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Sunday
18th December
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4th Sunday of Advent
(Year A)

Sat 17 th December	10.00 – 11.00am 3.00pm †6.00pm	Confessions *Celebration of Christmas People of the Parish
Sun 18 th December	†10.00am	Eileen Quinn (K Whiting)
Mon 19 th December	†9.30am 12.00pm	Violet Thornbury funeral service
Tues 20 th December	†9.30am	Violet Thornbury RIP (Barry & Pauline, Catherine & Christopher, Yasmin & Munier)
Wed 21 st December No morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 22 nd December	†9.30am	Violet Thornbury RIP (J Fers)
Fri 23 rd December	†9.30am	Bridget & Joseph Grace Anniversary Mass (J & M Grace)
Sat 24 th December Christmas Eve	10.00 – 11.00am †7.00pm	Confessions Deceased family of Sheila Wood (S Wood)

† Masses

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4th Sunday of Advent



"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God."

Pope Francis

Parish News & Events

Last Minute stocking fillers

There will be a number of stocking filler items for sale in the Parish Centre this Sunday **18th December** after Mass. Please take the time to have a look if you have any last minute things to buy. Any money received will go towards the Gardening Fund. Donations are welcome too. Many thanks.



Christmas offering

At Christmas, the collection money raised is our personal gift to the priest for his services to the parish. Please remember to give generously at this time of year.



Children's Service and Christmas Party

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Service will be this Sunday **18th December** at 2.00pm and will be followed by the Christmas party in the Parish Centre.



*Wishing you all a very
joyful and blessed Christmas!*

Fr John



Gardening fund

Following on from Keith McDowall's talk a couple of weeks ago, we are keen to hear your fundraising suggestions for the New Year. Anything will be considered. If you have any thoughts, please post them into the parish post box in the porch or email: Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CAFOD appeal for the crisis in Yemen

CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee which has launched an appeal for the humanitarian crisis in the Yemen. More than 7 million people there do not know where their next meal is coming from. A donation to alleviate their suffering can be made on line, but please remember them in your prayers.

'God of Peace, challenge the weapons of war and banish hatred and division, so that all your children may sleep secure, God of Peace, may your Kingdom come.'



The Giving Machine update

We are very grateful to all parishioners who have chosen to shop online via the Giving Machine website. As of Friday we had raised £12.24! Remember, this won't cost you a penny but money will be raised for your Church and other causes you have chosen to support just by registering with them and remembering to go through the their website when internet shopping. If you haven't already logged in as a giver – please do. Reminder cards are now available in the church porch. Please keep one next to your computer to remind you.

For more information go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

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Church Repository

Don't forget Christmas cards are available to buy in the Repository in the church foyer. Feel free to have a look at the cards and gifts.

Christmas cards

Please remember to check the Christmas cards box for any cards addressed to you from other parishioners. If you have any cards for other parishioners, please place them in the A-Z index box in the church porch.

Local Christmas events



Village Carol Singing

Come and join in the fun, especially if it's snowy! We meet each evening at 7.00pm:

- **Thursday 22nd December** meet at junction of Church Road and Mountfitchet Road to proceed along Manor Road and Stoney Common ending up at West Road
- **Friday 23rd December** meet at Mountfitchet House Care Home in Coltsfield. We will sing inside Mountfitchet House for a while and then proceed along Coltsfield and High Mead ending up at Birchalls

Each night the singing is followed by refreshments at around 8.30pm. We welcome more singers - there is no rehearsing, just come along. We also need collectors. This year we will be collecting for the Christian Aid *Light the way* Christmas Appeal, which is helping people fleeing from violence. Please support us - thank you! Mike Dyer Tel: 814059, Helen Baker Tel: 814865.

Diocesan news and events

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood

This will be celebrated at 2.30pm on Wednesday **21st December** by Fr Eamonn Power. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

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