

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.



NEWSLETTER FOR

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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Peace Day - 14th January 2018*

Please note the changes to the Mass schedule. No Mass on Friday or Saturday morning. There will be an opportunity for confession before the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 20th January.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Anthony McKentey (former Assistant Priest of this parish) who died late last year. + May he Rest in Peace + The funeral has already taken place.

The Funeral Service for Sheila Philomena Long will be in Holy Family Church on Tuesday, 16th January at 12.15 pm.

The Requiem Mass for Michael Arrow-Smith will be on Thursday, 25th January at 11am in Holy Family Church.

The RCIA meetings continue on Thursday, 18th January at 7.30pm.

Volunteers urgently required to join a rota to open up St. Thomas More Church on Sunday mornings and to perform simple Sacristan duties. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Eduard or contact the parish office. Thank you.

News sheets for children These are available in both churches.

100 Club - Congratulations to Adrian Ketterer who is the lucky winner of the first draw of the New Year. Adrian wins £100.50 with his share number 94.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - New rota available.

Information for parents wishing their child to attend a Catholic Primary School - A Certificate of Catholic Practice has to be issued to take to the School of your choice. This must be requested from your Parish Priest in person and only one per child will be issued. Please apply for one of these from Fr. Eduard during the following times after the 6pm Mass on 13th and 20th January. Meetings will take place in Holy Family Meeting Room. These Certificates will be issued to families known to your Parish Priest and who are practising Catholics.

+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) + PEACE DAY
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 13TH/14TH JANUARY 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Annie & James Whittingham RIP
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - Doreen Murphy RIP
Holy Family	10am	Mass - People of the Parish

Monday, 15th January - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Holy Souls
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Tuesday, 16th January - Feria

Holy Family	12.15pm	Funeral Service - Sheila Philomena Long RIP
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Wednesday, 17th January - St. Anthony, Abbot

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Special Intention
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Thursday, 18th January - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Marjorie Hughes-Gage RIP
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Friday, 19th January - Feria (or St. Wulstan, Bishop)

No Mass

Saturday, 20th January - Feria

(or St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr) (or St Sebastian, Martyr) (or Saturday Memorial of BVM)

No morning Mass

+ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) +
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 20TH/21ST JANUARY 2018

Holy Family	5.30pm	Confessions
Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Michael Lummis RIP (1st Anniv)
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - People of the Parish
Holy Family	10am	Mass - Cecilia & Gilbert Temasfieldt RIP

Prayers at the end of Mass

The prayer to Holy Michael Archangel and The Angelus prayer are in the back of the Mass Books.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – led by Fr Eamonn Power. The Parish of Our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs (Canvey Island) invites you to join their parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land – In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family. (Travel dates: Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May 2018). This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel. Cost is £1,370. This includes 4* Hotels on a half board basis, flights, gratuities and all excursions. If you are interested or require further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342 – by 31st March 2018. *LAST PLACES REMAINING*

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree on Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please reply by 28th February if you wish to attend and if your Parish Priest would like to concelebrate.

Hello Walsingham House at Abbotswick! 13th January 2018, Abbotswick. The Walsingham House team will then be hosting an open day at our new premises at Abbotswick! Everyone is welcome to come and look round the house at the new facilities and work which has been done over the last few months and to celebrate our exciting new move! The house will be open from 12 - 4pm with refreshments available.

Jack and the Beanstalk! 26th—27th January 2018, Most Holy Trinity, Basildon. It’s just 3 weeks to go until panto (oh no it isn’t!) Come and support some familiar BCYS faces as they put on “Jack and the Beanstalk” at the end of this month! Tickets are £10 for an Adult and £5 per child, all proceeds raised go to support Groups 709 and 127 who will be travelling to Lourdes at Easter helping vulnerable young people. For info, please visit www.basildonpanto.tk

Diocesan Lourdes Reunion Mass Sunday 4th February, 3pm Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3 pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received. The BCYS will be helping with music and serving refreshments so if you are able to assist with these please let Gabby know!

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Dublin, 21st-26th August 2018. This is a major international event held every three years, for families to come together celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. To find out more visit <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. A substantial bursary is available for one family from the south east - for an application pack email marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org (completed application and reference required by 31st January).

St. Helen’s Catholic Infant School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood. Have a vacancy for a SEN Learning Support Assistant (Temporary, initially until 31st August 2018), class based and 1:1 support with SEN children. Required immediately. Experience not essential. Closing date noon Wed., 24th January 2018. For further information, please visit the school website www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk

Offertory Collection Figures				<i>Gift aid it! Please!</i>
The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092				
Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
06/07 Jan	£917.30	£854.03	£1,036.36	219 plus 61 children
St John Bosco Fundraising - Parish Pigs - £11.04 - Thank you				

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur this week.

Fr. John King, Fr. Gilbert Basil Pearson, Fr. Neville Banks, Fr. Kenneth Green, Canon Charles Kuypers, Mgr. Canon David Donnelly, Fr. John Meehan, Edward Braddfen, Philip Grieves, May Munt, Deborah Turner, Alex Alvares, John M. Coles, Gus Dodson, Joan Sheridan, John McCarthy, Paul Hickland, Mary McManus. Dolly Ruzs, Alice Gallogly, Margaret Byrne, James Braid, Iolanda Greenland, Larry Byrne, Mary Moss, Valentina Lissowska, Maurice Brennan, Victor Hart, Victor Baillie, Ann McMunigal, David Watson, Eddie Lynch, Bridget Boyce, Gilbert Temasfield and Annie Whittingham.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Rest in Peace

(To add a name to the Anniversary Book, which is displayed near to the Sacred Heart Statue in Holy Family Church, please contact the parish office).

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Victoria Thomas, Sheila Taiani, Isabella Podlesny, Margaret Harrison, Elaine O’Connell, Mary Keeble, Eileen Sharp, Richard Wait, Mary O’Sullivan, Elizabeth Lale, Joan Maughan, Laurie Murphy, Anne Burgess, Marion Byas, Joan Peirce, Greta Taylor, Iris Matthews, Helen Holloway, Joan Garvey, the Harris family, Lizza Hodgkins, Angela Purkis, Rita Horton, Bailey Holden, Amy Shead, Thomas Ball, Dave, Oliver Cripps, Martin Treanor, Mary McWilliam, Ursula Hehir, John McGaughey, Mark Merry, Sue Griffiths, Steve Toms, Michael Cray, David Bradford, Baby Jack, Kath Donovan, Chris Gauld, Sheena Reeves, Mavis James, Thomas Martin, Peter & Elsie Galloway, Tah-ndi, Sr. Mary Barry **and Joan Doe.**
(To add or remove a name from these list, please phone or email the parish office).