

### **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:** [14: Forum, Southend Central Station] [15: Sam, our chaplain, LGBTQ+ community] [16: Scrutton Rd, Clifftown Rd] [17: Weston Rd, Clarence St] [18: Clarence Rd, Alexandra St] [19: Market Pl, Royal Terrace] [20: Nelson St, E15 theatre School]

### **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 15 : 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**

14 December 2025

3 Sunday Advent



**Mary of the Magnificat, Botticelli [1485]**

Most of our usual images of Mary show her as a young girl, head bowed, reverent before God or as the mother of Jesus at the cross lamenting the death of her beloved son. But here, Botticelli celebrates the Mary whose song glorifies the ways in which God acts to bless those who live righteously. Here she is strong and passionate in her praise of God. She is depicted being crowned by angels, as she will later be crowned as Queen of Heaven. And as she celebrates her role in God's plan of salvation, we see how her child, the Christ gently directs her words. Their intimate connection is evident. Let us always try to pay attention to the ways in which we too can be part of God's plan. [Blessings, Mother Cherry](#)

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