

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 22nd / 23rd August

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Peter Albrecht RIP
	8:30am	Mass Intentions of Jennifer
	10am	Mass

Monday, 24th August to Friday, 28th August
NO MASS

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 29th / 30th August

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Ronald Benjamin Wainer RIP

Monday, 31st August – **NO MASS**

Tuesday, 1st September – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, 2nd September – **Feria of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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Thursday, 3rd September – **St Gregory the Great** – National Feast

Holy Family	9am	Mass Rada-Elisabeta Fartan RIP
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Friday, 4th September – **Feria of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Holyday of obligation – 5th / 6th September

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



Newsletter for Holy Family Benfleet

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+ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY +
IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

22nd – 23rd August 2026

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29th – 30th August 2026

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.

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.

Mass for Altar Servers – Guild of St Stephen (Brentwood Diocese) The Guild of St Stephen – Brentwood Diocese warmly invites all altar servers and their families to the **Mass for Altar Servers** on **Saturday 19 September 2026 at 11.30am**, taking place at **St Joseph the Worker, Hutton (CM13 1BJ)**.

Servers are asked to arrive by **11.15am** and to bring their own **alb/cassock and cotta**. Parking is available onsite, and the nearest train station is **Shenfield** (Elizabeth Line & National Rail).

Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall, after which the **Guild of St Stephen Brentwood Diocese AGM** will take place.

This special Mass will be offered for all altar servers across the Diocese and in thanksgiving for **John McCormack**, marking **36 years of dedicated service** as Chairman of the Guild.

If you would like to attend the Altar Servers' Mass, please email guildofststephenbrentwood@gmail.com by **13 September 2026**, as this will assist us in planning for numbers.

All are warmly welcome.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
1 st / 2 nd August	£464.75	-	-	116 adults + 23 children

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

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.

We, as Parish Community, will take part in this beautiful event. Please contact Maureen Hart or drop an email at benfleet@brcdt.org in order to understand the numbers of those who will join this singular event and to organize ourselves accordingly.

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.