

+ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Holydays of obligation – 15th / 16th November

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Eileen & Miklos Lovas RIP Mass People of the Parish Mass Joan Toland RIP
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Monday, 17th November – **Feria**

Holy Family	9am	No Mass
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Tuesday, 18 November – **Feria**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Holy Souls
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Wednesday, 19th November – **Feria**

Holy Family	9am	Mass David Silver RIP
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Thursday, 20th November – **Feria**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Holy Souls
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Friday, 21st November – **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Family	9am	Mass Cliff Bunting RIP Followed by Adoration and Benediction Fr Eduard available for Confessions
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+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE +

Holydays of obligation – 22nd / 23rd November

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass People of the Parish Mass Mass Rosa Lau 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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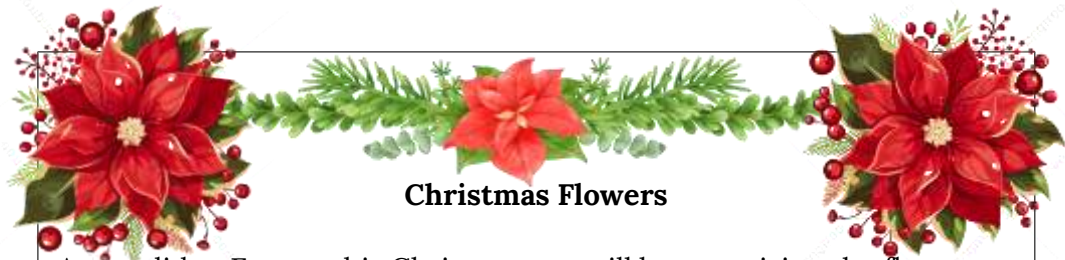
Advent Wreath

If you have any evergreen bushes or shrubs in your garden please consider pruning them to donate towards the Advent Wreath. Trailing Ivy and Ivy with berries, Rosemary, Eucalyptus, Hebe, Holly with or without berries, are also very welcome additions - the more variety the better! Please leave any donations outside the parish office from the 26th November. Thank you.

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Out of your charity please pray for the soul of **Robert Stephen (Bob) McWilliams** who passed away on Thursday the 9th of October. His body will be received in the Holy Family Church on Tuesday the 25th of November at 4:15 pm and his funeral will take place on Wednesday the 26th November at 11:30 am in our Church, followed by burial at Woodside Cemetery. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Christmas Flowers

As we did at Easter, this Christmas we will be organising the flowers a bit differently. We will still have dedicated arrangements for which we would appreciate a donation of £45.00 for each arrangement. This amount may be a single amount or made up of a combination of amounts. All arrangements will have a decorative label or multiple labels displayed. **The main change is that we request that donations be given in cash.** You may use the envelopes in the lobby for your cash donations, but these must be handed to one of the flower arranging team. If you have any queries you may contact one of us in person at Mass, or by calling or messaging Julie on 07971 212 068, or by emailing j.herridge@yahoo.co.uk
Closing date: 30th November 2025

The cost of Christmas flowers last year, exceeded the amount of donations received and the parish had to meet the excess. The parish will be unable to do this any longer and we will, therefore, be looking at measures to reduce the cost.
 Thank you. *Julie, Maureen and Imelda.*

100 Club Congratulations

go to Amelia Flaherty who is the lucky winner of the November draw, Amelia wins £80.50 with their share number 222. Shares are £1 a month paid annually (£12), contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268753740 if you would like to join the club.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2025	2024	2023	Attendance
11 th /12 th October	£513.32	£444.73	£400.47	149 + 23 children

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

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.

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 – Our Lady Immaculate School, Chelmsford](#)

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Thursday 20th November 2025

[Headteacher – St Peter's Primary School, Romford](#)

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 6th January 2026



Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast down into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.