



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>

23rd March, Third Sunday of Lent - C

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-151

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.

30th March, Fourth Sunday of Lent - C

Joshua 5: 9-12

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates God's boundless mercy and love for sinners who repent. It also challenges listeners to reflect on their own response to God's grace.

- God rejoices when we turn back to Him, no matter how far we've strayed.
- True repentance brings restoration and healing in our relationship with God.
- We are called to celebrate God's mercy, not begrudge it when it is extended to others.

6th April, Fifth Sunday of Lent - C

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 8-14

John 8: 1-11

The mercy and pardon of God through Christ, the beginning of a new life for his people: forgetting the past and looking to the future with Christ as guide.

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	Anne Jones	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.

For example, we have been able to relocate the Tabernacle with the generous support of parishioners' donations and are now looking for donations towards the cleaning of the marble panelling on the sanctuary.

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

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.

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

CALYP 24/25 (The Sacraments) Your next session will be on Thursday 24th April at 6:00pm for Candidates. Your Mass will be on Sunday 27th 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 26th April at 2:30pm for Candidates. Your Mass will be on Sunday 27th 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 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.**

GARDENING DAY

Saturday 29th March 10:00am to 2:00pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided to all you green fingered parishioners who would like to help. Thank you in anticipation.

LENTEN TALKS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 26th March at 7:30pm - Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams
Wednesday 2nd April at 7:30pm – Speaker: Fr Stephen Morrison

REPOSITORY

Please check out our new stock in the repository, open after all weekend Masses.

READERS FOR MASS

Sat 22nd Mar	6:00pm	Morgan & Chidozie Nnanyere
Sun 23rd Mar	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Philipa Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Jennifer Muiru & Onose Egualeon
Sat 29th Mar	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Daniel Hughes
Sun 30th Mar	9:00am	Chidozie Nnanyere & Annette Godden
	11:00am	Ify Durojaiye & Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 5th Apr	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 6th Apr	9:00am	Chidozie Nnanyere & Nathalie Duncan
	11:00am	Nana Osei-Minkah & Clare Nwachukwu

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 22nd Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 23rd Mar	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 29th Mar	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 30th Mar	9:00am	Rosaline Koroma
	11:00am	Angela Milton
Sat 5th Apr	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 6th Apr	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Veronica Obi

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. **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 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

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.

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.

Thank you to those who have signed up, unfortunately Fr Jean does not have everyone's contact numbers, so can you please contact him so that he can arrange rehearsal times & dates. Thank you.

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, 30th March, at 11:00am. 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.

MORNING ADORATION

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

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Lent - C

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

St Casimir

24th Mar 9:00am Angel's Intention Sowing the Seed

The Annunciation of The Lord

25th Mar 6:30pm Pauline Egbunike (RIP)
Followed by Adoration until 8:00pm

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

26th Mar 9:00am Nathaniel (Thanksgiving)
Followed by Anointing of the Sick

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

27th Mar 9:00am Edward Intsiful & Family (Spec Int)

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

28th Mar 9:00am David de Cruz (RIP) A Gabriel
Followed by Holy Hour
7:00pm Stations of The Cross

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

29th Mar 9:00am Antoine Allet (RIP)

Fourth Sunday of Lent - C

29th Mar 6:00pm People of the Parish
30th Mar 9:00am Teresa Onoh (RIP)
11:00am Steve Milton (Thanksgiving) A Milton

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

31st Mar 9:00am Christine Maxey (Ints) Y Falvey

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

1st Apr 6:30pm Pierre Sylvain Cheong (RIP)

St Francis of Paola, H

2nd Apr 9:00am Kingsley & Family (Thanksgiving)
6:30pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

3rd Apr 9:00am Sr Cyprian Hayes OLA (RIP) Philipa

St Isidore, B, D (End of Term School Mass)

4th Apr 9:30am Anne Marie Henry (RIP) M Heyman
Followed by Holy Hour
7:00pm Stations of The Cross

St Vincent Ferrer, Pr,

5th Apr 9:00am Teresa Okoli (RIP) Anteyi Family

Fifth Sunday of Lent - C

5th Apr 6:00pm David Harrison J Harrison
6th Apr 9:00am Selwyn & Janet Hodges (60th Wedding Anniv)
11:00am People of the Parish

Mass attendance: 8th/9th Mar:387 Late:251 15th/16th Mar:417 Late:105

Collections: 8th/9th Mar: £1,060.08 15th/16th Mar: £1,014.29

2nd Collection: 15th/16th Mar: £493.58