FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holyday of obligation – 28th / 29th November

Holy Family	**6pm (sat)**	**Mass**
	8:30am	**Mass** People of the Parish
	10am	**Mass** Cyril BrayRIP

Monday, 30th November **– Saint ANDREW**, Apostle, Patron of Scotland		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass**
Tuesday, 1st December – **Tuesday of the first week of Advent**		
No Mass		
Wednesday, 2nd December **– Wednesday of the first week of Advent**		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass** Intentions of Derek Pougnet
Thursday, 3rd December **– Thursday of the first week of Advent**		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass** *Pro Episcopo*
Brentwood Cathedral	**12noon**	**Installation Mass** of Bishop Timothy
Friday, 4th December **– Friday of the first week of Advent**		
Holy Family	**9 am**	**Mass** /+ Adoration&Benediction Fr Eduard available for confessions
	12:45pm	**Requiem Mass** for Razvan Chirilă

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holyday of obligation – 28th / 29th November

Holy Family	**6pm (sat)**	**Mass** Ellen &James Flaherty RIP
	8:30am	**Mass** Miss L.A. Thompson RIP
	10am	**Mass** Barbara Drew RIP



Remember to have a Mass offered for your loved ones.
One day, we too will be a Holy Soul, depending on others to pray for us.
'Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." 2 Maccabees 12:45



Newsletter for

Holy Family Benfleet

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Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Eduard-William Fărtan**

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28th – 29th November 2026

Christmas Eve Choir – New Voices Welcome!

We're preparing for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and would love a few more people to join us. No experience needed, just a willingness to sing and share the Christmas spirit - the more the merrier!!

Rehearsals in the church, 7:30–9:00pm:
* Wednesday 2 December
* Wednesday 9 December
* Wednesday 23 December

Final run-through: Thursday 24 December at 4pm for 6pm Mass.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a lovely moment to step in. You're welcome to just come along.
We'd love to see you there!

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood.

Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in three locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.
In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.

Christmas Coffee Morning



Christmas Coffee Morning to be held after the 10am mass on the 13th December.

All are welcome to join us for mince pies and seasonal treats, along with good company and raffle prizes.

All proceeds will be in aid of our church funds. Please join us.

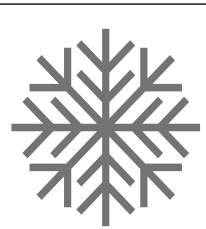
Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
21st/22nd Nov.	£544.41	-	-	184 adults + 43 children

These figures do not include standing orders, which will be included in the annual report



Help support our parish and be in with a chance to win every month by **Joining the 100 Club**

For just £12 a year (£1 a month), you can have a share in our monthly prize draw:

- 50% goes directly towards the running costs of our parish.
- 50% goes into the monthly prize pot.

Right now, the monthly prize stands at £74. Our goal is to sell 52 more shares so we can bring the monthly prize back up to £100 (just like it was five years ago—which is how the club got its name!). Reaching this target means we will also be contributing £100 a month to parish funds.
Already a member? You are very welcome to buy an extra share to boost your chances and help us hit our target!

To join or grab another ticket, please contact Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Christmas Flowers

Following the wonderful success of our previous floral creations and flower collections over past festive periods, we are pleased to continue with the same approach for our Christmas arrangements this year.

We will be holding collections after Masses over the upcoming weekends. Our Christmas flower fundraising will conclude on Sunday, 20th December, with all proceeds going directly towards the cost of the flowers and greenery for the church.

We kindly request that all donations be given in cash.
You may use the envelopes in the lobby for your cash donations, but please ensure these are handed directly to a member of the flower arranging team.

We thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.
Should you need any specific information, please speak to Maureen or one of us in person at Mass.
Closing date: 20th December 2026
Thank you,
Julie, Maureen, Imelda, and Anastasia