

We pray for the church around the world:

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

We pray for our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

We pray for our local community: [21: Capel Terr, Cambridge Rd, The Railway][22: Cashibury Terr, Park Terr] [23: Runwell Terr, Prittlewell Sq.][24: Devereux Rd, Royal Mews] [25: Musicians, artists, poets and performers of the parish] [26: Clifton Terr, Milton Pl.] [27: Southend Care Bank; Milton Community Partnership and SAVS][28: Barons court School, all who are home-schooled]

We pray for all on our long-term list.

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need: Margaret, Mark, Terry, Ken, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Diana, Sarah, Laura, Gabby, Ann and Terry, Gary, June and Sally Binks.

Recently departed: Maff

And all who have died with no-one to pray for them.

In Memoriam: December

Ronald Walter Rouse 5/12, Helen Sandover 12/12; Alan Conner 2/12; Patricia Swinford 24/12, Flora Sleebush 27/12, Ginny Savoury 27/12.

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Notices:

Monday 22 : Morning Prayer at 9am, Low Mass at 1pm,

Next Music event is 27 December : Folk Christmas

Check the bookmark for all Advent and Christmas events and services!

NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

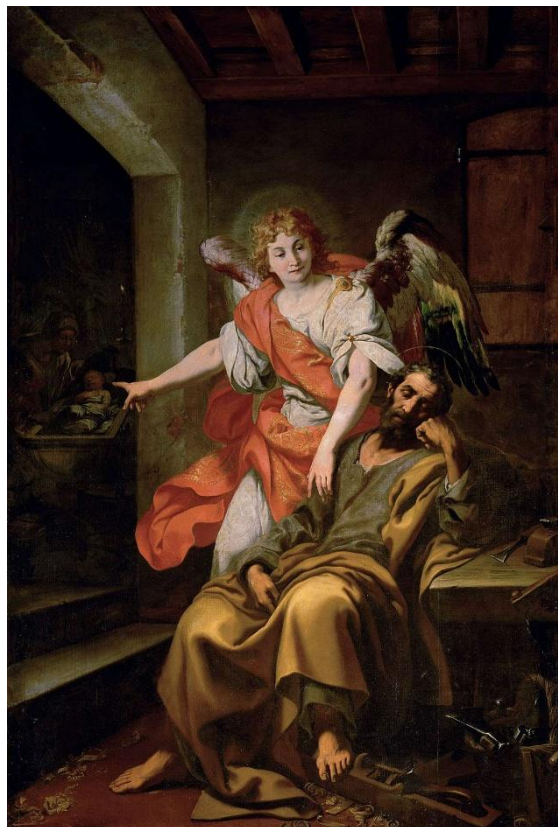
Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.



Parish of St Alban Martyr,
Westcliff & St Mark the Evangelist
Southend

21 December 2025

4 Sunday Advent



The Dream of Saint Joseph, Daniele Crespi [c1620]

In this gentle image we see the angel appearing to Saint Joseph. Joseph is depicted in semi-darkness, his body curled up asleep at his desk in his carpenter's workshop. The angel is gently pointing towards the cribs in the crib in the next room, foretelling what is about to happen. Joseph's slumped pose with heavy draped clothes echoes the weight of his responsibility: protector of the Son of God. The stillness of the night is tangible.

Blessings, Mother Cherry

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