasonal decoration, it is a cherished sign of faith, for it invites us once again to enter into the living mystery of

Emmanuel – God with us. Read more at www.chingfordctk.co.uk

The Angels have now arrived from Billericay! For our beautiful

Christmas tree in the porch, waiting to be adorned with your messages to loved ones, whom you wish to remember at this time of year. Please fill in an angel and hang it on the tree. When the crib is up, please donate to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which supports the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. The tree and crib will remain until Candlemas.

The Christmas Offerings on 24th (Vigil Mass) and 25th December are your personal gifts to our Parish Priest, Fr Timothy. Your offerings form a major part of his salary. Please Gift Aid it by using an envelope – make sure your unique number is on it. If you are visiting the Parish and are a UK taxpayer, please fill in an envelope in the porch with your offering. You can donate contactless or make a transfer direct to the parish account.

Payee: Christ the King Church

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 71019120.

Please use Reference 'Xmas

Offering'. We also accept cheques.

Address: 455 Chingford Road E4 8SP.

Mass Times at Christmas

The full Christmas programme is available in the porch - take a flier home or take a photo on your phone. Details are also on the website. The Parish Office will be closed from 23rd December until Monday 5th January '26

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



Advent Lessons & Carols Service

Monday 22 December, 7.00pm

Join Bishop David at Warwick Street for *Advent Lessons & Carols*, followed by Solemn Benediction — a beautiful way to enter the final days of Advent in prayer and anticipation. All are warmly welcome.

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Brentwood Cathedral, Sunday, 21st December at 4.00 p.m.

A celebration of prayers, readings and carols presided over by Bishop Alan Williams, with music by the Brentwood Cathedral Choir.

Walsingham House Team 2026/27

Applications are now open - being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen your faith.

Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Year 13 and above). For more information visit:

<https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email

michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

Applications close on ***Friday, 16th January 2026***.

Diocesan Pilgrimages 2026

Lourdes: 17-24 July 2026

Knock & Co. Mayo: 15-20 June 2026

Wishing You All a Joyful and Blessed Christmas!

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 13th Dec	6pm (vigil)	Osita Okapu's Family Ints.
Sun 14th Dec <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9am	Raymond Dempsey RIP
	11am	Bernard Chhrismas RIP/Pol Sgt Noel Lane RIP People of the Parish
Mon 15th Dec	9:30am	Julie Newson's Intentions
Tues 16th Dec	7:30pm	John Hutson RIP
Wed 17th Dec	9:30am	At Convent
Thu 18th Dec	10am	Requiem Mass for Mercy Obika RIP
Sat 20th Dec	6pm (vigil)	Joe Reidy RIP
Sun 21st Dec <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9am	Grace Fatima & Future Blessings (Thanks)
	11am	Rewa Chatlani RIP People of the Parish/Lawrence Nwaohai
Mon 22nd Dec	No Mass	
Tues 23rd Dec	7.30pm	
Wed 24th Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10:30am	At Parkview, 212 Chingford Mount Rd E4
	6pm Midnight	Ros Lynch & Peggy Debieux RIP
Thu 25th Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	10am	Intentions of Joan Young, Susan Lavin & Ellen McAuliffe
Fri 26th Dec <i>St Stephen</i>	10am	Altar Servers
Sat 27th Dec <i>St John the Divine</i>	6pm (vigil)	John Barrett RIP / Private Intentions
Sun 28th Dec <i>The Holy Family</i>	9am	Thelma Pinto & Jose Luis Pinto RIP
	11am	People of the Parish

Adoration Sunday 8:20-8:45, 10:20-10:45, Thursday after Mass (Not 25th).

Confessions Tuesday 7:00-7:25pm & Thursday 11:00-11:25am or by appointment with Fr Timothy. Please note that there are confessions on Christmas Eve, and not until week beginning 5th January. During then you may approach Fr Timothy after Mass for confession.

Rosary Thursday 11am. (Not 25th)

Livestream Link [Christ the King Chingford](https://www.youtube.com/@christtheKingChingford) - YouTube.

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