

You have the message of eternal life, O Lord

+ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B) + HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 3RD/4TH MARCH 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Kelly Khoo RIP
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - People of the Parish
Holy Family	10am	Mass - Intentions of Cherylann

Monday, 5th March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - In Thanksgiving
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Tuesday, 6th March - Feria

St. Thomas More	7.30pm	Mass - Margaret Sanders RIP
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Wednesday, 7th March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass -
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Thursday, 8th March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Lily McGettigan RIP (Anniv)
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Friday, 9th March

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Followed by Holy Hour and Benediction until 10.30am
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*Saturday, 10th March - Feria - **No morning Mass***

+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) + *LAETARE SUNDAY*

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 10TH/ 11TH MARCH 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Jean Harvey RIP (Anniv)
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - People of the Parish
Holy Family	10am	Mass - In Thanksgiving

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it! Please!

Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
24/25 Feb	£887.82	£868.14	£897.93	239 plus 47 children

The collection for Family Fast Day raised £276.90 - Thank you



NEWSLETTER FOR

Holy Family, Benfleet

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with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh

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3rd Sunday of Lent (B) 4th March 2018

The funeral of Sr. Mary Barry will be on 8th March at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Bridge Gate, Derby, DE1 3AU, which is next to the Convent of Mercy. Sr. Mary's body will be received into the church at 5pm on 7th March.

Holy Family Cleaners' Raffle Tickets for this very popular raffle will be on sale next weekend.

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.

Help needed Does anyone have a room they could rent a parishioner who is in dire need? Please speak to Fr. Eduard or contact the office if you can help.

Catholics plan mass-rosary prayer around the British coast On Sunday, April 29, at 3:00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act came into effect. Organisers believe the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the "present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace", and encourage a "re-flourishing of our Faith". The organisers said. "We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God." If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>

Baptism Preparation Meeting The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30pm. Please return application forms before the meeting.

Church Car Parks Parking in this area is at a premium and we have a big problem with people using our car parks without permission. We have a particular problem at Holy Family and are doing our best to remedy this. We would remind parishioners that if you wish to park your car in Holy Family Car Park at times you are not attending Mass or attending a function in the hall, you should contact the parish office or Fr. Eduard, for a dated permit to be issued. Thank you.

Spirituality Seminar: at Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM15 8AT Saturday March 24th 10.30am-12.00pm *“Lent and the call to holiness”*.
Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. Contact Details: Tel 01277 265285
email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Lent Talks - Nazareth House Thursday Evenings in Lent, beginning at 7.30pm - ending with devotions and Benediction - Priests available to hear Confessions.

March 8th - Fr. Graham Smith, Parish Priest of Southend and Prittlewell, Diocesan Director of Vocations. *‘Here I am Lord.’*

March 15th - Fr. Dominic Howarth, Episcopal Vicar. *‘The Pastoral Formation of our Young People.’*

March 22nd (tbc) - Brian Holt - President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary. *‘Be it done unto me...’* (Rescheduled date due to cancellation - to be confirmed)

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28th May 2018. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London’s iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won’t set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated.

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a program that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places – apply soon. Full details & online application at www.bcys.net

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 and Joan Doe.

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

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Mgr. Patrick O’Donnell, Fr. Brian Galvin, Fr. Francis Hastings, Fr. Malachy Kelly, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Fr. Thomas Lawton, Fr. John Gordon, Fr. Edmund Meyer, Fr. Maurice Roche, Mgr. Canon David Michael Corley, Leonard Franklin, Albert Eaton, Alfred Roast, Jean Walsh, George Hilborne, Harry Paris, Vera Thorpe, Regine Adler, Timothy Fitzgerald, Joseph Fernandes, Flossy Fernandes, Patrick Hannafin, Cecelia Dorn, Constantine Novak, Alice McGuinness, Eileen Stone, Isobel Mitchell, Jean Harvey, Elizabeth Melder, Peter Sanders, Edward Rogers, Eileen Frances, Helena Healy, Veronica Collins, Anthony Galloway, Kevin Crowley, Michael Walsh, Hetty Tombling, Mary Frost, Annie McLoughlin, Charles Maughan, Neil Driver, Len Williams, James Wood, William Wright, Patrick Pounds, Vincent Parks, Albert Thorogood, Norah Dowling, Jim O’Toole, William Whenn, Dick Houghton, Ethell Rodell, John Hand, Mr. Isaacs, Sean Hayes, Sheila Twydell and Kathleen Betts.

**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).



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The Holy Family Tabernacle Candle burns
In Thanksgiving for Elsie May
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Easter Lilies and Flowers - Envelopes are available for you to place your order for Lilies for the Easter garden in Holy Family Church, and for your donations towards the Easter flowers in both churches. Lilies are £2.50 each and the donation requested for arrangements is £40. It is also possible to share arrangements with others by donating £10/£15/£20 or other amount up to £40. A commemorative label will be placed near each arrangement and a special name plate displayed for each lily. **All orders for lilies and arrangements must be received in the parish office by Sunday, 11th March.** You may place envelopes and money in the collection baskets or bags, hand to Sacristan or adult altar server or deliver to the parish office or presbytery. Please do not leave envelopes with cash in them in the church lobbies. Thank you. Any queries, contact Julie in the parish office. 01268 799649