

A pure heart create for me, O God.

+ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) +
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 17TH/ 18TH MARCH 2018

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

Monday, 19th March

St. Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Patrick and Mary O'Regan RIP
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Tuesday, 20th March - Feria

St. Thomas More	7.30pm	Mass - Intentions of Grigore Rus
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Wednesday, 21st March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Livia Szasz (ill)
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Thursday, 22nd March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - In Thanksgiving - Wedding Anniversary
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Friday, 23rd March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Ronald Gilzean RIP (Anniv) Followed by Holy Hour and Benediction until 10.30am
Holy Family	7pm	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 24th March - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Sr. Mary Barry RIP Followed by confessions until 10am.
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+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) +
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 24TH/25TH MARCH 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - People of the Parish
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - Josephine Duggan RIP
Holy Family	10am	Mass - Philomena Bray RIP

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it! Please!

Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
10/11 March	£830.01	£892.50	£860.70	224 plus 33 children



NEWSLETTER FOR

Holy Family, Benfleet

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with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh

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5th Sunday of Lent (B) 18th March 2018

Vacancy - Person required for paid position of Admin Manager in the offices of Holy Family Parish, Benfleet. 20 hours p.w. timing of work can be negotiated. If you - or any of your family/friends - are interested, please first contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or the office on 01268 799649 - or send an email to priest@holyfamily-church.org for a 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. Closing date for CVs/ applications is Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

Holy Family Cleaners' Raffle raised £156.51 for the St. John Bosco Hall Fund. Prize winners: 1st - L. Irving (No 276); 2nd - F. Harvey (No 221); 3rd - M. Bradford (No. 646) Congratulations to the winners and Thank you for your support.

Thank you to the kind parishioners who have donated a baby changing unit for use in Holy Family. This has been installed in the accessible toilet.

100 Club - Congratulations to Doris Thurlow who is the lucky winner of the March draw. She wins £100.50 with her share number 79. If you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740. Subs are due this month and if, therefore, you pay by cash or cheque for your share, please contact Margaret or Adrian to arrange payment.

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

Prayers at the end of Mass

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

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.

Gift Aid - The Gift Aid boxes for the next financial year are now available. Please check the address we have for you is the correct one. Thank you for supporting the parish this way. The parish is increasingly reliant on this gift aid. **Do you pay tax?** If you do and you are not yet part of the Gift Aid scheme in the parish, **please** consider joining. We only need your name, address and permission to claim back the tax **you have already paid** on your offertory donation. **It doesn't cost you any extra.** You just put the amount you normally donate in an envelope instead of straight into the offertory bags/baskets. Pick up a Gift Aid box today. Or you can pay by standing order. Queries? See me after Mass or call me on 01268 799649. Thanks. Julie

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

NAZARETH HOUSE LENTEN TALKS - REVISED Final talk Thursday 22 March. Brian Holt - President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese - 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship'. Talk will begin at 7.30pm and the evening concludes with devotions. Priests available to hear confessions.

Renewing & Restructuring the Diocese update - Here is a link on an update from the meeting that took place in Brentwood on Saturday, 24th February. <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishop-invokes-fire-easter-renewal-restructuring-process/>

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

Hospital visits At Southend Hospital there are regular arrangements for visits by the Catholic chaplain, Fr. Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest of 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.

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. Donal Donegan, Fr. Sidney Williams, Canon Arthur Holmes, John Dodson, Ernest Stryczek, Mavis Barratt, Doreen Hall, Alfred Weston, George Flury, Henry Marsh, Kenneth Goulbourn, Catherine Ottino, Paulus Bronneberg, Mary Cullen, Brian Thorp, Peter Green, Rita Latham, Graham Johnson, Edward Rogers, Jack Walicki, Leonard Stanway, Thomas O'Halloran, Annie McGouglin, Catherine Mangine, Rose Barratt, Kathleen Neave, Fred Walsh, Edward Lynch, Ellen Lynch, Georgina Ghee, Mary Rogers, Louisa Russo, Helen Drew, Robert Barnes, Gladys Radcliffe, Catherine Hannafin, Granny Kerr, Raymond Thorp, Baby Attridge, Thomas Nugent, Jenny Lockheart, Gladys Allen, May Fagan, Elizabeth Brazatis, Robert Williams, Terry Conroy, Iris Harvey, Tom Brierley, Jimmy O'Brien and Louis Murphy.

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, 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, Angela Lingard, **Maureen Fogg, Fr. Eamonn Power and Fr. Paul Cox.**

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