



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday of Lent - C

Joshua 5: 9-12

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Christ, the reconciliation of God and man. The parable of the merciful father: the essence of the Gospel of Luke  
... a message of peace and joy.

**Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

#### Dear Friends,

When we bring families together for the Baptism course, we ask them to discuss a series of questions which they can agree to, disagree or say that they don't know. One of the questions is "charity begins at home" which most of them agree to. This is of course a true statement but it is important to realise that charity does not end there. There are many calls on our generosity and kindness in our society today and many, many people are very open to reach out and help. Of course at this moment of time one of the more pressing needs is to help the people of Ukraine. We have distributed flyers that show how people can, if they wish, help this important cause.

In addition to such calls on our generosity is the setting up of the food bank in our parish. You have heard a great deal on this over the months but now we are getting closer to being able to set this up. I would like to remind you that we are setting this up in partnership with the Trussell Trust and Barking Food Bank. The latter has been in existence for over 10 years and is a resource that could help us be as effective as we can in helping the community.



There are a number of roles that are required to run the food bank. These include roles that go by the title of welcomer; sign poster; picker and runner. The idea is that people apply to fulfil these roles and receive appropriate training to be able to do so. In order for this to happen there will be descriptions of each role available in the Church and on the Parish website. When they are available I encourage people to read the descriptions and apply with the forms included for the roles that they are interested in. As far as I am concerned people are welcome to apply for more than one role. It is my sincere hope that we will have enough people coming forward to be able to establish four teams to work in the food bank. This means that on average each person will be committing themselves to two hours a month to help this much needed service.

I shared with many the motivation that I have for this opportunity to help the wider community. This comes directly from reading Matthew 25:31-46. For those who do not have an encyclopaedic knowledge of scripture it starts When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The important part of it is 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was ill and you took care of me; I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

I remember reading these words as a teenager, realising that I did not fulfil any one of these roles. Therefore I am truly committed to us working together to help those around us. With that in mind I call on all members of our community, young and old, to consider being part of this Christ like role. For in addition to the work in the parish help is needed in the warehouse where the donations are stored to sort them out ready for distribution. Recently some young members of our community did exactly that and were gratefully received by the workers at the warehouse.

**Yours in Christ,**  
***Fr. Stephen***

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

***Gospel Acclamation*** *Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.*

**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.

**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**

The next second collection will take place Easter weekend for Holy Places.

**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.

**Gift-aid**

The Gift aid boxes for the coming year are available at the back of the church. Please look for the envelope with your name on.

## Baptism Course

Please see future newsletters for the next course.

## RCIA Programme

The next RCIA session will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.

## Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme

The next session for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Caliyp candidates will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10:00am in the hall, **at the same time** there will be a meeting for parents. Mass will take place Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am.

## Confirmation Programme

The next Confirmation session will take place on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2:30pm. Your Mass will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6:00pm.

## First Holy Communion Wear

We have been contacted by a company for affordable clothing. If you require further information visit [www.firstcommunionwear.com](http://www.firstcommunionwear.com)

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family. 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. If you would like to come please contact the Presbytery.

## 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
			

## BCYS Events

### BCYS Lenten Revision Retreat

2nd - 3rd April, Walsingham House. In years 11 -13 and preparing for exams this year? Get a change of scenery and a fresh perspective at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this lent for times of prayer, socialising and activities, but mostly to revise, alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members. As always the chapel is here for times of quiet reflection throughout the day. Book online NOW at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

### BCYS Youth Mass,

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Brentwood cathedral. Come along from 6pm for pizza, followed by praying the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral for Lent, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30pm. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

(YOUTH MASS takes place on the **First Thursday** of **EVERY MONTH** and groups are always welcome! Please let us know in advance if you wish to bring a group, if you are able, so that we can have an idea how much pizza to order! Any groups are always welcome!)

### Sponsored Sleepout

8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April, 8:00pm – 8:00am. Wherever you are in the Diocese, take part in your gardens, schools or parishes, on your own or as part of a group and spend 12 hours sleeping rough outdoors to raise money for a local charity supporting the homeless.

Email [sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for more information and to take part.

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood). For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

### 'Relay 100'

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their now-annual '**Relay 100'** community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

## **Job Vacancies**

### **Headteacher**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster. Required from 1st September 2022.

The governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher due to the retirement of the current Head Teacher.

Deadline for applications: 5:00 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please contact the school office on [office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk) to arrange. Further information and an application pack are available from the school website: [www.st-josephs-upminster.net](http://www.st-josephs-upminster.net)

### **PART-TIME CLEANER x 2**

Sacred Heart Of Mary Girls' School, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster. RM14 2QR. Require as soon as possible. APTC Scale 1 Points 1 – 3. 52 weeks per annum.

AM – 10 hours per week 6.00 – 8.00am, Monday to Friday. £11.01 to £11.40 per hour.

PM -10 hours per week 3.30 – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. £11.01 to £11.40 per hour

Both posts are exempt from the provision of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the successful applicants will be expected to undertake an enhanced disclosure. Successful applicants will also be subject to a 6 months probationary period.

Completed support staff application form (available on the school website [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net), letters of application and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Business Manager at the School. Please contact Kerry Jones [kj@mary.havering.sch.uk](mailto:kj@mary.havering.sch.uk) for further details. Closing date: Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### **Beginning Experience Weekend**

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### **Is God calling you to be a Priest**

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Maurice Gordon. Contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## 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](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent) or via CSI interviews [nthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:nthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening teamworking and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by calling 01277 373959 or emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org). There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April; for more information and to register, go to [www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/)

## Readers for Mass

<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald &amp; Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Daniel Hughes &amp; Philippa Adevuyiwa</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Ify Durohaiye &amp; Immaculata Nnadi</b>
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem &amp; Peter Roberts</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Daniel Hughes &amp; Philippa Ademuyiwa</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Onose Egualeon &amp; Nkem Okoli</b>
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Peter Roberts &amp; Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Nathalie Duncan &amp; Ngozi Onodugo</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Clare Nwachukwu &amp; Angela Milton</b>

## Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem</b>
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Denis Ahorituwere</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Bernie McKeag</b>
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Estalita Maduli</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Nora Bell</b>
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Denis Ahorituwere</b>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Amanda Shpati</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Veronica Obi</b>

## Lent Readings

The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org).

# Mass Intentions

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6:00pm	The O'Sullivan Family	D & M O'Sullivan
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	T J Keaveney (Get Well)	A O'Donoghue

### Feria

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:00am	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
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### Feria

<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:00am	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
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### Feria

<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9:00am	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
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### Feria

<b>Thu 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9:00am	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
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### Feria (School Mass)

<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	9:30	Service of The Word with Eucharist	
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	

### Feria

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Kerry Griffes (Spec Ints)	C & A Maxey
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	6:00pm	Agnes Hughes (Spec Ints)	Mary & Colin
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Jack Mercer (RIP)	Mini Bus
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

### Feria

<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Private Intentions	
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### Feria

<b>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Thomas Coffey (RIP)	D & M O'Sullivan
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### Feria

<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Doris Dormer (RIP)	Cody Family
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### Feria

<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	David Harrison (RIP)	J Harrison & Family
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### Feria

<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Richard Forkan (RIP)	A & J Carroll
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	

### Feria

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Theresa Onyemah (Spec Ints)	Onyemah
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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord (C)

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6:00pm	Breda Myers (RIP)	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Jack Mercer (RIP)	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

**Mass attendance:** 13/3/22 – 411 Late: 51

**20/3/22 – 425 Late: 70**

**Collections:** 13/3/22 - £952.82

**20/3/22 - £777.51 Thank you**