

+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT +

Holydays of obligation – 13th / 14th December

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Ints of Catherine Burns Mass People of the Parish Mass Gilbert & Cecilia Temasfeldt RIP
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Monday, 15th December – **Monday of the Third Week of Advent**

Holy Family	8:30 am	Mass Ints of Emily Pougnet
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Tuesday, 16th December – **Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent**

Holy Family	9am	No Mass
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Wednesday, 17th December – **Weekday of Advent**

Holy Family	10:30am	Funeral Mass Anita Peel
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Thursday, 18th December – **Weekday of Advent**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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Friday, 19th December – **Weekday of Advent**

Holy Family	9am	Mass
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+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT +

Holydays of obligation – 20th / 21st December

Holy Family	6pm (sat) 8:30am 10am	Mass Mass People of the Parish Mass Mary 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

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Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. Eduard-William Fartan

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.

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“GAUDETE” SUNDAY

13th / 14th December 2025

Responsorial Psalm:
Come, Lord and save us!.

Gospel acclamation:
Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia!

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.”

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.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2025	2024	2023	Attendance
6 th / 7 th December	£376.72	£444.73	£400.47	122 + 21 children

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

Christmas Eve Choir – New Voices Welcome!

We’re preparing for the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and would love a few more people to join us. No experience needed—just a willingness to sing and share the Christmas spirit.

Rehearsals in the church, 7:30–9:00pm:

- Wed 19 Nov
- Wed 26 Nov
- Wed 3 Dec
- Wed 10 Dec

No rehearsal: Wed 17 Dec

Final run-through: Wed 24 Dec at 4:30pm, followed by carols at 5:30pm and Mass at 6pm. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved, this is a lovely moment to step in. You’ll be very welcome.

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

Gift Aid Notice

We’re just looking to clarify a small administrative detail regarding donations made under Gift Aid number 47. Could the person using this number please contact Fr. Eduard as soon as possible. Until then, we won’t be able to process these donations under Gift Aid. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co Mayo – Led by Bishop Alan Williams.

Monday 15th June 2026. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.