



Holy Family Catholic Church

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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!

Dear Friends,

This week we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey to celebrate the great feast of Easter. This will be a very, very different journey to the one that we undertook two years ago. Ash Wednesday was overshadowed by the arrival of a new virus in our lives. Within a very short time we were in lockdown and our church remained empty of parishioners. I am sure that we all have lockdown stories that we could tell but to me one of the lasting memories will be of celebrating Mass each day to an empty church. In the end I was so disheartened that Fr. David and I would stand with our back to the main body of the church as we celebrated our Mass. I remember people telling me just how much they had missed receiving the Eucharist each week as well as how much they missed the interaction of meeting and talking to their fellow parishioners.



This Lent will be very different as we are able to come together and join in the celebrations. I may seem strange to think of Lent as a time of celebration but it is just that. For while Lent is a time of preparation for Easter it is also a time when we give something back to the Lord. Through the death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus we are redeemed and are able to be called Children of God. It is with joy, therefore, that we are able to offer something in a way of thanks and praise to God. Normally this will be the giving up of something that is important to us, something that we will miss. With that in mind, however, I once again would like to request that the members of the community consider giving up something very, very precious. That is your time. It is my hope that we will be able to finally open our parish Food Bank before Easter. We will need plenty of people, young and old, to help set it up and run each session. We will initially be running it on Sundays between 1 and 3pm. There are many roles that need to be filled and the more the merrier.

When I was younger and studying for my 'O' levels (yes this was before GCSE) I read Matthew's gospel and found in chapter 25 the words of the Lord that 'I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' This had a profound effect on me as I could not say that I was doing anything on that list. This has been my inspiration throughout my life ever since and is very much part of my motivation to encourage the community to set up the Food Bank. Over the past months we have had many meetings about this and the realisation has been that we need to set up a Food Bank and not a Food Share. The difference is a Food Share is when someone comes and gets a bag or two of food, while a Food Bank is one where people have to be referred to us in order to get help. There are a number of places offering a Food Share in our area but there is not really any Food Banks near us. This means that everyone who comes to us has been referred by someone such as a doctor or social services and it therefore someone who really needs our help. There is an important additional part of what we will be offering which is called 'signposting' them to places or organisations that can help them in their need. This is an important addition to what we offer and we will need people to help with this. There will be training for all these roles and my hope is that enough people will volunteer to ensure that no one role ends up a burden on anyone.

As we move to a world beyond COVID let us all see how we can make a new and better start of our journey to Easter.

As I write this to you the news of the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia has started to come in. I have no way of knowing how this terrible act will pan out and I am not sure of how we can help them. Having said that, however, we can and should remember the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Stephen

6th March First Sunday of Lent - C

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

The temptation of Jesus, culminating on the 'pinnacle of the Temple'. The profession of faith of Israel and of the Christian.

Psalm Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every work that comes from the mouth of God.*

13th March Second Sunday of Lent - C

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 9: 28-36

The Transfiguration of Jesus: a glimpse of the glory of the Son of God. The promise of the same glory extended to those who follow the way of Christ.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation *From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him."*

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

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

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.

There will be a meeting on Saturday 19th March at 10:00am in the Casa Hall for anyone who wishes to participate in anyway towards help with the food bank.

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.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on the 13th March for Lent Fast Day.

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 RCIA session will take place on Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm.

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 Confirmation session will take place on Sat 5th March at 2:30pm.

First Holy Communion Wear

We have been contacted by a company for affordable clothing. If you require further information please contact the presbytery or visit their website www.firstcommunionwear.com

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry

The Bishop's Certificate is an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and 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/>

Great Adventure

Fr. John Egan is giving a free Bible study course on Monday nights starting 7th March for 6 weeks at 7:30pm at St Thomas More Hall Barking IG11 9BY More information at johnypallot@gmail.com.

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
			

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

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.

