

ST FRANCIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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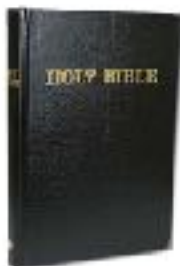
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Mass @ 11.00 am St Francis of Assisi – Before Mass each Saturday @ 5.15 pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Parish Rosary at 5:30, (Please contact Fr Felix directly to book a date/time for reconciliation)
 (Tel 01787 472477 / halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday 24th October - 30th Sunday Year B	9am Sible Hedingham	
World Mission Sunday	I I am Halstead	Luke Jeffery
Monday 25th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday 26th October -	NO MASS	
Wednesday 27th October-	9:30 Halstead	
Thursday 28th October Memorial of Saints Simon & Jude	9:30 am	
Friday 29th October	8:30 Holy hour Halstead, 9:30 Mass	
Saturday 30th October	5:30 Parish Community Rosary, 6:00 PM Vigil Mass	



MASS READINGS

1st reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd reading Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52



A message from Father Felix

•This Sunday is World Mission Sunday when we support the missionary activities of the Church. We shall take a second collection. Please support the Missions.

•Today we are happy to announce the baptism of Tulip Wiseman, daughter of Roger and Racheal after 11 O'clock mass. We rejoice and welcome Tulip to the Christian community of Halstead and pray for God's blessings on her future endeavours.

•***We shall be having a remembrance Mass on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. Time 6pm. (ALL Souls Day) The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10am till 5pm for private prayers. The Church will be open for you to come in and light a candle for the Holy Souls.***



Remember to pick an envelope at the back of the Church to fill in your deceased relatives and friends whom you would like to remember in the Masses that will be celebrated in November. *The donations go to assist the Parish Sound System Upgrade.*

•Our morning Masses are so quiet. Please consider including it in your daily routines. It could be a way of overcoming loneliness as winter approaches.

•**November 13** will be the wedding of **Paul O'Sullivan and Yvonne West** at 2pm at St Francis Church Halstead. Please remember them in our prayers.



Important Dates for your Diary

* Church Jumble Sale

In the Hall 30th October 10- 12.30

* Christmas Fayre, Sunday 28th November, 12 - 4pm
Donations for the raffle and bottle stall urgently needed



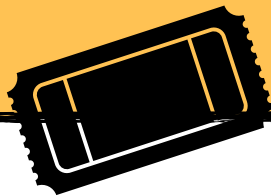
A message from Lynda

The Monthly Draw

It's that time of year to start collecting for one of our main fundraisers. For just £12 you will be entered into our monthly draw on the **first Sunday of November**, with a chance to win a top prize of £50, plus second and third prizes of £25. Buy as many entries as you can, involve friends and relatives - our aim is to reach 200. Hand completed slips to Lynda, or Father Felix or through the letter box of the presbytery. A big thank you to all who have participated so far, continue to do so!

The quiz on the 25th is fully booked, but I would really appreciate some raffle prizes which can be donated at Mass this weekend, or left in the church.

Thanks, Lynda



THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This will be on 28th November in St Andrew's Church Hall in Halstead (behind the Church) - please think about planning your contributions and ideas to really make it go with a bang!

Cheese & Wine Evening

In aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance at

On 23 October at 7:30 onwards at Courtauld Halstead Bowls Club

Tickets only @ £5 per person - see Lynda



Please leave any donations at the back of the church, and please come along and support this important parish fundraising event!



First Holy Communion - As you can appreciate forward planning is essential for the First Holy Communion Programme. The Diocesan guidelines for this Sacramental Programme this year are:

- *That you are a practising Catholic (attending Mass on a weekly basis)*
- *That your child has been attending the Halstead Parish for at least the past year*
- *That your child is eligible (Year 3 or above 8 years of age by 31 August 2021)*

If you are interested in participating in this programme please speak to Fr Felix after Mass.

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal

for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12

November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

Cash Friday - try to use cash only on Fridays - this will help so many people who cannot use smartphones or online banking!



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) – If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church please do let Fr Felix know. The programme aims to provide those who wish to be received into the Church with the Sacramental and theological preparation before the Easter Vigil 2022.



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