

+ THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

Holydays of obligation – 25th / 26th October

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Queenie Lee RIP
	8:30am	Mass Marie O'Byne RIP
	10am	Mass Blanche & George Kolb RIP

27th – 28th October

No Mass

+ ALL SAINTS +

Holydays of obligation – 1st / 2nd November

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Thanksgiving for Loh Family
	8:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	10am	Mass Jim & Rita Derlin RIP

Monday 3rd November – All Souls Day

Holy Family	10am	Mass in commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
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4 & 5th November – No Mass

Thursday 6th November – Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass Eunice Hart RIP
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Friday 7th November – Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass James & Margaret Servis RIP
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+ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY +

Holydays of obligation – 8th / 9th November

Holy Family	6pm (sat)	Mass Departed members of Loh Family
	8:30am	Mass Departed Legionaries RIP
	10am	Mass Deceased members of Toland Family



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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100 Club Congratulations

go to Ron Wainer who is the lucky winner of the October draw, Ron wins £80.50 with their share number 44. Shares are £1 a month paid annually (£12), contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268753740 if you would like to join the club.

Gardening Team Meeting – Saturday the 8th November 2025

On Saturday, 8th November 2025, the gardening team will meet at 9am. According to the assessment of our team leader, Sean Reagan, we need the following tools: a petrol brush cutter (or even better two of them), a pole saw, a chainsaw, and a lawnmower. If anyone has these tools and can help us, it would be a great resource. Please contact the parish priest or Sean to let us know. Let's move forward in this new chapter together.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Catechist Training & Resources Day 2025, Saturday 8th November 2025

Open to all confirmation and first holy communion catechists, youth leaders, and children's liturgy coordinators in the Diocese of Brentwood. The day offers formation, practical workshops, inspiring speakers, and networking to support First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes.

Open to adults and young leaders (16+); full details and booking at www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is pleased to invite you to an evening with the Santa Marta Group.

'What is Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?'

Thursday 6th November 2025 (6-8PM)

St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT

To register, go to: <https://caritas-sm-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

We will be joined by Alexander DesForges, Communications Director at the Santa Marta Group and will have the opportunity to explore and discuss this important topic that affects many of our communities, especially during this time of heightened tension and anti-migrant rhetoric. Your presence will not only demonstrate solidarity with those most affected but also serve as a witness to our shared values.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it please!

	2025	2024	2023	Attendance
18 th /19 th October	£513.80	£444.73	£400.47	151 + 33 children

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



November Dead

Envelopes are now available to enable you to add the lists of names of your deceased relatives and friends. Masses are planned for the Holy Souls during November and you may place donations towards these Masses in the envelopes with your lists. During the month of November the lists will be placed near the altar at both churches and those mentioned on these lists will be remembered at Masses for the Holy Souls and will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month.

Donate a candle

Again this year we would like to offer you the chance to purchase a candle in memory of a departed loved one. The name of your loved one will be placed on the candle and these will be lit at the special masses for All Saints and Souls on the 1st and 2nd November in Holy Family Church. The cost of the candles box is £3. Order forms and envelopes available now.

Returning envelopes

Envelopes for both the November Dead and for Donate a Candle may be placed in the collection, handed to Fr. Eduard, the Sacristan on duty, to one of the adult altar servers, or posted through the Presbytery letter box. Please do not leave the envelopes in the lobby post. Many thanks.

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