

+ THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Holyday of obligation – 24th / 25th October

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Jim & Rita Devlin RIP
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Blanche & George Kolb RIP

Monday, 26th October – **St Cedd and Chad**, Bishops

Holy Family	9am	Mass Paul Short RIP
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No Mass Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th October

+ ALL SAINTS +

Holyday of obligation – 31st October / 1st November

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

Monday, 2nd November – **All Souls' Day**

Holy Family	10am	Mass All the Faithful departed RIP
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No Mass Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th November

Friday, 6th November – **Feria**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Eunice Hart RIP
		Followed by Adoration and Benediction Fr Eduard available for Confessions

+ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Holyday of obligation – 7th / 8th November

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Georgina Wheeler RIP



Newsletter for

Holy Family Benfleet

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN IN THE AGE OF AI?

The Community of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, this year in partnership with the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, invite you to a series of talks and discussions exploring one of the most pressing questions of our time: “What does it mean to be human in the age of AI?”

The series will be launched by Prof Karen Kilby (Durham University) on 4 November at 7pm (on Zoom). To book your place, visit <https://canonesses.co.uk/events/>. The talks are free of charge and you are all most welcome to join us.



November Dead

Envelopes are now available to enable you to add the lists of names of your deceased relatives and friends. Masses are planned for the Holy Souls during November and you may place donations towards these Masses in the envelopes with your lists. During the month of November the lists will be placed near the altar and those mentioned on these lists will be remembered at Masses for the Holy Souls and will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month.

Donate a candle

Again this year we would like to offer you the chance to purchase a candle in memory of a departed loved one. The name of your loved one will be placed on the candle and these will be lit at the special masses for All Saints and Souls on the 1st and 2nd November in Holy Family Church. The suggested donation for one candle is £3 but feel free to offer whatever you are able. Order forms and envelopes available now.

Returning envelopes

Envelopes for both the November Dead and for Donate a Candle may be placed in the collection, handed to Fr. Eduard, the Sacristan on duty, to one of the adult altar servers, or posted through the Presbytery letter box. Please do not leave the envelopes in the lobby post. Many thanks.

Sacred Heart of Mary 6th Form Open Evening

Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary [St. Marys Ln, Upminster RM14 2QR] Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6–8pm. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
17 th / 18 th Oct	£499.76	-	-	146 adults + 43 children

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

THE CALL TO BE HUMAN: an introduction to Catholic morality

Four talks to be given by Fr Martin Boland,
parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead.

Wednesday 7th October, 7pm – What does it mean to be moral?

Wednesday 14th October, 7pm – What has religion to do with morality?

Wednesday 21st October, 7pm – What does it mean to be a free moral agent?

Wednesday 28th October, 7pm – Is Love all you need?

For more information go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com All welcome.

I plan to attend these talks. If anyone would like to join me is more than welcome. I have a couple of free seats in my car.

PA to the Parish Priest- Our Lady of Lourdes- Wanstead

A vacancy has arisen for a PA to the Parish Priest.

To role is to provide administrative support to the Parish Priest by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those making enquiries or attending the parish office. All applicants should have good administrative, social and technical skills.

The post will be part-time working 30 hours per week – (working pattern tbc).

The salary is £15.45 per hour

The closing date for applications is 10th November 2026 and suitable

applicants will be invited to attend an interview on 18th November.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to wanstead@brcdt.org

Pro-life Community Outreach: 40 Days for Life - autumn vigil

This witnessing of our catholic faith for the sanctity of life, combines prayer and raising awareness through leaflet handouts, to members of the public This leaflet informs about the physical and mental health effects of Abortion on women and girls and the life of the unborn child.

This will take place in Southend City-on-Sea, near to the MSI (Marie Stopes International), an Abortion DIY pills provider.

Be a voice for the voiceless by witnessing with fellow Christians.

Starting Wednesday 23 September & concluding Friday 30th October.

The vigil will last one hour, Monday to Friday between 12:00-1pm.

For further information, please contact Mary Connolly 07 478 765 010 / Madrecasita8@gmail.com

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx>