

+ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY +

Holydays of obligation – 3rd / 4th January

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| Holy Family | 6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am | Mass Mary Newman RIP Mass People of the Parish Mass Charlie D'souza RIP |
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Monday, 5th January – **Weekday of Christmas Time**

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass |
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Tuesday, 6th January – **The Epiphany of the Lord**

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| Holy Family School | 9:30am | Mass Rada-Elisabeta Fartan RIP |
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Wednesday, 7th January – **Weekday of Christmas Time**

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass |
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Thursday, 8th January – **Weekday of Christmas Time**

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass |
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Friday, 9th January – **Weekday of Christmas Time**

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass |
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+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD +

Holydays of obligation – 10th / 11th January

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| Holy Family | 6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am | Mass Mary Newman RIP Mass People of the Parish Mass Charlie D'souza RIP |
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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 Holy Family, Benfleet

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SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE GARDENING

Dear Parishioners, as you know, our church now has a dedicated gardening team of volunteers to look after our green spaces. We had a productive first work session in November where we decided on the tools we need for our ongoing project 2026.

Our goal is to raise £1000 for gardening tools. This initial investment will save us £5160 in gardening costs in 2026. We're holding a second collection on the weekends of 10th and 11th January and 24th and 25th January. Your support means the world to us and we'd be grateful for your kind generosity.

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.

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 and ensures we can claim the extra support properly.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | Attendance |
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| 27 th / 28 st December | £386.14 | £444.73 | £400.47 | 117 + 13 children |

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

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.

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."

[Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Compassion- Upton Park](#)

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator to work alongside our experienced Parish Administrator, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Office and a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

The post will be part-time working 10 hours per week – (10-12pm Monday- Friday).

The salary is £13.85 per hour

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 31st January 2026 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to uptonpark@brcdt.org