

+ **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)** +

Holydays of obligation – 9th / 10th May 2026

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Maureen Margaret Wall RIP
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Ann McInerney RIP

Monday, 11th May – **Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass In thanksgiving
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Tuesday, 12th May – **St John Houghton** Priest Martyr (Diocesan Memorial)

No Mass

Wednesday, 13th May – **St Erconwald**, Bishop (Diocesan Memorial)

Holy Family	9am	Mass Lillian Mason RIP
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Thursday, 14th May – **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** - Holyday of obligation

Holy Family	9am	Mass
Holy Family School	2pm	Mass

Friday, 15th May – **Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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+ **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)** +

Holydays of obligation – 16th / 17th May

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Peter Williams RIP
	8:30am	Mass
	10am	Mass



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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

9th – 10th May 2026



Please continue to pray for the children of our Parish who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May 2026:

Albie, Aryan, Chisom, Charlie, Daniel, Elaina, Eniola, Eva, Grace, Isabelle, Jack, Jacob, Patrick and Timilehin.

A huge thank you to their families and to our irreplaceable catechists: **Catherine Burns, Imelda Cole, Marie Prophet and Tracy Murphy!**

MARANATHA at Grays Friday 15th May 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 15th May 2026, led by Fr. Paschal Uche.

The time is from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards.
Come and join us! Everyone is welcome.

The Diocese of Brentwood advertise the following position:

Deputy Headteacher

St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am Monday 11th May 2026

Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school and should contact Claire Fantini, HR Manager, on 01702 344933 or by email on recruitment@assisicatholictrust.com to arrange a visit and if you have any questions. Full details of the post and relevant application form are available on the school website.

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
2 nd / 3 rd May	£493.55	-	-	-

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 benfleyouth@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