

+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) +

Holyday of obligation – 16th / 17th May 2026

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Peter Williams RIP
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Fr James McCormack RIP

Monday, 18th May – **Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass In thanksgiving
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Tuesday, 19th May – **Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

No Mass

Wednesday, 20th May – **Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Ivy Gibson RIP
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Thursday, 21st May – **Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass In thanksgiving
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Friday, 22nd May – **Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

No mass

+ PENTECOST (A) +

Holyday of obligation – 23rd / 24th May

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Marie Tisi RIP
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Noel & George Kolb RIP



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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Office: Monday 9:30am – 1pm or upon request

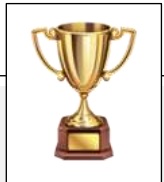
Email: benfleet@brcdt.org

Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Eduard-William Färtan**



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100 Club Congratulations

go to **REBECCA WAINER** who is the lucky winner of the April draw.

Rebecca wins £79 with her share number 83.

As well, the good luck for the month of May goes to the same family

as the lucky winner of the May draw is **RON WAINER**. He wins £79

with his share number 62.

Shares are £1 a month paid annually (£12), contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268753740 if you would like to join the club.

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 10th 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.

On Thursday 21st May please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

"And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. (Jonah 3:5,10)

BCCS event notice

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you to a wonderful charity two-course luncheon at the beautiful Grade II listed Georgian house, The Lawn in Rochford. Friday June 19th - 13:00-15:30 - Tickets are £38.50 per person. For booking please use the link:

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/>

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.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
9 th / 10 th May	£458.09	-	-	-

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.

CAFOD are hiring.

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Brentwood. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested.

Closing date: 18 May 2026. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

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

The introduction meeting for Parents and Confirmandi took place on Monday 13th April, 6pm at Our Lady of Canvey but you can still get in contact if you are interested.

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 5: Monday 13th July 2026

Session 2: Monday 1st June 2026

Session 6: Monday 7th Sept 2026

Session 3: Monday 15th June 2026

Session 7: Monday 21st Sept 2026

Session 4: Monday 29th June 2026

Session 8: Monday 5th Oct 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.