

+ **PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)** +  
Holyday of obligation – 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May

Holy Family	<b>6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Marie Tisi RIP <b>Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>Mass</b> Noel & George Kolb RIP
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Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May – **Mary, Mother of the Church**

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Mary Wainer RIP
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Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – **St Philip Neri, priest**

**No Mass**

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May – **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY** National Feast

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Intentions of Mr and Mrs Madge
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Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGHPRIEST**

Holy Family	<b>9am 2:30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> Intentions of Kian, sick <b>Funeral Service</b> for Anne Bellinger
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Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May – **Friday of Week Eight in Ordinary Time**

Holy Family	<b>11am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Christine Lillis RIP
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+ **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)** +  
Holyday of obligation – 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> May

Holy Family	<b>6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Elsie & Len Albrecht RIP <b>Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>Mass</b>
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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  
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**At Pentecost, we remember how the apostles first brought the Gospel to all nations, bringing light to the whole world with the news of salvation.**

**The Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak; not just physically, through miraculously overcoming the language barriers, but also spiritually, giving them courage and eloquence that moved men’s hearts.**

**Our Lady was there with them, co-operating with the Holy Spirit as she had so many years before at the Annunciation, this time to help the apostles to stand firm.**

### Coffee Morning – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Please join us for a coffee morning on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after 10am Mass. Deliciously tempting strawberry treats will be available for you to enjoy. Everyone is very welcome. All proceeds will go towards church supplies.

### Hospital Lay Chaplain- Basildon Hospital

A vacancy has arisen for a Hospital Lay Chaplain.

All applicants should have strong communication skills and be able to deal with the private and confidential nature of the role. The post will be part-time working 5.25 hours per week – during the hours of 8am – 8pm. One day per week. The salary is £13.45 per hour. The closing date for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> May 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 basildon@brcdt.org

### Save the Date! – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Please join us for a meeting on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00 pm in St John Bosco Hall.

The meeting is about the formal permanent closure of St Thomas More Church in Hadleigh.

All parishioners and community members are encouraged to attend.

### St. Thomas' Church and School in Grays - 140

In October this year St. Thomas' Church and School in Grays will be celebrating 140 years of serving the community.

Canon Stephen Mayer invites us all to come along for Mass with the Bishop on the 10<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00pm.

In addition if you have images or memories that they would like to share please invite them to send them to the parish.

### Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

*Gift aid it please!*

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> May	£440.28	-	-	-

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

### 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 has begun, 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.

### Funeral Arrangements for Kevin McBrearty

The requiem mass for Kevin will take place on Thursday 4 June 2026, 11am at St Augustine's of Canterbury, Beardsley Drive, Springfield, Chelmsford CM1 6GQ. Following mass there will be a family cremation, guests are welcome to join us to celebrate Kevin's life at Falcon Bowling Club, Channels Drive, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM3 3FB. Kevin requested joyful colours to celebrate his life, family flowers only.

Kevin served our parish for over 40 years before moving to Chelmsford, he helped to raise funds for the school, church hall as well as many other events during his time in our parish.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026

We have begun the Confirmation preparation programme for anyone currently in Year 9 or above. The programme dates are listed below.

**The introduction meeting** for Parents and Confirmandi took place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm at Our Lady of Canvey

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

**Session 1:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Session 5:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Session 2:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Session 6:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026

**Session 3:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Session 7:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026

**Session 4:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Session 8:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026

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

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

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