



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Sat. 4:45-5:45pm - Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

13th February 6th 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!*

Dear Friends,

During the Mass, just before he reads the Gospel, the priest is instructed to pray quietly: "Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel." When the Gospel is announced we all trace the cross upon our forehead, lips, and heart, asking that our thoughts and feelings be cleansed and made worthy to receive God's word and our lips able to proclaim it. This has overtones of what we hear happening to Isaiah in the first reading. Popular belief had it that to see God would lead to one's death. A person couldn't see God and live (Ex 33:20). So the reaction of Isaiah, who was overwhelmed, was almost humorous, when he declares "I'm doomed! Then God took the initiative, as He does with all unworthiness. He had one of the Seraphim take one of the coals burning for the incense at the altar and touch Isaiah's mouth with it. Isaiah was thus symbolically purified to be worthy of his calling to speak as God's prophets. Finally, in the ancient imagery of God enthroned above the firmament and holding court with His heavenly advisors, God asked, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah who is now ready answered with wholehearted generosity, "Here I am, send me!"



Thankfully we do not have to place burning hot coals to our lips to make them clean. There is a theme that we need to hear, that we should realize that we are not worthy to be in the presence of the Lord God and that it is only through his grace that we are able to approach the table of the Lord. In the gospel we see something similar but this time with Peter and the Apostles. As with Isaiah, God took the initiative with Peter. Seeing that Peter's feeling of unworthiness was not unwillingness, Jesus advises him not to be afraid and added that from now on he as a fisherman would have the lifelong vocation of catching people. No matter what Peter's life had been up to this point, God could make all things new, even to change unworthiness. Then, in contrast to the beginning when Simon was told to go a short distance from the shore and then into deep water, the elegant conclusion tells us that they brought their boats back to the shore. The disciples now left everything and became Jesus' full-time followers, a brief summary of what must have been a long and gradual process. Like Isaiah and Peter, St Paul also had a sense of awe and of unworthiness before God for having hated Jesus and his Church. In fact, when we look at the Apostles, we find that none of them had much native talent or ability, with the possible exception of Judas Iscariot. But God often chooses the foolish to put to shame the so-called "worldly wise". He called a simple man like St. John Vianney to be the patron of the diocesan clergy.

Isaiah, Peter, and Paul were all called by God to put out into the deep waters of life. Through our baptismal charge, so are we. They proclaimed their unworthiness in the presence of the Holy One. So should we. Perhaps we're most like Peter, and perhaps our call is most like his. He blew hot and cold, was sometimes insightful and sometimes obtuse, sometimes brave and at other times weak. Like Peter, let's accept the risk of casting off from our shore – secure, sheltered, and comfortable – to go wherever the spirit blows, and set out on the adventure of faith.

When we wonder why somebody doesn't do something, let's realize that I am somebody. With our whole lives, let's risk putting out into deep water. Thus we never need to lead lives of quiet desperation.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Stephen

20th February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

1 Samuel 26:2...23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

We are in this world but we should not set our standards like those of world. Love of all is demanded by Christ. We must even love our declared enemies. We must model ourselves on those such as David who would not kill the king out of respect of the Lord's covenant with him. The struggle is hard and sin can often weigh us down but by the grace of the Spirit we can succeed.

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

27th February 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

If we are to think of ourselves as the judge of others we need to be humble enough to look at and judge ourselves. What we do and say is the test of who we are. Let this be our test, our kiln. If in our hearts we are rotten then we bring forth only that which is rotten. Even if this is the case then by the death and resurrection of Jesus we are saved.



Psalm Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. 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

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.

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.

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 9th, 16th & 23rd March. If you would like to attend please email the presbytery no later than 2nd March.

RCIA Programme

The next session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 22nd February at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme

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

Confirmation Programme

The next session for Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 5th March at 2:30pm.

Second Collection

There is a 2nd collection at all Masses this weekend for Racial Justice.

