

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 5th / 6th September

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Intentions of Sharon Dillon Mass John Gough RIP Mass Mary and Bob Ives RIP
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Newsletter for

Holy Family Benfleet

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Monday, 7th September – **Feria of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Peter Albrecht RIP
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Tuesday, 8th September – **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

No Mass

Wed., 9th September – **Feria of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Oliver RIP
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Thursday, 10th September – **Feria of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Tim Rooke RIP
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Fri day, 11th September – **Feria of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holyday of obligation – 12th / 13th September

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Ints. of Ian and Leonore Burden Mass People of the Parish Mass Amelia-Rose & Arthur Thompson RIP
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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

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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.

We, as Parish Community, will take part in this beautiful event. Please contact either the Parish Priest or Maureen Hart or, alternatively, 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.

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
29 th / 30 th Sep.	£422.51	-	-	114 adults + 20 children

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

John Frank Gough

3rd July 1940 - 16th August 2026

We are sad to announce the passing of John Frank Gough, aged 86, on 16th August, 2026. He passed away at home surrounded by his family.

The funeral will take place at Holy Family Church on Monday, the 21st September 2026 at 1pm

and will be followed by the burial at Woodside Cemetery at 2:30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time of sorrow and grief.

May he rest in peace!

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.

Foundation Governors

13th September marks Education Sunday, a time when we celebrate and pray for the brilliant work of our Catholic schools. These schools rely heavily on good governance, and on this special day we are asking if you, or anyone you know, may be able to support our schools by becoming a foundation governor.



There are leaflets at the back of the church and/or you can scan this QR code for more information.

Please contact sandramoss@brcdt.org if you would like to have a conversation about becoming a school governor.