

+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

Holydays of obligation – 10th / 11th January

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Ints of Catherine Burns Mass People of the Parish Mass Peter & Elise Galloway RIP
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Monday, 12th January – **Monday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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Tuesday, 13th January – **Tuesday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time**

		No Mass
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Wednesday, 14th January – **Wednesday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am 4:15pm	Mass Reception of the body of Mary McWilliams
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Thursday, 15th January – **Thursday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	1pm	Funeral Mass Mary McWilliams
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Friday, 16th January – **Friday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Holydays of obligation – 17th / 18th January

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Mass Mass Gilbert & Cecelia Temasfeldt 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



Newsletter for Holy Family, Benfleet

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Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. Eduard-William Fartan

The funeral of **Mary McWilliams** will be held in our church on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 1pm. Her body will be received into the church on Wednesday 14th January at 4:15pm. Let us all offer our prayers and compassionate care to her and her family during this difficult time.



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100 Club Congratulations

to Christine Kelly who is the lucky winner of the January draw. Christine wins £81 with her share number 145! Shares are £1 a month paid annually (£12), contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740 if you would like to join the club.

Gift Aid Notice

We're looking to clarify a small administrative detail regarding donations made under Gift Aid number 47. Could the person using this number please contact Fr. Eduard as soon as possible. Until then, we won't be able to process these donations under Gift Aid.

Thank you.

THE CANONNESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVITE YOU TO A TALK AT NEW HALL SCHOOL:

Becoming Beacons of Hope in a crazy, confusing world – Rev Dr Liam Hayes

In a world engulfed by crises and confusion, that sow the seeds of division and despair, let us listen anew to the wisdom and young voices of hope that awaken us to the horizon of another possible world.

Join us for a participative exploration of hope in our world today.

New Hall School (CM3 3HS), 7.30 pm, Wednesday 21st January 2026
Refreshments will be served from 7pm

All are welcome. For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk

World Leprosy Day, Sunday 25 January 2026

Today we mark World Leprosy Day, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe.

Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation.

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Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2025	2024	2023	Attendance
20 th / 21 st December	£457.40	£444.73	£400.47	153 + 31 children

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

CASH SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE GARDENING

Dear Parishioners, as you know, our church now has a dedicated gardening team of volunteers to look after our green spaces. We had a productive first work session in November where we decided on the tools we need for our ongoing project 2026.

Our goal is to raise £1000 for gardening tools. This initial investment will save us £5160 in gardening costs in 2026. We're holding a second collection on the weekends of 10th and 11th January and 24th and 25th January. Your support means the world to us and we'd be grateful for your kind generosity.

Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Compassion- Upton Park

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator to work alongside our experienced Parish Administrator, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Office and a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

The post will be part-time working 10 hours per week – (10-12pm Monday- Friday).

The salary is £13.85 per hour

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 31st January 2026 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

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

Parish Finance Administrator- Southend

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Finance Administrator. All applicants should have good administrative and finance skills, although training will be given. The post will be part-time working 6 hours per week – (working pattern tbc). The salary is £12.60 per hour. The closing date for applications is 9th February 2026 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

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