



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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### 30<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

Like the prophet Jeremiah, Jesus is rejected by those should be able to realise the truth. Both offer the truth and are prepared to suffer for it. The rejection of Jesus here is a foretaste of what is to follow, but he suffers all in love for us. This is just the type of love which Paul calls the greatest of all gifts and the only one that remains.



**Psalm Response: My lips will tell of your help.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Dear Friends,**

Over the years in this parish I have occasionally asked the members of the community what their vision is of Jesus and what type of person he was. I suspect that it would not surprise many that people's visions are in the same kind of area thinking him as a young man with blue eyes and a beard. In fact the earliest images that we have of Jesus show him as clean-shaven and not with a beard. It will be unlikely, though not impossible, that he will be blue eyed. As to how tall he was we have no way of knowing for sure, but we can speculate. Clearly he was able to read, and read well for although he spoke in the Aramaic language he would read in the Synagogue,



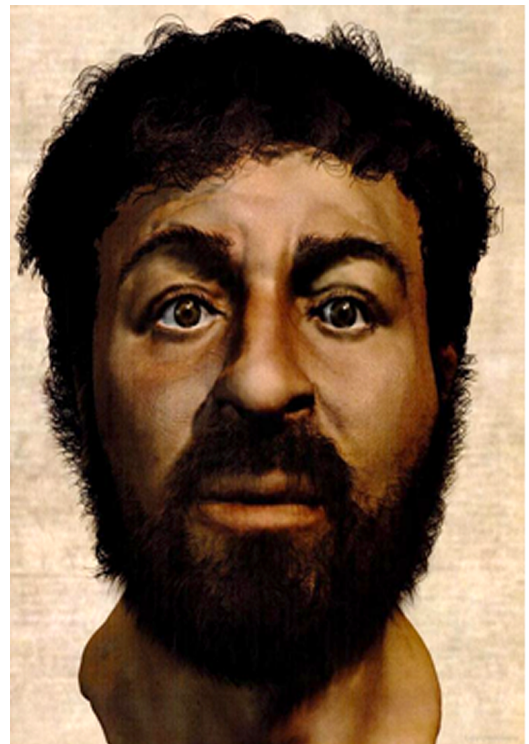
Hebrew, he was Jewish after all. When you read today's Gospel you see that he chose the part of the prophet Isaiah's writing that most directly dealt with him. This is a pivotal moment in his ministry as he is revealing to those who knew him best who he really was. It should be noted that this did not end well with the people trying to throw him down a cliff such was the warmth of his welcome.

The question remains important for us as to what we think of when we call to mind Jesus. It seems to me that whatever we think of the answer to this question will dictate our vision of Christianity and discipleship. Over the years there have been a dizzying number of descriptions of who Jesus really was. Some say he was an itinerant cynic, others a rebel, others a peasant on a mission, others the Messiah and others mixtures of the above. One scholar wrote, in effect, that people find the type of Jesus that they are looking for who is in reality a reflection of who they are. I would like to turn this possibility into something positive in that it means that Jesus can be relevant to many, or even all peoples. If you accept this as the case then we are able to see something wonderful in this person from Nazareth.

Given below is a reconstruction, based on archaeological research, descriptions of people at the time and other sources of someone from Galilee of the time of Jesus. I am not stating that this is what Jesus actually looked like but it is an interesting thought experiment to reflect on this and thus on the Lord. You will note in this image that Jesus does have a beard and, take my word for it, has dark eyes.

A word of warning needs to be given here as to think of what Jesus looked like and his height is to miss the other important factor of who he is, the son of God. It is important to understand that he is fully human and fully divine, someone who fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah and is the Saviour of all. This union between God and man gives us a redeemer who has lived the fullness of the human condition and saved us all.

**Yours in Christ, Fr. Stephen**



**Mass attendance:** 16/1/22 – 290 Late:110 23/1/22 – 304 Late: 92  
**Collections:** 16/1/22 - £1,121.85 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £151.88  
23/1/22 - £790.58 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £29.00 Thankyou

## 6<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11



The call of the disciples reminds us how ordinary their background was. They were sent out to give the message of salvation to all people. We must pass on that message. Like Isaiah and Paul we may be aware of our own limitations but with the help of the Lord we can spread the word. It is He who cleanses the sinner and gives us the grace to live the life of a follower of Christ.

**Psalm Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

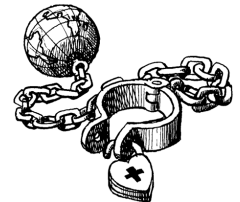
## 13<sup>th</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Luke 6:17,20-26

The Lord shows concern for the poor, the hungry, those who weep, the persecuted; they should hear this and be happy. The warning is given to the rich and so on, they are on the very edge of disaster. Jeremiah tell us that only in God can we find true security and happiness. Part of that happiness is the realisation that just as Christ has risen from the dead so shall we, so as to live as part of God's kingdom.



