



Newsletter for  
**Holy Family, Benfleet**

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# Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord  
28<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>nd</sup> March

**+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) +**  
Holydays of obligation – 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Family	<b>6pm (sat)</b>	<b>Mass</b> Ana Petrone RIP
	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Joe Gibson RIP

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – **Monday of Holy Week**

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Noel Browne RIP
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Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March – **Tuesday of Holy Week**

**No Mass**

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Brentwood Cathedral	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass of Chrism</b>
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**+ MAUNDY THURSDAY +**  
2<sup>ND</sup> April 2026

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Office of Reading and Morning Prayer</b> Followed by Confession until 10am
	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Last Supper Mass</b> followed by watching the Altar of Repose
	<b>10:45pm</b>	<b>Night Prayers</b>

**+ GOOD FRIDAY +**  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Holy Family	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Office of Reading and Morning Prayer</b> Followed by Confession until 10am
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>

**+ HOLY SATURDAY +**  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Holy Family	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Paschal Vigil</b> Rita & Jim Devlin RIP
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**+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD +**  
Holydays of obligation – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Holy Family	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Henry Hornby RIP

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026**

We will shortly begin the next Confirmation preparation programme for anyone currently in Year 9 or above. The programme dates are listed below. Please email your interest to [benfleetyouth@brcdt.org](mailto:benfleetyouth@brcdt.org)

**Introduction meeting** for Parents and Confirmandi:

Monday 13th April, 6pm at Our Lady of Canvey for approximately 40 minutes.

Time for the sessions: 6pm– 7:45pm and will alternate between Our Lady of Canvey and Holy Family.

**Session 1:** Monday 18th May 2026

**Session 2:** Monday 1st June 2026

**Session 3:** Monday 15th June 2026

**Session 4:** Monday 29th June 2026

**Session 5:** Monday 13th July 2026

**Session 6:** Monday 7th September 2026

**Session 7:** Monday 21st September 2026

**Session 8:** Monday 5th October 2026

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Alan at Our Lady of Canvey in October (date and time to be confirmed)

**Youth Mass:** Either Thursday 4th June or 2nd July TBC with the group.

Brentwood Cathedral. Arrive at 6pm for Pizza and social. Mass 7:30pm. Pick-up between 8:30-9pm

The Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle burns for the intentions of the **Elvin, Brunswick and Whant** Families

The Sacred Heart Candle burns for the intentions of the **Smith and Rampton** Families

The Our Kady Candle burns for the intentions of the **Hornby and Gibson** Families

**Volunteer Bookkeeper Vacancy at our church**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Olivia Prophet for her dedication and support in managing the church's bookkeeping. Her contribution has been invaluable to keeping our parish running.

As the new financial year begins shortly, we are now urgently seeking someone to take on this important role. If you have relevant experience or would be willing to help, please speak to Fr Eduard to find out more about the role and the training provided.

**School vacancies in our Diocese**

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

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

**School Business Manager – Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster**

Deadline for application: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**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.

**Offertory Collection Figures**

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

*Gift aid it please!*

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
22 <sup>nd</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> March	£400.13	-	-	145 adults + 39 children

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

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**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>

**Annual Mass for Migrants**

**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 and St Angela's Ursuline School.

**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](mailto:jherridgegovernor@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk) or call me on 07971 212 068 for further information. Thank you.