Covid 19 – Contact Tracing

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

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
			

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 24th Feb, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. See <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

Right to Life UK

Be ready to help stop assisted suicide amendment

Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will re-table his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

Job Vacancies

Deputy Headteacher

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Tilbury

Full Time, Permanent, Group 2 School - Salary Range L5-L10 London Fringe, P.A.N 210 – Plus Nursery Required for September 2022 with 0.7 teaching commitment. Deadline 3:30 pm on Wednesday 9th March 2022. Please contact on admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk, or call 01375 843254.

Headteacher

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster

Required from 1st September 2022. Group 3: L18-24a (Outer London). NOR: 420 (2 form entry). Deadline is 5:00 pm on Thursday 3rd March. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please contact office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk to arrange. Further information on the school website: www.st-josephs-upminster.net

Headteacher

St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

Required from 1st September 2022. Group 2: L11 – L17 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 210 (1 form entry).

Deadline 12:00 noon on Friday 11th March 2022. Please contact School Business Manager at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk, or call the office Tel: 01708 555644 for an application pack.

Further details of these vacancies and other are available from the diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Parish Secretary

A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Secretary in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Wanstead. The post will be part-time (approximately 20 hours per week). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Pat via the Parish email address: wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Closing Date for Applications: 25th February 2022.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022.

Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week, and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (funding and grant opportunities are available!) You can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 to find out more and apply now! **The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.**

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24th – Friday 29th 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 or 07813 710070.

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 or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys.

Caritas Brentwood

28th 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>

Readers for Mass

Sat 12th Feb	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Anne Carroll
Sun 13th Feb	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Alfonse Gabriel
	11:00am	Confirmation Candidates
Sat 19th Feb	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 20th Feb	9:00am	Daniel Hughes & Philippa Adevuyiwa
	11:00am	Clare Nwachuykwa & Veronica Obi
Sat 26th Feb	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Peter Roberts
Sun 27th Feb	9:00am	Philippa Adevuyiwa & Ngozi Onodugo
	11:00am	Nora Bell & Immaculata Nnadi

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 12th Feb	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 13th Feb	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli
Sat 19th Feb	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 20th Feb	9:00am	Dennis Ahorituwere
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Sat 26th Feb	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
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Laudato Si' Network

The Diocesan Laudato Si' Network will be gathering again on Thursday 17th February, 7-8.30pm, via Zoom. We would love to have a representative the parish to attending these meetings and be sustained by others and to share good practise and fresh ideas. The conversation includes work with the poor, environmental work, and progress towards the Cafod LiveSimply Award. Please contact:
sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Mass attendance:	30/1/22 – 412 Late: 65	6/2/22 – 332 Late: 87
Collections:	30/1/22 - £1,091.73	6/2/22 - £1,052.30 Thankyou 2nd Collection £239.45

Mass Intentions

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

SS Cyril Monk and Methodius, Bp

Mon 14th February	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
Feria			
Tue 15th February	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
Feria			
Wed 16th February	9:00am	Patrick Kiely (RIP)	M Kiely
Feria			
Thu 17th February	9:00am	Julia Graham (RIP)	Mini Bus Friends
Feria			
Fri 18th February	9:00am	Martin Forkan (RIP)	
	12:00pm	Funeral of Terence Daines	

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Saturday 19th Feb	9:00am	Special Intentions – Blessing of Children & Marriage	
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 19th Feb	6:00pm	Yvonne Kieran (RIP)	Lighterness Family
Sunday 20th Feb	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Teresa Knott (Birthday, Remembrance)	Berni & Peter

Feria

Mon 21st February	9:00am	Private Intentions	
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The Chair of St Peter, Ap

Tue 22nd February	9:00am	Teresa Knott (RIP)	P Ademuyiwa
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St Polycarp, Bp, M

Wed 23rd February	9:00am	Thanksgiving for Family	C Akunda
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Thu 24th February	9:00am	Julia Graham (RIP)	A & J Carroll
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Fri 25th February	9:00am	Lin Riushini (RIP)	K Gjel-Shi
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Saturday 26th Feb	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah (Spec Ints)	Onyemah Family
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 26th Feb	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 27th Feb	9:00am	Christine Barwick (RIP)	K Thomas
	11:00am	Paddy Kiely	A & C Maxey