



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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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>

### 9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 16<sup>th</sup> March, Second Sunday of Lent - C

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 9: 28-36

*This passage recounts the Transfiguration, where Jesus is revealed in His divine glory to Peter, James, and John. It serves as a foretaste of His resurrection and a confirmation of His identity as the Son of God*

- *The Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine.*
- *We are called to listen to Jesus and follow His teachings, as the Father commands.*
- *The vision of glory strengthens our hope in the promise of eternal life.*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Third Sunday of Lent - C

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Luke 13: 1-9

*In this passage, Jesus addresses questions about suffering and repentance. He uses the parable of the fig tree to illustrate the importance of bearing fruit in our lives through repentance and conversion.*

- *Repentance is not just a one-time act but a continuous turning back to God.*
- *God's patience is an opportunity for growth, not a reason to delay conversion.*
- *We are called to examine our lives and ensure we are bearing fruit for God's kingdom.*

#### 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**

#### LARGE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Have you considered leaving a donation to the parish in your Will? A legacy gift to the parish is a valuable and lasting way for you to continue to support the Church's ministry and mission within your community and help meet the needs of future generations.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection after all weekend Masses during the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March for Lenten Fast Day and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March for 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. If anyone, over the age of 18, is interested in receiving the newsletter 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.

#### MORNING ADORATION

Morning Adoration will take place Monday to Thursday at 8:15am during Lent.

#### CHURCH PROGRAMMES

**First Holy Communion 24/25 (Last Supper)** Your next session will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am for Candidates. Your Mass will be on *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am*. Please be punctual and attend all sessions, *remember to check the course programme for times of sessions and Masses*.

**CALIYP 24/25 (The Sacraments)** Your next session will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm for Candidates. Your Mass will be on *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am*. Please be punctual and attend all sessions, *remember to check the course programme for times of sessions and Masses*.

**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** Your next session will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm for Candidates. Your Mass will be on *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm. If you wish to attend, please email the presbytery by 28<sup>th</sup> April.

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

#### BCYS – SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events). Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

## READERS FOR MASS

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Morgan
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm, Caliyp & Confirmation
	11:00am	Nana Osei-Minkah & Veronica Obi
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Chidozie Nnanyere & Anne Carroll
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Alfonso Gabriel & Robert Dean
	11:00am	Cynthia Nnadi & Nkem Okoli
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Morgan & Chidozie Nnanyere
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Philipa Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Jennifer Muiru & Onose Egualeon

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Rosaline Koroma
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeon
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Karen Drillon
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Christine Maxey
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu

## 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

24<sup>th</sup> 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. **Those who have signed up please pay your £10 deposit to secure your seat on the coach.**

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Fr John Egan for St Thomas More Church, Barking, is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## MOTHERS DAY THANKSGIVING MASS

We are excited to introduce a newly formed group for women in our Parish, a space to come together, support one another, and contribute to our parish community. Our inaugural event will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, at 11:00am. This special gathering is an opportunity to celebrate, give thanks, and raise funds for our parish. The theme for the day for ladies is blue and white, and we invite all ladies to join us in making this a memorable occasion. If you'd like to be part of the planning and share ideas, we welcome you to join our WhatsApp group. Please contact Maureen at 07447 415533 to be added or if you have any questions.

## LENTEN TALKS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

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

## Mass Intentions

### First Sunday of Lent - C

8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Choir Members @ 9am and families	
	11:00am	Amanda Shpati (RIP)	J & A Carroll

### Monday of the First Week of Lent

10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Ellen Murphy (Get Well)	E Lynch
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### Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:30pm	Edward Intsiful (Spec Ints)	Family
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### Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	William & Harriet O'Connor (RIP)	R O'Connor
		<i>Followed by Anointing of the Sick</i>	

### Thursday of the First Week of Lent

13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Paul Smith (Ints)	A & J Carroll
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### Friday of the First Week of Lent

14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Pierre Sylvain Cheong (RIP)	
		<i>Followed by Holy Hour</i>	
	7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	

### Saturday of the First Week of Lent

15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30am	Joe (Thanksgiving)	
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### Second Sunday of Lent - C

15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	John Dowsett (RIP)	P Dowsett & Family
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Fairbanks Family (Ints)	

### St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland

17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Pauline Egbunike (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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### Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:30pm	Teresa Onoh (RIP)	
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### St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30am	School Mass	
		Mary Elliott (RIP)	B McKeag

### Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	Cecilia Akunda (Thanksgiving)	C Akunda
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### Friday of the Second Week of Lent

21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9:00am	Georgina Adzofu (Ints)	A & J Carroll
		<i>Followed by Holy Hour</i>	
	7:00pm	Stations of The Cross	

### Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9:00am	Antoine Allet (RIP)	
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### Third Sunday of Lent - C

22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	6:00pm	Hayley Panton (Spec Ints)	D & S Panton
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	9:00am	Edwina Taylor (RIP)	Rosalyn
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Mass attendance: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: 364 Late:143 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: 408 Late:119

Collections: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: £972.85 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: £1,179.87

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: 349.25