

**Mass times and intentions: 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	11.30 – Silveen Pritchard
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist – Solemnity</b> 10.00 – Tom Clouse RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Betty McMahon RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Ron Clouse and his family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Solemnity</b> 10.00 – Dominic Parekadan RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> 10.00 – Agnelo Machado RIP
		<b>SS PETER AND PAUL</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	11.30 – Annam Dominic RIP

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary**

**Mass Intentions / Offerings:** Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Mass Attendance last weekend: 295**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 663.28**

**Renovation fund: £ 102.07**

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week and I look forward, very much, to getting to know you all and working with you for the good of our Parish.**

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**673** – Sweet heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.*

**730** – This is my body, broken for you

**77** – Because the Lord is my shepherd

**42** – An upper room did our Lord prepare

**674** – Sweet sacrament divine

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Today, the Church throughout the world pauses in reverence and joy to celebrate the profound mystery of the Eucharist - the real presence of Jesus Christ in His Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine. The Gospel chosen for this solemnity - the multiplication of the loaves and fish - is not just a miracle of compassion. It is also a powerful prefiguration of the Eucharist, a living sign of what Jesus would later do at the Last Supper and what He continues to do for us at every Mass.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus “spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed healing.” But as the day wears on, the disciples want to send the people away. Instead, Jesus says something unexpected: “You give them something to eat.”

This moment is crucial. Jesus doesn't only speak about God's love - He embodies it. He feeds the hungry, both spiritually and physically. In the same way, in the Eucharist, Jesus doesn't just teach us - He gives us Himself as food for the journey.

He is not a distant Lord, but one who draws near to nourish our hearts, to strengthen us with His life.

The same actions we see in this Gospel - taking the bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it - are repeated later at the Last Supper, and at every Mass we celebrate.

What does this tell us? That the multiplication of the loaves is not only about physical hunger, but it is a prophetic image of what would become the Eucharist - Jesus giving His Body and Blood to sustain us eternally.

And here we also learn something personal: Jesus uses what little we bring. The disciples had only five loaves and two fish - but in the hands of Christ, that little becomes more than enough.

Jesus feeds the multitude, and twelve baskets are left over. This is the miracle of divine generosity. What seemed too little became overflowing abundance, because God blessed it.

This is what happens in the Eucharist: from simple bread and wine, through the words of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit, we receive His real Body and Blood. This is not a symbol - it is Jesus Himself, given for us. And as we are fed, we are also called to be transformed: to become bread broken for others, to live lives of self-giving love and service.

Dear friends, we don't come to Mass merely out of habit or obligation. We come because we are hungry - for love, for peace, for meaning. And Jesus meets us in that hunger and says, "Take and eat... This is My Body." The Eucharist is not just nourishment - it is a call to holiness. If we receive Christ, we must live like Him. We must become the Eucharist for others - a living offering, a sign of unity and mercy in the world.

Let us return to the Eucharist with renewed faith, devotion, and gratitude. Let us never take this gift for granted. In every Mass, heaven touches earth. Jesus truly gives Himself - fully, freely, and forever.

And may our hearts, like the loaves, be blessed, broken, and shared - so that through us, others too may taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Refreshments after Sunday Mass**

I would like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits and a chance to meet, socialise and get to know each other.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

### **Sick & Retired Clergy Fund**

This weekend there will be the annual second collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund of the Diocese.

The fund helps Clergy who require assistance in their retirement after years of service, it also helps those who are in ill health at any age.

This is also an opportunity to thank Parishioners who have bequeathed legacies in their wills and we would welcome any who are about to make, or review existing arrangements, to consider this worthy cause.

The Administrators of the Fund would also like to express their gratitude to the families of deceased Parishioners who have gifted legacies in the past.

### **St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Brentwood Community Festival – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1 PM – 3:30 PM, Brentwood Cathedral**

Come along to this free event celebrating the work of SVP volunteers across Essex and East London, and discover how you can help make a difference in our community and beyond. Music, food, and displays of life-changing projects. All welcome! Book your free ticket:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919)

### **Diocesan Second Collection – Peter's Pence**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tarciziu. Also please complete a registration and GDPR form found at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office.