

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 1st/ 2nd August

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Intentions of Colin Gambriel
	8:30am	Mass Intentions of Jennifer
	10am	Mass Cecilia & Gilbert Temasfieldt RIP

Monday, 3rd August – **Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Intentions of Doug Mongan
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Tuesday, 4th August – **St John Maria Vianney (Cure of Ars)**

No Mass

Wednesday, 5th August – **Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Kitty Coll RIP
	11:45 am	Funeral Service for Peter Albrecht

Thursday, 6th August – **The Transfiguration of the Lord** – Feast

Holy Family	9am	Mass Isla's Grandad RIP
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Friday, 7th August – **Feria of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Peter Albrecht RIP
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 8th/ 9th August

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Albert and Grace Whelan
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass



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

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WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall.

ADOREMUS 2026 - SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival comes to London. It will take place on Saturday 10th October 2026.

For more information see poster displayed at the entrance of the church.

As you can see from the poster the day will begin at St George's Cathedral, Southwark with presentations on Art and Life at 10:30 am and Mass concelebrated by the Bishops of England and Wales at 12:00, followed by a keynote address by HE Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe, OP on 'The Eucharist: Our Sacrament of Hope in dark times'.

The main event will then be a Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral at 3pm ending with Benediction given by Bishop James Curry at 5pm.

I think we, as a Parish Community, could take part in this beautiful event. I look forward to listening to your ideas and suggestions on how could we join this devout and holy event.

The Priests return to the Brentwood Diocese

Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. Martin O'Hagan - formerly of the celebrated singing trio 'The Priests' - invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend, hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Choose from an elegant Gala Dinner or sophisticated Charity Luncheon, both being held at a stunning Grade II listed manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin perform in an intimate and exclusive setting - this is an occasion not to be missed!

09th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
25 th / 26 th July	£422.51	-	-	114 adults + 20 children

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

The Divine Mercy Apostolate

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

CATHOLIC TEACHING IN THE WORLD OF AI

Pope Leo has recently published Magnifica Humanitas, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. It puts 'artificial intelligence' in the context of Catholic Social Teaching. The Holy Father writes: 'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.'

Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.

Head Teacher Vacancy Upminster

Required from 1st January 2027

Permanent, Full-time

Group 3: L18-L24a, Outer London

NOR: 420, two-form entry

Are you ready to lead a joyful, ambitious Catholic school community where children are known, loved and inspired to flourish?

The governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster, are seeking to appoint an inspirational, practising Catholic Head Teacher to lead our happy and welcoming two-form-entry school from January 2027. Rooted in Gospel values and with Christ at the centre, St Joseph's is a school with strong foundations, delightful children, dedicated staff, supportive families and an ambitious governing body.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a visible, faith-filled and values-led leader to build on all that is already strong, while shaping the next stage of our school's journey with confidence, warmth and vision.

Closing date: 5pm on 2nd September 2026

More details: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/>