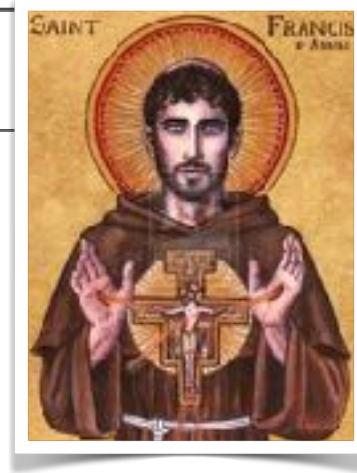


ST FRANCIS PARISH

NEWSLETTER



St Francis Parish Halstead online:
<http://stfrancishalstead.org/home/welcome/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Stfrancishalsteadparish/>

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).

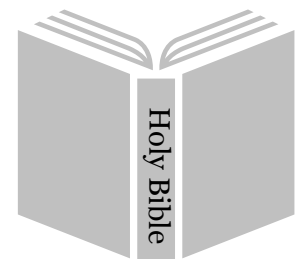
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Saturday 14th May St Matthias	6pm Halstead Vigil Mass	Health and blessings on Martyn and Marjorie Badham and Eternal repose of Sean Dullea
Sunday 15th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	9am Sible Hedingham	
“ “	11 am Halstead	Eternal repose of Ann Vermilio and Michele Vermilio
Monday 16th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday 17th May St Paschal	NO MASS	
Wednesday 18th May St John, Pope	NO MASS	
Thursday 19th May St Dunstan	9:30 Halstead	Rev George Gresley
Friday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30, Mass @ 9:30	

Mass readings

First reading: Acts 14: 21-27

Second reading: Revelation 21: 1-5

Gospel: John 13: 31-35





A message from Father Felix

- The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their 'Relay 100' summer community event.
St Francis of Assisi – Relay 100 – the leg between St Francis of Assisi Halstead and St Peter's Church in Sible Hedingham will be held on Saturday 25th June. We would be grateful if you could sponsor our team to complete this part of the Relay. Jacob Daly, our Altar Server at St Peter's, is hoping to cycle the distance between Sible Hedingham and Great Bardfield.
You can make a "sponsorship donation" direct to Fr Felix /Nigel Gardener or into the collecting box at the back of the Church.
- Our planned pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 28th May 2022 has been cancelled due to transport logistics. Sorry for the inconveniences.
- The Holy Water font is now open for our use. **Take some home for your use from the tap. Please let Fr Felix know before use. Feel free to bless yourself from the Holy Water font however, sanitise your hand before use to minimise risk of possible infection.**
- **The Columban Missionaries will be having their annual mission appeal in our parish this weekend. We welcome Fr Tom Ryan as the facilitator for the appeal and there will be a second collection to support the appeal. Let us be generous.**
- It is wholesome thought to pray for the dead 2 Maccabees 12:46. Consider offering a Mass for you departed loved ones and also for the living. It seems

the culture of offering Masses in our parish is fading. Pick a form at the back of the church and fill your intentions.

- **There is a chance for communion of the sick at homes for the house bound. Let me know of any parishioner in need of a visit. The same applies for any parishioner on hospital admission at Broomfield hospital.**
- **Please consider making an offering or a standing order to the parish. You can also make donation to St Francis of Assisi Church. Sort Code: 40-13-22. Account Number: 71387014**
- **Weekly Sunday Collection: £314.04**
- **Second collection for Vocations : £149.06**
- **Candles /Votive: £19.64**
- **Many thanks for your generosity to the parish.**



Bible Study Group

If you would like to join this group, please get in touch on 07702244880 for details.

Prayers needed for the elderly, housebound and sick.

Please click this box to have your friends and relatives mentioned in the newsletter. Please ensure you have permission to publish their names. Please include any intentions or requests so the parish can pray intelligently...

If you don't have access to a computer please call me on 01787 827184



Sponsorship from is here!

June 4th and 5th Jubilee Celebration

Thank you for offering to do flowers in the church for the Jubilee Celebration weekend. We still have a few places for you to take part in decorating the church.

Children

We would like to invite children to fill a jam jar with garden flowers. These can be delivered to the church on Saturday morning, or Friday 3rd.



The church will be open on Friday after the 9.30 Mass, so any time after 10am is fine.

Plant and book sale

Following the I am Mass on Sunday, the sale outside church. All plants can be delivered at the back of church by the sheds in the garden, in the week leading up to Sunday.

Please ring or message 07702244880 for more information, and if you wish to be involved, we welcome your support. Thank you

Are you looking for work? Click on this box to see if working for the church may be possible - this site is constantly updated

Saint Paschal

Franciscan lay brother and mystic. Born to a peasant family at Torre Hermosa, in Aragon, on Whitsunday, he was christened Pascua in honor of the feast. According to accounts of his early life, Paschal labored as a shepherd for his father, performed miracles, and was distinguished for his austerity. He also taught himself to read. Receiving a vision which told him to enter a nearby Franciscan community, he became a Franciscan lay brother of the Alcantrine reform in 1564, and spent most of his life as a humble doorkeeper. He practiced rigorous asceticism and displayed a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament, so much so that while on a mission to France, he defended the doctrine of the Real Presence against a Calvinist preacher and in the face of threats from other irate Calvinists. Paschal died at a friary in Villareal, and was canonized in 1690. In 1897 Pope Leo XIII declared him patron of all eucharistic confraternities and congresses. Since 1969, his veneration has been limited to local calendars.



Laughter is the best medicine!

Saint Dunstan

Born of a noble family at Baltonsborough, near Glastonbury, England, Dunstan was educated there by Irish monks and while still a youth, was sent to the court of King Athelstan. He became a Benedictine monk about 934 and was ordained by his uncle, St. Alphege, Bishop of Winchester, about 939. After a time as a hermit at Glastonbury, Dunstan was recalled to the royal court by King Edmund, who appointed him abbot of Glastonbury Abbey in 943. He developed the Abbey into a great centre of learning while revitalising other monasteries in the area. He became advisor to King Edred on his accession to the throne when Edmund was murdered, and began a far-reaching reform of all the monasteries in Edred's realm.



Medjugorje Web
medjugorje.org



First Holy Communion

Please keep our First Holy Communion group in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the Feast of Corpus Christi on 19th June. They have investigated the Liturgy of the Word and also covered sessions on the Body and Blood of Christ. In the coming weeks they will be getting ready for their First Reconciliation with

FOR SALE

I have a black leather 2 seater recliner sofa if anyone would like it, also a surround sound system, and a single bed which converts to a double (has 2 mattresses) only been used about 5 times apart from cat who sleeps on it sometimes. As move gets nearer might have more stuff that could help someone out
Call Annette 07928660499 wannette98@gmail.com



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