**Psalm Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father Lord of heaven and earth for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

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

Fr. John McKeon	Doreen Hegharty	Tom Coffey	Mary Ware	Oliver Ryan
Pauline Egbunike	Maureen Bushell	Margaret Kiely	John Connors	Ibiron Ayool
Myla Lebersidge	Maureen Harvey	Michael Harvey	Mark Paton	Olive Edgar
Catherine Watkins	Andy Gallagher	Tony Leahy	Mary Wallace	Lucia Watson
Dennis O'Flaherty	Gabriella Byrne	Danny O'Sullivan		

*May they experience the healing touch of Jesus*

### Live Mass Streaming

All church services are live streamed. This can be accessed via <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream/>. If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

### Parish Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have been donating food for the food bank, however we can only accept non-perishable food, i.e NOT bread or vegetables. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church. We are looking to have plastic bags donated as well.

## **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box or give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

## **Volunteering in your Parish**

### **Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters**

We require people who are willing to count the collection money. Also help is required at the weekend Masses for welcomers (two at each Mass) and a person who counts the parishioners in. The repository shop requires people willing to serve after each Mass. The more volunteers we get the better for all.

If you are an existing minister/reader/welcomer/counter and would like to go back on the rota please drop Fr Stephen a note letting him know which Mass you attend.

## **Baptism Course**

The next Baptism course will take place on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you would like to attend please email the presbytery no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## **RCIA Programme**

The next session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

## **Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme**

The next session for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Caliyp candidates will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am in the hall. Your Mass will take place Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am.

## **Confirmation Programme**

The next session for Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm. Your Mass will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am.

## **Caritas Brentwood**

28<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-8.45pm: Leaving Something on the Table - How Money Doesn't Make the World Go Round: A conversation with Dr David Ko and Richard Busellato, authors of 'An Unsustainable Truth' (2020). Hosted by Westminster Justice & Peace on behalf of the Southern Dioceses Environment Network. Register with Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/241047458437>

## **Second Collection**

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> February for Crib Offerings and Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

## Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

## Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

## Job Vacancies

### Deputy Chief Finance Officer

The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust is a growing Catholic Multi-Academy Trust seeking a central Trust 'Deputy Chief Finance Officer' who will support the Chief Finance and Operations Officer (CFOO) in addressing the structural, operational and financial challenges of this crucial stage in the CMAT's development. To apply for the post, please write requesting an application pack from Mr Michael Corcoran, Chief Accounting Officer, [MCorcoran@st-jodag.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:MCorcoran@st-jodag.bardaglea.org.uk).

For the full advert and further information please visit the trust's website at [www.gsctrust.co.uk/join-our-trust](http://www.gsctrust.co.uk/join-our-trust)

### Facilities Co-ordinator

Brentwood Cathedral Parish, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT  
Part time, Permanent. 5hrs per week £12.50 per hour

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to [cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com)

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. If you would like an informal chat, please e-mail [cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com) leaving your contact details and we will arrange for someone to give you a call.

**Closing date for applications:** 5:00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property for single persons.

Candidates must be over 50 years of age and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. To apply please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388

### **Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry**

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. See <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

### **Christmas Draw Result**

**Fourth Prize: £50.00 to ticket number 1064**

**If your number is given above please contact the Presbytery and arrange to collect your prize. Please note that we will need to see your ticket before handing over the prize.**

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events which we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent assisting the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. The week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events. For more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply see [www.bcys.net/events/sl22/](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22/).

### **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. If you would like further information contact [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

### **Vicariate for Adult Formation**

Thresholds of Hope Question: *What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith?* Input online will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on 30<sup>th</sup> January 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. To join forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

## February Youth Mass

Our next Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Brentwood Cathedral, Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6:00pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7:30pm. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information please see [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

## Readers for Mass

<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem &amp; Marian Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Alfonse Gabriel &amp; Pamela Anike</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Nnadi &amp; Ify Dyrojaiye</b>
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll &amp; Peter Roberts</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Annette O'Donoghue &amp; Daniel Hughes</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion &amp; Caliyp Candidates</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald &amp; Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ngozi Onodugo &amp; Alfonse Gabriel</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidates</b>

## Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Teresa Onyemah</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Clare Nwachukwu</b>
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Amanda Shpati</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Bernie McKeag</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem</b>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Matthew Onyemah</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Nkem Okoli</b>

## Covid 19 – Contact Tracing

After coming to the church please use the QR code displayed. Alternatively you can use <https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/>

## Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23

If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys.

# Mass Intentions

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6:00pm	Yvonne Keiran (RIP)	Musgrove Family
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Bernadette Homer (Spec Ints)	Line Dance Friends
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

### St John Bosco, Pr

<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	9:00am	Private Intention	
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### Feria

<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Kevin Bryant (RIP)	Mercer/Cody Families
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### The Presentation of The Lord

<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Fr Dominic Byrne	
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### St Anne Line, M

<b>Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Andrea Lowe (Get Well)	J Xavier-Small
	11:00am	Funeral of Julia Graham	

### Feria

<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Victor Ibe (RIP)	
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### St Agatha, V, M

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Success on Exam	
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Eddie Fitzgerald (RIP)	A & J Carroll
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Brian Spicer (RIP)	Mary & Colin
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

### Feria

<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Private Intentions	
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### Feria

<b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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### Feria

<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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### St Scholastica, V

<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	Success on Exam	
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### Our Lady of Lourdes

<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9:00am	John (Jack) Mercer (RIP)	R Cody & Family
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### Feria

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Veronica (Vera) Mercer & Family	Parish
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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Yvonne Kieran (RIP)	Julia Strain
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Manuel Mendonca	M Mendonca