

+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) +

Holydays of obligation – 11th / 12th April

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Susan Szpytma RIP Mass People of the Parish Mass Tony Hall RIP
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Monday, 13rd April – **Monday of the Second Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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Tuesday, 14th April – **Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter**

No Mass

Wednesday, 15th April – **Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Intentions of Emmer (sick)
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Thursday, 16th April – **Thursday of the Second Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Phil Ramptom RIP
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Friday, 17th April – **Friday of the Second Week of Easter**

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+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) +

Holydays of obligation – 18th / 19th April

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

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

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.

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.

100 Club Shares

Those who pay by cash or cheque are reminded that their annual payment of £12 a share is due.

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.

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>

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
4 th /5 th April	£951.03	-	-	-

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

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.

THE LEGACY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2nd May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org No booking necessary.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

From **Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read,**

Diocesan Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, tribunal@brcdt.org

If you know the whereabouts of **Herder Fernandes De Gouvera** 12/25, please contact the Tribunal Office on 01277 265283 quoting the reference number given. It is important that I make contact with them, if possible, in order to protect their rights under Canon Law.