

# All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

## + THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD + HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 6TH/7TH JANUARY 2018

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Sat)	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Private Intention <b>Mass</b> - People of the Parish <b>Mass</b> - In Thanksgiving - 10th Wedding Anniversary
<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10am</b>	
<i>Monday, 8th January - <b>The Baptism of The Lord (B) - Feast</b></i>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Maureen Clooney RIP
<i>Tuesday, 9th January - Feria</i>		
<b>St Thomas More</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Holy Souls
<i>Wednesday, 10th January - Feria</i>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> - Lilian Ball RIP
<i>Thursday, 11th January - Feria</i>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Ints. Sr. Mary Barry
<i>Friday, 12th January - Feria (or St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot)</i>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Doreen Murphy RIP Followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction</b> until 10.30am
<i>Saturday, 13th January - Saturday Memorial of BVM</i>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Holy Souls Followed by Confessions until 10am
<b>+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) + PEACE DAY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 13TH/14TH JANUARY 2018</b>		
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Sat)	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Annie & James Whittingham RIP <b>Mass</b> - Doreen Murphy RIP <b>Mass</b> - People of the Parish
<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10am</b>	

### Prayers at the end of Mass

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



NEWSLETTER FOR

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## The Epiphany of The Lord - 7th January 2018

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you very much for your kind and thoughtful gifts and cards and for your generous Christmas Offering.*

*I am looking for volunteers to join a rota to open up St. Thomas More on Sunday mornings and perform simple sacristan duties. Please speak to me or to the parish office, if you can help.*

*I wish all of you a very happy, holy, peaceful and fruitful New Year.*

*Fr. Eduard*

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Sheila Philomena Long who has recently died. + May she Rest in Peace + Please pray also for her family and friends in their sorrow. The Requiem Mass will be in Holy Family Church on Tuesday, 16th January at 12.15 pm.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Michael Arrow-Smith who has also recently died. + May he Rest in Peace + Please pray also for his family and friends in their sorrow. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 25th January at 11am.

**The funeral** of Lilian Ball will be on Wednesday, 10th January at 12 noon with a Requiem Mass in Holy Family Church.

**The funeral** of Ann Palmer will take place in Basildon Crematorium, at 12 noon on the 9th January.

**The Parish Youth Club** 'Give it a Go' meets after the 6pm Mass (approx. 7pm to 9pm) All those in school years 7, 8 and 9 are very welcome.

**The RCIA meetings** continues on Thursday, 11th January at 7.30pm.

**Baptism Preparation Evenings** - The next preparation for Baptism meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Holy Family Church and hall. Places need to be booked - please contact the parish office (01268 799649). Please also make sure you have sent in your Baptism Application forms beforehand.

**News sheets for children** These are available in both churches.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** - New rota available.

**Thank you** - to the Poth family who organised the parish New Year's Eve party. A profit of £70 was made.

**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. Sign up sheets for appointments will be available over the weekend of 6th and 7th January. These Certificates will be issued to families known to your Parish Priest and who are practising Catholics.

**Vacancy – Bookkeeper** (Sage Accounts experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working two days a week (14 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, contact [finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 12th January 2018. Interviews week commencing 22nd January 2018.”

**Advertisement on behalf of the Medaille Trust:** “Vacancy – Diocesan Representatives to carry out the work of the Medaille Trust in Brentwood. Do you want to be part of the Church’s fight against Modern Slavery? Could you help us raise awareness of Human Trafficking in our midst? Want to be part of a growing Catholic charity? We are now looking for Diocesan Representatives with good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, plus sympathy with a charity such as ours. It is an enjoyable and flexible people-facing fundraising role that would suit a range of individuals. For an application pack, please visit the website [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk), or e-mail [recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk).”

**UNDERSTANDING THE CREED** On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These ‘Gidea Park Faith Evenings’ will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**Essex Recusant Society** (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will be held at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Sat. 27 January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on ‘Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.’ All are welcome.

**Teaching Assistants required** See the notice boards for positions at Sacred Heart School, Upminster.

**On Friday 12th January**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

### Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

*Gift aid it! Please!*

Date	2017	2016	2015	Attendance
23/24 Dec	£849.15	£979.99	£715.92	211 plus 39 children
30/31 Dec	£678.10	£804.87	£829.50	192 plus 50 children

### † May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur this week.

Canon John Bloomfield, Canon Francis Dobson, Peter O'Sullivan, Ginnie Sheraton, Ester Martin, Pat McPhilemy, Frank Murray, Harriet Shannon, John O'Keefe, William Lyons, Keith Foye, Joseph Hunt, William Murphy, Patrick McDonnall, Edward Marney, Maud Townsend, John Rumble, Vera Burns, Lilian Hodnett, Francesca Gavina Piper, Mary Culleton, Ann Pledger, Stephen Franklin, Amy Newton, Anne Hayhow, Jackie Batson, Ellen Brown, Annie R. Evans, Charlie Treanor, Bill Smith, Jean Reid, John Crowley, Kathleen Sparrow, John Stapleton, Thomas Stapleton, Joseph D'Souza, Hannah Boyle, Mary Pacitto, Stefan Gorzynski, Elizabeth Stephenson, Sidney Allen, Mr. Raheer, Kay Brown, and Denis McCarthy.

### 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, Kathy Hayward, Kath Donovan, Chris Gauld, Sheena Reeves, Mavis James, Thomas Martin, Peter & Elsie Galloway, Tah-ndi, and Sr. Mary Barry.

(To add or remove a name from these list, please 'phone or email the parish office).