Mass attendance: 13/2/22 – 334 Late: 70 20/2/22 – 441 Late: 57
Collections: 13/2/22 - £801.09 20/2/22 - £1363.08 -Thank you
2nd Collection £206.95

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. Contact admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk, or call 01375 843254.

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.haverling.sch.uk, or call the office Tel: 01708 555644 for an application pack.

Deputy Headteacher

Holy Family Catholic School, Walthamstow

Required from September 2022. Salary range L22-L26. N.O.R 1306 (including 306 in the sixth form). Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 11th March 2022. Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. To arrange a visit or request an Application Pack, please contact Mrs Fray, 0208 520 0482 or at t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk. For further information visit our website:

<https://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/home/vacancies/current-vacancies/>

Exams Officer & Sixth Form Administrator

Ursuline Academy Ilford

5 days (36 hours) per week (Term Time *plus* 10 days). FTE Salary: £26,959 (*inc.* Outer London Allowance) per annum. Actual Salary: £24,818 (*inc.* Outer London Allowance) per annum. Please see our website www.uai.org.uk for further details Closing date for applications 18th March 2022

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

Parish Administrator

The Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks

Working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16. 20 hours per week (9am-2pm Mon-Thur) £11,492 p/a (£11.05 p/h). Starting 21st March 2022. Please send a CV frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date: 14th March 2022.

Want to give your Marriage a Boost?

Treat yourselves to a life changing Marriage Encounter Experience. Our next experiences are 4th-6th March, 14th & 21st May, 11th-12th June. Visit WWME.org.uk for more details and booking. A great marriage, lifts your family, Parish and personal happiness

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. There is more information (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys.

Caritas of Brentwood

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a container, topped with an Easter Egg, and donated to your local foodbank. Information, can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Readers for Mass

Sat 26th Feb	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Peter Roberts
Sun 27th Feb	9:00am	Philippa Adevuyiwa & Ngozi Onodugo
	11:00am	Nora Bell & Immaculata Nnadi
Sat 5th Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Anne Carroll
Sun 6th Mar	9:00am	Alfonse Gabriel & Pamela Anike
	11:00am	Ify Dyrojaiye & Nkem Okoli
Sat 12th Mar	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 13th Mar	9:00am	Annette O'Donoghue & Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli & Nor Bell

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 26th Feb	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 27th Feb	9:00am	Catherine Ahorituwere
	11:00am	Veronica Obi
Sat 5th Mar	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 6th Mar	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeonan
Sat 12th Mar	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 13th Mar	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Angela Milton

Mass Intentions

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

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Mon 28th February	9:00am	Private Intentions	
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St David, Bp, Patron of Wales

Tue 1st March	9:00am	Tom Deda (RIP)	K Bastiu
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed 2nd March	9:30am	Jane Xavier-Small (Spec Ints)	M Fitzgerald
	7:30pm	Matthew Onyemah (Spec Ints)	Onyemah Family

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Thu 3rd March	9:00am	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
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Friday After Ash Wednesday

Fri 4th March	9:00am	Valerie Lucus (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday 5th March	9:00am	Anna Joseph (Get Well)	J Xavier-Small
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1st Sunday of Lent (C)

Saturday 5th March	6:00pm	Laura Tim Poulter & Family	Tom, Eileen & Family
Sunday 6th March	9:00am	Eddie Fitzgerald (RIP)	D & S Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

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Mon 7th March	9:00am	Rosemary Fuller (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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Tue 8th March	9:00am	Teresa Knott (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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Wed 9th March	9:00am	Regina Ibe (RIP)	
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Thu 10th March	9:00am	Roy Francis (RIP)	Cody Family
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Fri 11th March	9:00am	Julia Graham (RIP)	R Cody & Family
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Saturday 12th March	9:00am	Atang Okoko (Get Well)	J Xavier-Small
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2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

Saturday 12th March	6:00pm	Yvonne Kieran (RIP)	Ann & Family
Sunday 13th March	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah (Spec Ints)	Onyemah Family
	11:00am	People of the Parish	