



+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT +

Holydays of obligation – 20th / 21st December

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Liviu Hales RIP Mass People of the Parish Mass Mary Hall RIP
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Monday, 22nd December – **Weekday of Advent**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Ints of Emily Pougnet
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Tuesday 23rd December – **Weekday of Advent**

No Mass

+ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD +

Holyday of obligation – 24th & 25th December

Holy Family	6pm (Wed) 10pm (Wed)	Mass Nell & Charlie Warner RIP Midnight Mass Ints of Herridge Family
	8.30 am 10 am	Mass People of the Parish Mass Barbara Drew

Friday 26th December – **ST JOHN, Ap, Ev**

No Mass

+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH +

Holydays of obligation – 27th / 28th December

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Mass Mass
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Newsletter for Holy Family, Benfleet

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



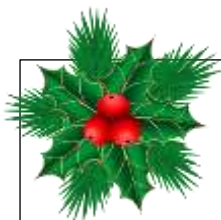
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

24th / 25th December 2025





Responsorial Psalm:
Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.

Gospel acclamation:
Alleluia! Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel – which means God with us. Alleluia!

If you wish to, you can follow the readings at Mass as well from your own personal device using for free the website
<https://www.universalis.com>
or the relative application.
Please don't forget to set silent your devices during Mass.

We hope you can join us for our very special annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in which the Christmas story is interspersed with a selection of Christmas hymns and carols. This will take place in Brentwood Cathedral this coming Sunday 21st December at 4pm.

The music will be provided by our Brentwood Cathedral Choir,
Stephen King : Organist and Andrew Wright : Director.

Gift Aid Reminder

Please remember to include your Gift Aid number with every donation you wish to Gift Aid—whether it's a standing order, bank transfer, online donation, or envelope offering.

Many standing orders come through without a number, and it's not always easy to match initials from the bank with our Gift Aid records. Adding your number each time helps us keep everything accurate

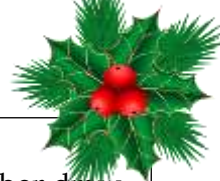
Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2025	2024	2023	Attendance
7 th December	£376.72	£444.73	£400.47	122 + 21 children

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



100 Club Congratulations

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

Vacancies

Headteacher vacancy at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet, Essex, required for April 2026 – Due to the current headteacher taking the decision to retire from the post, an exciting opportunity has arisen for an inspirational, ambitious and innovative Headteacher to join the team at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. Further information and application documents can be found on the following websites – [HFCPS Website - Job Vacancies](#) and [Vacancies – Assisi Catholic Trust](#).

[Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford](#)

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 6th January 2026

“The Governing Body of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island, is looking for new Foundation Governors in this exciting time of improvement and change in the life of their school. If you are interested, please contact the Chair of Governors, Joanna, on: jfleming@stjosephscanvey.net.”

Walsingham House Team 26/27

applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above).

For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.

