JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Holyday of obligation – 21st / 22nd November

Holy Family	**6pm (sat)** **8:30am** **10am**	**Mass** Robert William Cronin RIP **Mass** Julia Collier RIP **Mass** Gerry Temasfieldt RIP

Monday, 23rd November – **Feria** of the 34th week in ordinary time		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass Maureen RIP**
Tuesday, 24th November – **St Andrew Dung-Lac** and companions, martyrs		
No Mass		
Wednesday, 25th November – **Feria** of the 34th week in ordinary time		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass** Rochelle & Bob RIP
Thursday, 26th November – **Feria** of the 34th week in ordinary time		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass** Margaret O'Sullivan RIP
Friday, 27th November – **Feria** of the 34th week in ordinary time		
Holy Family	**9am**	**Mass** Intentions of Susan Gilden Followed by Adoration and Benediction Fr Eduard available for confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holyday of obligation – 28th / 29th November

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



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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21st – 22nd November 2026

Christmas Eve Choir – New Voices Welcome!

We're preparing for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and would love a few more people to join us. No experience needed, just a willingness to sing and share the Christmas spirit - the more the merrier!!

Rehearsals in the church, 7:30–9:00pm:
* Wednesday 2 December
* Wednesday 9 December
* Wednesday 23 December

Final run-through: Thursday 24 December at 4pm for 6pm Mass.
If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a lovely moment to step in. You're welcome to just come along.
We'd love to see you there!

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood.

Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome.

Masses will be celebrated in three locations:

Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.
In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.

You are invited to the
St Vincent de Paul Carol Service
at Farm Street Church, Mayfair on Tuesday 1st December 7.30pm to 8.30pm for an uplifting evening of carols, reflection and fellowship.
Archbishop Richard Moth, Georgina Duchess of Norfolk and Alex Macqueen will be participating.
The event is free to attend, though donations are most welcome, and the service will be followed by light refreshments.
To book your place, please go to the homepage of the SVP website: svp.org.uk

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
14th/15th Nov.	£544.41	-	-	184 adults + 43 children

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

Help support our parish and
be in with a chance to win every month by
Joining the 100 Club

For just £12 a year (£1 a month), you can have a share in our monthly prize draw:

- 50% goes directly towards the running costs of our parish.
- 50% goes into the monthly prize pot.

Right now, the monthly prize stands at £74. Our goal is to sell 52 more shares so we can bring the monthly prize back up to £100 (just like it was five years ago—which is how the club got its name!). Reaching this target means we will also be contributing £100 a month to parish funds.
Already a member? You are very welcome to buy an extra share to boost your chances and help us hit our target!

To join or grab another ticket, please contact Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Christmas Flowers

As we did last year, this Christmas we will be organising the flowers a bit differently from what we used to do years ago.

We will still have dedicated arrangements for which we would appreciate a donation of £45.00 for each arrangement. This amount may be a single amount or made up of a combination of amounts. All arrangements will have a decorative label or multiple labels displayed.

The main change is that we request that donations be given in cash. You may use the envelopes in the lobby for your cash donations, but these must be handed to one of the flower arranging team.

If you have any queries you may contact one of us in person at Mass, or by calling or messaging Julie Herridge on 07971 212 068, or by emailing j.herridge@yahoo.co.uk
Closing date: 15th December 2026

Thank you.
Julie, Maureen, Imelda and Anastasia.