

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT +

Holydays of obligation – 14th / 15th March

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| Holy Family | 6pm (sat) | Mass Sarah Sayer RIP |
| | 8:30am | Mass People of the Parish |
| | 10am | Mass Tony Hall RIP |

Monday, 6th March – Monday in the 4th Week of Lent

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| Holy Family | 9am | Jennifer Warren RIP |
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Tuesday, 17th March – St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

No Mass

Wednesday, 18th March – Wednesday in the 4th Week of Lent

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| Holy Family | 9am | Helen Styles RIP |
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Thursday, 19th March – St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity

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| Holy Family School | 9:30am | Mass in School. All parishioners welcome |
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Friday, 20th March – Friday in the 4th Week of Lent

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| Holy Family | 9am | Hilda Thompson RIP |
| Holy Family | 7pm | Stations of the Cross |

+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT +

Holydays of obligation – 21st / 22nd March

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| Holy Family | 6pm (sat) | Mass David Cain RIP |
| | 8:30am | Mass People of the Parish |
| | 10am | Mass Tony Hall RIP |



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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COFFEE MORNING. Please join us for a coffee morning on Sunday 22nd March, after the 10am Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th - 15th March

EASTER FLOWERS

Dear parishioners, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year we will have to do things a little differently. Sadly, we must limit the number of flower arrangements we provide.

So, we will fundraise money for the Easter flowers from your free donations in cash and, as well, we are going to have a collection after Masses on the weekends, 14th/15th and 21/22nd March.

Our fundraising for Easter flowers will be concluded on Sunday the 22nd of March. The amount collected will pay for the cost of the flowers and greenery. We thank you for your continued kindness and generosity. For more specific information, please speak to Maureen.

Stations of the Cross will take place in Holy Family Church on Fridays during Lent starting Friday 19th February at 7pm.

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

WANTED – Evergreen and Laurel

Can you please help us by donating some evergreen or laurel to help with our Easter flowers? Please leave donated greenery outside the office by Monday 30th March. Thank you.

You are warmly invited to join the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster for the 20th annual Mass for Migrants on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026, at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church. The celebration will begin at 12.00 pm with a procession of banners.

This year, the Mass is hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood. Celebrated for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, the Mass is prepared by the Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three dioceses and gives thanks for the contributions made to faith, life and work in the UK by all those who have come from other countries to make their home here.

The preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

Music will be provided by Nathan Chan and students from St Antony's Catholic Primary School, St Bonaventure's Catholic Secondary School

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

| | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | Attendance |
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| 7 th /8 th March | £419.40 | £457.40 | £400.47 | 136 + 39 children |

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

100 Club Shares

Those who pay by cash or cheque are reminded that their annual payment of £12 a share is due this month. If you would like to join the 100 Club please contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740 to arrange payment or to join the club.

Holy Family Catholic School

Your parish school is in need of new Foundation Governors. All that is required is a wish to serve the mission of the Church in this particular way. Foundation governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school. We depend on committed Catholics being willing to undertake this service. Please contact me by email on jherridgegovernor@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk or call me on 07971 212 068 for further information. Thank you.

School vacancies in our Diocese

Class Teacher – St Antony's Catholic Primary School, Woodford Green

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Thursday 19th March 2026

Deputy Headteacher – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Friday 20th March 2026

Deputy Headteacher – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Tilbury

Deadline for application: 12:00 noon Friday 10th April 2026

40 hours of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration during Lent (night and day except during Mass) will take place on the weekend of 21-22 March **at St John Vianney Catholic Church**, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0HE, starting with Mass of Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 7am on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11pm on the Sunday. All are very welcome to take part in this very special devotion.