

Holy Family, Benfleet

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**4th Sunday of Lent (B) 11th March 2018**

Holy Family Cleaners' Raffle Tickets for this very popular raffle are now on sale.

LAST CHANCE to order your Easter Lilies and Flower Arrangements. Flowers have to be ordered this week and we need to have some idea of how much to order. Thanks Ann, Imelda and Julie.

Altar Servers Meeting on Saturday, 17th March at 12 noon.

Stations of the Cross - These will be held on Friday evening in Holy Family Church at 7pm.

Readers for the Easter Vigil If you are available and would like to read at the Easter Vigil please contact Julie in the church office 01268 799649 or email office@holyfamily-church.org.

Deanery Sacrament of Reconciliation Service in St. Peter's Church, Eastwood on **Friday, 23rd March at 8pm.**

NAZARETH HOUSE LENTEN TALKS - REVISED

Thursday 15th March Fr Dominic Howarth on Formation of our young people- 'Abbotswick and beyond'. Final talk Thursday 22 March Brian Holt - President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese- 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship'. Both talks begin at 7.30pm and the evenings conclude with devotions with priests available to hear confessions.

+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) +

LAETARE SUNDAY

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 10TH/ 11TH MARCH 2018

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| 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 for Blessings Received |

Monday, 12th March - Feria

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Joy Poulain RIP |
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Tuesday, 13th March - Feria

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| St. Thomas More | 7.30pm | Mass - Alice & Harold Nickless RIP (Anniv) |
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Wednesday, 14th March - Feria

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Patricia Crudgington RIP |
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Thursday, 15th March - Feria

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Sr. Mary Barry RIP |
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Friday, 16th March - Feria

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| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Sr. Mary Barry RIP Followed by Holy Hour and Benediction until 10.30am |
| Holy Family | 7pm | Stations of the Cross |

*Saturday, 17th March - St. Patrick, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland - National Feast***No morning Mass**

+ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) +

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 17TH/ 18TH MARCH 2018

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| Holy Family | 6pm (Sat) | 1st Mass of Sunday - People of the Parish |
| St. Thomas More | 8.30am | Mass - Thomas Cockshutt RIP |
| Holy Family | 10am | Mass - Mavis & Peter Barratt RIP |

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it! Please!

| Date | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | Attendance |
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| 24/25 Feb | £668.40 | £872.82 | £850.46 | 204 plus 51 children |

Prayers at the end of Mass

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

The Crucifixion - A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer. An oratorio composed by John Stainer at St Bede Chadwell Heath on Saturday 24th March 7.30pm. Free admission - retiring collection.

OUR LADY OF RANSOM CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RAYLEIGH MPR/UPR from September 2018 - The Governing Body is looking to appoint two enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teachers, one in Early Years and one in KS1/2 to join our friendly and dedicated team. Please refer to the school website www.olorcps.net for full details or contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) 01268-785741 to visit the school.

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent! For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, look at www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood. To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>. To find out more about all our opportunities for young people go to www.bcys.net.

Last few Seats - Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 28th May 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Westport and other famous sights in Co. Mayo. Contact 01 268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Hospital visits At Southend Hospital there are regular arrangements for visits by the Catholic chaplain, Fr. Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest at St Teresa's in Rochford, and for Holy Communion on Sunday. Let the nursing staff know you would like a visit. In emergencies a Catholic priest can be called by hospital staff, but the first point of contact should be the chaplain. Contact Fr. Gerry Drummond on 01702 435555 or 07919 416263

Across trip to Lourdes - June 2018 The Southend Across group has two spaces on the JUMBULANCE for any male pilgrim who, through ill health or disability requires care and support. We leave for Lourdes on June 14th and return on June 23rd. For more information on costs etc., please contact Sheila Hussey on 07929241469

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.

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Fr. William Luby, Canon Martin Horkan, C.T. Harrington, Bertha Stewart, Kenneth Gaitely, Bernard Cunningham, Adelaide Harriott, Eileen Walshe, Ann Tidman, Jennie Lyus, Stanley Ansett, Frank Pazda, Kathleen Bennett, Patrick Keen, Joseph Emmerson, Helena Brazatis, Bernadine Hewitson, Maud Hennessy, John Wallace, John Partridge, Isie Moore, Elizabeth Tyler, William Fisher, James Grosvenor, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Kevin Ransom, Joseph Wood, James Langham, Rose Fitzgerald, Ian Newton, Tony Gray, Thomas French, Emilene Salisbury, John Rosneck, Bert Johnson and Rose Burridge.

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, Peter & Elsie Galloway, Tah-ndi, Joan Doe **and Angela Lingard.**

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