



Holy Family Catholic Church

Parish Priest

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Confessions/Reconciliation: Sat. 5:15-5:45pm - Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

Livestream available via the parish website on

<https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream.php>

23rd February, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Samuel 26:2...23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-381

In this passage, Jesus commands His followers to love their enemies, forgive others, and give generously. He calls for radical love and mercy that mirrors God's own mercy toward us.

- Love of Enemies: Jesus challenges His disciples to love, bless, and pray for those who mistreat them.
- Mercy and Forgiveness: As God is merciful, we are called to extend mercy to others.
- Generosity: We are called to give without expecting anything in return.

2nd March, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus uses parables to teach about spiritual blindness, the importance of personal integrity, and the fruitfulness of a good heart. He emphasizes self-awareness and the need for inner transformation.

- Spiritual Blindness: Before correcting others, we must examine our own faults.
- Integrity: A good tree produces good fruit, just as a good heart produces virtuous actions.
- Inner Transformation: True change begins in the heart and is reflected in our words and deeds.

9th March, First Sunday of Lent - C

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

In this passage, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He is tempted by the devil for forty days. This narrative highlights Jesus' faithfulness and reliance on God's Word in overcoming temptation.

- Temptation in the Wilderness: Jesus faces and resists three temptations from the devil, each targeting His identity and mission.
- Scripture as a Weapon: Jesus combats each temptation with Scripture, demonstrating its power and authority.
- Victory Over Sin: Jesus' triumph over temptation foreshadows His ultimate victory over sin and death.

We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:

Mary Ware	Danny O'Sullivan	Yvonne Falvey	Thomas Walsh
Paul Buckley	Don Ellett	Tony Leahy	Maureen Bushell
Ibiron Ayool	Myla Lebersidge	Karen Lloyd	Catherine Watkins
Olive Edgar	Mary Wallace	Andy Gallagher	Denis O'Flaherty
Mark Paton	Ellen Murphy	Catherine Nee	Barbara Quarrell

May they experience the healing touch of Jesus

REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill in a parish registration form and hand it in to the presbytery office.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection after all weekend Masses during the 22nd/23rd February for Holy Family Youth Service (HFYS)

CONSIDERATE CAR PARKING

Please consider our neighbours when parking your car at Mass. Can parishioners please ensure that they do not park across the neighbours' driveways in Oxlow Lane and Halbutt Street.

eNEWSLETTER - UPDATE

Copies of the newsletter are now available on our parish website,

www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org.

If anyone, over the age of 18, is interested in receiving the newsletter or providing feedback via their mobile phones please text your name and phone number to 07578252029. You will then be sent contact details which you need to add to your address book and confirm. Again, this is only available for 18+. If anyone is having problems with this, please contact the Parish office.

BCYS – SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

19th – 26th July 2025. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above.

Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun!

All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

CHURCH PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion 24/25 (Reconciliation) Your next session will be on Saturday 8th March at 10:00am for Candidates. Your Mass will be on Sunday 9th March at 9:00am. Please be punctual and attend all sessions, remember to check the course programme for times of sessions and Masses.

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RCIA: Will take place at 7:30pm in the presbytery. If you wish to find out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a baptised/confirmed member of the Church do feel free to join the RCIA programme. **Term time only.**

Confirmation Programme 24/25 (Reconciliation) Your next session will be on Saturday 8th March at 10:00am for Candidates. Your Mass will be on Sunday 9th March at 9:00am. Please be punctual and attend all sessions, remember to check the course programme for times of sessions and Masses.

Baptism Course The next Baptism course will be on 7th and 14th May at 7:00pm. If you wish to attend please email the presbytery by 28th April.

Bible Study Group Meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the presbytery meeting room. **Term time only.**

HEALTH & SAFETY

Young children must be accompanied by an adult when using the parish toilet. Please report any hazards to Fr Jean or one of the welcomers. Thank you.

A DAY WITH MARY

Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March 2025, 9:45am to 5:00pm. Further information is available at

<https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

READERS FOR MASS

Sat 22nd Feb	6:00pm	Morgan & Daniel Hughes
Sun 23rd Feb	9:00am	Robert Dean & Chidozie Nnanyere
	11:00am	Valentine Okolo & Nana Osei-Minkah
Sat 1st Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Peter Roberts
Sun 2nd Mar	9:00am	Philipa Adamuyiwa & <i>Frankie Iheukor</i>
	11:00am	Grace Muiru & Angela Milton
Sat 8th Mar	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Morgan
Sun 9th Mar	9:00am	Nathalie Duncan & Chidozie Nnanyere
	11:00am	Nana Osei-Minkah & Veronica Obi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 22nd Feb	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 23rd Feb	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Berni McKeag
Sat 1st Mar	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 2nd Mar	9:00am	Innocent Ilike
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli
Sat 8th Mar	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 9th Mar	9:00am	Rosaline Koroma
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeon

JUBILEE YEAR 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'

HOLY YEAR 2025 Bishop Alan has designated the Cathedral; Our Lady of Light Church in Clacton and St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate as the three Churches to gain the Indulgence of the Holy Year. The Cathedral Holy Year Door is the original door of the 1860 Brentwood Church (located behind the choir stalls). If you are unable to make a Pilgrimage to Rome, you can be a Pilgrim to the Cathedral and enter through the Holy Door. The Jubilee Indulgence is a gift of grace granted by the Church. It involves the remission of all temporal punishment due to sin for those who are: Truly repentant and free from attachment to sin. Purified through the Sacrament of Penance.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

24th May 2025: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office by 2nd March for further details. So far, we have 30 parishioners interested in this one-day pilgrimage. Depending on the final number, Fr Jean will announce the cost for transportation to this event in the next newsletter.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Fr John Egan for St Thomas More Church, Barking, is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Monday 21st to 28th April 2025. For further information or contact details, please see the poster on the notice board.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18th to Friday 25th July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

RITE OF ELECTION SENDING

There will be a brief ceremony to send the RCIA Catechumens/ Candidates at the Masses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March with special bidding prayers in preparation for the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 9th March at 2:30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March 2025, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, we will have an evening 7:00pm Mass. Please note there will be no anointing of the sick after 9:00am Mass.

ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent please refer to the Newsletter and Website for the times of these Lenten Devotions.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 6:30pm. A number of local Priests will be available to help us repent and make a good confession in readiness for Easter.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

This year a special procession during the offertory will be taking place at 11:00am Mass. A group of parishioners will be organising this event, more details will be available in the next newsletter.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES

Please sign up to indicate your availability for reading at Mass during Holy Week and Easter. These readers will be expected to attend one rehearsal/practise on a given Saturday during Lent at 10:00am.

LENTEN TALKS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm – Speaker: Brendan Thompson
 Wednesday 19th March at 7:30pm - Speaker: Fr Philip Caldwell
 Wednesday 26th March at 7:30pm - Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams
 Wednesday 2nd April at 7:30pm – Speaker: Fr Stephen Morrison

Mass Intentions

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - C			
22nd Feb	6:00pm	Bernadette Pantou (RIP)	S & D Pantou
23rd Feb	9:00am	Pauline Egbunike (RIP)	Friends Holy Family
	11:00am	People of the Parish	
Feria			
24th Feb	9:00am	Yvonne Falvey (Spec Ints)	A & C Maxey
Feria			
25th Feb	6:30pm	Bill Godden (RIP)	
Feria			
26th Feb	9:00am	Thanksgiving for 2024 <i>Followed by Anointing of the Sick</i>	Anteyi Family
Feria			
27th Feb	9:00am	Thanksgiving for Clifford	C Aligwo
Feria			
28th Feb	9:00am	Nathaniel (Thanksgiving) <i>Followed by Holy Hour</i>	
St David, Bp			
1st Mar	9:00am	NO MASS	
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – C (Day for Unemployed)			
1st Mar	6:00pm	Blessings 2025 Nadine & Children	N Kome
2nd Mar	9:00am	Sr Nuala Harty OLA (RIP)	Philipa
	11:00am	People of the Parish	
Feria			
3rd Mar	9:00am	Pauline Egbunike (RIP)	A & J Carroll
Feria			
4th Mar	6:30pm	Teresa Onoh (RIP)	
Ash Wednesday			
5th Mar	9:00am	Members of Dakoury Family (Sp Ints)	T Dakoury
	7:00pm	Amanda Shpati (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
Thursday after Ash Wednesday			
6th Mar	9:00am	Kingsley & Family (Thanksgiving)	
SS Perpetua and Felicity, Ms			
7th Mar	9:00am	Angel's Intention (Sowing the Seed) <i>Followed by Holy Hour</i>	
	7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	
St John of God, Rel			
8th Mar	9:00am	Theresa Okoli (RIP)	Anteyi Family
First Sunday of Lent - C			
8th Mar	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
9th Mar	9:00am	Choir Members @ 9am	Families
	11:00am	Amanda Shpati (RIP)	J & A Carroll

Mass attendance: 8th/9th Feb: 405 Late: 111 15th/16th Feb: 417 Late: 105
Collections: 8th/9th Feb: £977.26 15th/16th Feb: £975.50
2nd Collection: 8th/9th Feb: 387.50 15th/16th Feb: £283.01